

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
DECEMBER 5, 2023

Meeting called to order by Chairman Campbell

Members present: Campbell, Taylor, Hoopingarner, Hall, Sandra, Chris and Norma on phone

Guest: Christine Orr Director Downstate Illinois

Minutes approved: motion by Todd and Sandra

Job Retention: Todd said Flex-in-gate is hiring and expanding. Quad Graphic getting rid of equipment. 1000 job openings at Job Fair

Loans: Balance \$ 23,950.59 Country Haven brought check this week, waiting on land sale to payoff loan. State Attorney will handle Two-Guys matter from now on

New business: Christine Orr Director with Downstate Illinois made a presentation on the advantages of Effingham County joining Downstate Illinois.

Downstate Illinois is an origination funded by the State Tourism fund that advertise through various mediums i.e. radio, face book, TV, newspaper and billboards the happenings in the downstate area. This service is cost free to the County and the Cities in the County. The only cost is advertising in the magazine. The Downstate board is made up of two members from each County

Motion to advance to full County Board Chris and Sandra

Motion to approve Board meeting schedule approved Larry and Chris

Motion to possible cancel Jan. 2nd meeting unless loan application received or major situation with Two-Guys happens

Approved: Taylor and Keller

Motion to adjourn: Chris and Todd