Call to Order
The Economic Development Committee met at 8:30 a.m. and was called to order by Dan Koukol, Chairman of the Kendall County Economic Development Committee.

Roll Call
Committee Members Present: Dan Koukol, Judy Gilmour (left at 9:00 a.m. for an EOC meeting), Lynn Cullick, Amy Cesich, and Matt Prochaska (arrived at 9:15 a.m. from the Housing Authority meeting)
Committee Members Absent: None
Other County Board Members Present: None
Staff Present: John Sterrett, Economic Development Coordinator
Others Present: Mayor Bob Hausler of Plano

Mr. Koukol announced that Mr. Prochaska would be arriving later from the Housing Authority meeting and that Ms. Gilmour would be leaving early for an Emergency Operations Center meeting.

Approval of Agenda
Ms. Cullick made a motion, seconded by Ms. Gilmour, to approve the agenda. With a voice vote of all ayes, the motion carried.

Approval of Minutes
Ms. Gilmour made a motion, seconded by Ms. Cesich, to approve the April 26, 2013 meeting minutes. With a voice vote of all ayes, the motion carried.

New Business
IEDC Real Estate Development & Reuse Course Recap
Mr. Sterrett gave an overview of the recent course he attended through the International Economic Development Council on Real Estate Development & Reuse. Topics of the course included current trends in real estate development, the eight stage model for the real estate development process, market analysis, the regulatory and approval process, financial feasibility studies, community involvement in the process, local financing tools, brownfield development, and the RFP process. Mr. Koukol stated that Mr. Sterrett has attended four of the required six courses needed prior to taking the Certified Economic Developer examination.

County Economic Development Statistics
Mr. Sterrett distributed PowerPoint slides that contain various economic development demographics and statistics of the County. Some of these slides were included within the 2013 State of the Counties presentation given in April. Mr. Sterrett described that these statistics show trends within the County over the last 6-8 years covering the time period before the recession, during the height of the recession, and during the current recovery. The Committee requested that these statistics be put on the County’s website.

Old Business
Kendall County Job & Resource Fair
Mr. Sterrett gave an update to the progress of planning the Job and Resource Fair including utilizing Facebook to market the event. The last planning meeting for the Job and Resource Fair took place on Wednesday, May 22nd. Thus far, 35 employers have registered to participate in the event - 5 more employers than there were at last year’s event. There are also 12 community resources that will be present. Educational seminars taking place throughout the day include a panel discussion on overcoming
barriers to employment, a demonstration of Optimal Resume – an online software program for creating resumes, and an employer panel on job search tips and techniques. A computer room will also be available for participants to use throughout the day. Mr. Sterrett stated that he will be assisting setting up for the job fair the day before at the Plano Campus of Waubonsee Community College and will help employers set up their tables the morning of the job fair. A WSPY interview will occur on Thursday, May 30th featuring Mr. Koukol as well as Doug Grier – Dean of Community Education at Waubonsee Community College, and Jim Teckenbrock – Executive Director of the Sandwich Economic Development Corporation.

*Kendall County Tax Abatement Scoring and Scenarios*
Mr. Sterrett went through examples of the different scenarios in which a business might be able to receive an abatement on property taxes.

*Business Retention & Expansion Program*
Mr. Sterrett stated that he and Mr. Wilkins have continued to meet with local businesses as part of the business retention and expansion program. Businesses located within Yorkville have been the current focus and the County will soon coordinate with the other communities on possibly meeting with their respective businesses.

*Loan Update*
Mr. Sterrett provided an update to the existing loans with the County’s Revolving Fund Financial Assistance program. The Committee discussed the qualifications of loan applications for businesses that have not-for-profit status.

*Other Business*
The Committee discussed the Route 47 and Route 34 construction/widening projects and the impact on business located along these routes.

*Chairman’s Report*
Mr. Koukol provided an overview of the Sherrill Road widening project also discussed the future of Brisbin Road as it goes through Kendall and Grundy Counties. The Committee discussed the positive impact the various chamber groups have on the communities and the businesses they represent. Mayor Bob Hausler gave an update as to some activities in the City of Plano including a preliminary plat for an industrial park to be heard by the City’s Plan Commission in the next couple months. The committee discussed the recent improvements that seem to be occurring with the real estate market.

*Public Comment*
None

*Executive Committee*
None

*Adjournment*
With no further business to discuss, Ms. Cullick moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Ms. Cesich. There being no objection, the Economic Development Committee, at 9:30 a.m., adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

*John H. Sterrett,*
Recording Secretary