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
Members Present: Dan Koukol, Judy Gilmour, Lynn Cullick, Amy Cesich, and Matt Prochaska
Members Absent: None
Other Board Members Present: John Shaw
Staff Present: Jeff Wilkins, County Administrator; John Sterrett, Economic Development Coordinator; and Jim Smiley Facilities Management Director
Others Present: None

Approval of Agenda
Mr. Prochaska made a motion, seconded by Ms. Gilmour, to approve the June 27, 2014 agenda. With a voice vote of all ayes the motion carried.

Approval of Minutes
Mr. Prochaska made a motion, seconded by Ms. Cesich, to approve the May 23, 2014 meeting minutes. With a voice vote of all ayes the motion carried.

New Business
None

Old Business
Kendall County Job and Resource Fair
Mr. Sterrett briefed the Committee on the Job and Resource Fair which took place on Friday, June 6th at the Plano Campus of Waubonsee Community College. There were a total of 43 employers who registered for the event and eight community resources. Placing the community resources in the atrium this year, rather than in a separate community resource room, was an improvement for both the resources and the job seekers. There was very positive feedback from both employers and job seekers. Mr. Sterrett explained that each year adjustments are made to help improve the event. Mr. Koukol stated that he had conversations with the employers at the event and several were looking to hire on the spot and hire several people. The Committee discussed ways to obtain demographic information from job seekers and following up with job seekers to find out if they were successful with finding jobs.

Wrigley Property Tax Abatement
Mr. Wilkins informed the Committee that the agreement with Wrigley is being worked out and the topic will be on the County Board agenda. Mr. Wilkins gave background to the Wrigley project and that it will result in 75 new jobs and a substantial investment on the existing Wrigley property. The taxing bodies will benefit from an increase in property taxes due to the expansion. The expansion will also help broaden the tax base.

Growing Our Regional Economy
Mr. Sterrett updated the Committee on the progress of the two initiatives set out by the 7 collar county region as part of the “Growing Our Regional Economy” initiative. These two initiatives include regional exporting and unified truck permitting system. The county board chairs will reconvene on July 22nd to discuss the next steps for the initiative.
Investing in Manufacturing Communities Partnership

The Chicago Metro Metals Consortium (CMMC), which Kendall County is a part of, was awarded the designation by the U.S. Department of Commerce as one of 12 manufacturing communities in the United States. The Economic Development Administration will be meeting with the CMMC to discuss the next steps. The CMMC is applying for CMAP’s Local Technical Assistance program to help facilitate the application of for TIGER Grants for the transportation projects submitted as part of the application for the manufacturing community designation. Kendall County submitted four total transportation projects. As part of this application to CMAP, the Consortium is requesting letters of support from each consortium member, including Kendall County. This letter will be on the agenda for the County Board meeting.

CMAP Local Technical Assistance Application

Mr. Wilkins explained what the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning’s Local Technical Assistance Program is. Mr. Wilkins explained some of the recent roadway projects that have occurred as a result of CMAP assistance. The CMAP LTA application from Kendall County on a County-wide targeted industry study was sent to CMAP along with letters of support from members of the Kendall Economic Development Alliance. Chairman John Shaw addressed the Committee on the RTA and CMAP’s role in the Illiana Expressway.

Revolving Fund Financial Assistance Program

Mr. Sterrett updated the Committee on the status of the existing loans through the County’s Revolving Fund Financial Assistance Program. All existing loans have paid for the month.

Other Business – None

Chairman’s Report – Mr. Koukol commented on the recent Butterball facility expansion in Montgomery.

Public Comment - None

Executive Committee - None

Adjournment

With no further business to discuss, Mr. Prochaska moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Ms. Cullick. There being no objection, the Economic Development Committee, at 9:34 a.m., adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

John H. Sterrett,
Recording Secretary