



Economic Development Committee

215 S. East Street

Carlinville, IL 62626

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Regular Meeting

~ Minutes ~

Wednesday, August 13, 2014

5:00 PM

County Board Room

I. CALL TO ORDER

PRESENT: Wiggins, Armour, Lewis, Long, Schwallenstecker, Starr, Duncan, Reinhart

ABSENT:

GUESTS: Brad Koldehoff, IDOT; Sue Graham, IDOT; Walt Zyzniewski, Parsons Bindehoff; John Negangard, IDOT.

II. AGENDA ITEMS

1. Route 66 interpretive center presentation

IDOT made a presentation regarding the high speed rail project in Illinois and its effect on Illinois. As part of the project, a stretch of original Route 66 that intersects with Rt 4 at an unsafe angle for the new high speed rail standards will be closed. The road will curve to meet the train intersection and Rt 4 at closer to a 90 degree angle. As part of original Rt 66 would no longer be in use, IDOT needs to find an interpretative use for it as it is a historical portion of road. What IDOT is proposing would be to leave approximately 400 feet of the original Rt 66 and remove other sections. They would then put in a parking lot to allow visitors to pull off Rt 4, park, and actually walk on the original Rt 66 safely. What IDOT is looking for is someone to then maintain the interpretive center. They had previously reached out to Girard and Nilwood township and were now coming to the County.

Motion by Schwallenstecker, seconded by Starr to recommend to the full Board agreeing to the maintenance agreement for the Route 66 interpretive center.

Voice vote:

RESULT:	MOTION TO RECOMMEND [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Ollie Schwallenstecker, Member
SECONDER:	Harry Starr, Member
AYES:	Wiggins, Armour, Lewis, Long, Schwallenstecker, Starr