Call to Order
The meeting was called to order by Chairman Dan Koukol at 8:30 a.m.

Roll Call
Chairman Dan Koukol, Judy Gilmour, Lynn Cullick, Scott Gryder, Matt Prochaska
Staff Present: Andrez Beltran, Economic Development and Special Projects Coordinator; Jeff Wilkins, County Administrator
Members of the Public:

Approval of Agenda – Ms. Cullick made a motion to approve the agenda. It was seconded by Mr. Prochaska. Approved 5-0.

Approval of Meeting Minutes – Mr. Prochaska made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from the May 22, 2015 meeting. Seconded by Mr. Gryder. Approved 5-0.

New Business

Approval of CMAP LTA Resolution and Memorandum of Understanding
Mr. Beltran updated the Committee on the progress of the CMAP LTA project. CMAP requires a formal resolution of support and approval of the memorandum of understanding. Mr. Beltran stated that after staff review, it looked to be the same as what has been agreed to verbally. Mr. Wilkins stated that they were standard resolutions. He recommended changing the resolution and MOU to having the signature of the County Board Chairman instead of the County Administrator to remain consistent. Ms. Cullick made a motion to move both to the County Board for approval. Mr. Prochaska seconded. Approved 5-0.

Approval of Resolution to Support Regional Economic Development Collaboration
Mr. Beltran explained this resolution as a formalization of the regional initiatives already undertaken by the County: The Chicago Metro Metals Consortium, the Metro Chicago Exports, and the Growing Our Regional Economy Initiatives. Ms. Cullick made a motion to move it to the County Board for approval. Mr. Gryder seconded. Approved 5-0.

Update – Fiber Initiative
Mr. Wilkins updated the Committee about a firm looking to bring fiber to the home in the area. They would offer a package with internet, phone, and television with speeds up to 1 gigabyte. They have chosen to focus on the Fox Valley area. Mr. Wilkins stated that they were first interested in a state franchise but are now looking at local franchises similar to Comcast. The company is currently developing engineering and phasing for the area.

Mr. Gryder asked if certain areas were approved as a constituent gave him that impression. Mr. Wilkins stated that there had been meetings with some Home Owner Associations and were well received. However, they are looking to serve the entire area. Mr. Gryder asked on the uniqueness
of this service and if it would be a competitive advantage. Mr. Wilkins and Mr. Prochaska agreed that it would be a strong advantage in Illinois.

Mr. Wilkins stated that there plans were competitive and their references were all excellent. Mr. Prochaska added that in looking at their plans in those areas it would be significantly less than compared to others. Mr. Wilkins stated that they were not looking for any additional incentives as there is no personal property tax in Illinois.

Mr. Wilkins stated that not only will this system be a great benefit for economic and quality of life it will also help small businesses. Mr. Wilkins stated they offer a cloud based PBX (phone) system that may hold some benefits for the County.

**Old Business**

*Revolving Fund Loans Update*
Chairman Koukol gave an update on the loans. He stated that they were currently at the State’s Attorney office and is currently waiting on that from them. Mr. Beltran added that he spoke to Lisa Coffey and stated he needed them by July 1. He also will be working with the owners to get the additional paperwork needed done as soon as possible.

Chairman Koukol also stated that the Can Man loan is coming to a close soon. Mr. Beltran stated that it will be paid off July 1, 2016.

*Kendall County Job & Resource Fair – June 19, 2015, 9:30AM – 1PM, Plano Campus*
Chairman Koukol stated this was the third fair they have hosted and that it went off well. There were thirty-two employers at the fair. He stated that the employers also used it as a time to make connections with other local businesses. He also stated that many manufacturers are hiring and with very competitive compensation.

Mr. Beltran stated that there were sixty-five job seekers at the event. While down from last year, factors could be the additional Waubonsee Job Fairs in April and September as well as an improving economy. Mr. Beltran also stated that meeting the companies will help with retention visits.

Mr. Wilkins stated that in addition to contact information, the job seekers were asked what type of work they were hoping to apply for. While they did not have the list yet, manufacturing was a strong number. Office work was also widely sought. Mr. Wilkins stated that the spread of employers was a good selection of all industries.

Mr. Wilkins stated that as there are positions open, the next goal was to create the process in which residents can become proficient in the necessary skills. With many manufacturing having an aging workforce it will be imperative to do so.

Chairman Koukol added that Waubonsee was critical partner in staffing, promotion, and implementation. Mr. Wilkins agreed and added that it was the first job fair Waubonsee held where all employers have shown.
Mr. Wilkins stated the deposit was reserved on the site and that seven of eight legislators have confirmed.

**Coordinated Responses to Business Retention & Expansion Survey**

Mr. Beltran stated in shadowing Vijay Gadde at Village of Oswego Economic Development and Charlene Coulombe-Fiore of Montgomery Economic Development Corporation he has been asking for their major targets for retention calls. For Oswego the target will be Win Soon as they are a new large manufacturer to the area. Mr. Beltran stated they were hoping to glean some information on way they located in Kendall County. He also stated he made a contact at Fabtek in Plano as they are another major manufacturer in the County.

**Regional Initiatives Update**

Mr. Beltran updated the Committee on the regional initiatives. The Chicago Metro Metals Consortium discussed the TIGER Grant and their chosen pick of the Touhy interchange. For Chicago Metro Exports, the micro-loan went through the first part of vetting. The sole applicant from Kendall made it through the first part of the vetting and will now go to the board to compete for $5,000 to improve their export potential.

Mr. Gryder asked if Mr. Beltran knew the name of the company and if there as anyway to help them in the process. Mr. Beltran said he did not know the name, and it was unlikely. However, he also stated there is sufficient funding for all those that made it through the first round, so now it is a matter of suitability. Mr. Wilkins stated that there is to be a second round later this year.

Mr. Beltran stated that the Growing Our Regional Economy Initiative is holding a forum in Lake County at Takeda Pharmaceuticals on July 9. The topic will be Foreign Direct Investments and regional strategy in relation.

**Chairman’s Report**

Chairman Koukol stated that in Plano on Route 34 where the former Mobile gas station is a new pizza place will be put in.

Chairman Koukol stated that Plano also has a municipal app that allows residents to contact the City directly. Mr. Prochaska stated he had looked into similar apps for the County but the costs would have been several thousands of dollars per year.

Chairman Koukol also stated he was going with Ms. Coulombe-Fiore to visit Pizzo and Associates, a landscaping business, in Leland for their open house. He stated that they originally started in Kendall County and that it would be a good show of support.

Finally, Chairman Koukol stated that there has been a lot of interest in buy local initiatives at the County. He stated that many departments already do buy local, but perhaps a formalized week or event. The Committee agreed that the idea was a good idea. Staff was directed to do additional research on the initiatives.

**Public Comment** – None
Executive Committee - None

Adjournment

With no further business to discuss, Mr. Gryder moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Mr. Prochaska. There being no objection, the Economic Development Committee at 9:21 a.m., adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Andrez P. Beltran
Economic Development and Special Projects Coordinator