

City Administrator Report to Mayor & City Council

January 23 2015, Edition No. 158

WEEKLY UPDATE:

1. Budget: Reminder - our first budget meeting will be Thursday, January 29th at 5:30PM in the Council Chambers followed by our kickoff of department reviews on Saturday, January 31, 8am in the Lower Level Conference Room.
2. Airport: An open house will be held at the airport on Monday the 26th to review the upcoming runway reconstruction project. Please see the attached notice for more detailed information.
3. IPA: I have been asked by the University of Iowa's Institute of Public Affairs to assist with the update of the Iowa Municipal Policy Leaders Handbook. the handbook is a guide for newly elected mayors and council members.
4. CSO and MPW: Per the backup information setting the public hearing for the CSO project (3 phases), MPW has agreed to participate in the project and replace their watermains in the construction area in lieu of only those required as part of the construction project. Originally, the cost estimate for waterman replacement was at \$120,000, but with this move the construction cost estimate is between \$1-1.2M over the three phases. This cooperative effort will hopefully save tax and rate payers by doing the work while the road is open and under construction. It should prevent the replacement of older or broken watermains in newly constructed areas. This will be part of the bid package as a bid alternative. Ideally, this will help drive down the costs by bidding a larger project. As a bid alternative, though, they will have the ability to opt out should the project bid come in higher than expected.
5. MCSA: The MCSA Quarterly newsletter is attached
6. United Way: Please see the three attachments on upcoming events - Volunteer Expo, Tech Night and Pancake Breakfast.
7. Hotel Project: Attached is the final economic impact study that the developers received from PKF Consulting.
8. Bi-State: Attached is the January Commission Packet for Wednesday, January 28, 2015.
9. Transfer Station: Over the past three years, over 350 Muscatine County and surrounding area high school girls have participated in the Recycle the Dress program! Recycle the Dress will be held Saturday, January 31, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., at the Recycling Center and Transfer Station, 1000 South Houser Street, Muscatine. For more information, please contact Laura Liegois at 563-263-9689 or lliegois@muscatineiowa.gov.
10. Legislative Day: The following link provides details on the February Legislative Day hosted by the Iowa League of Cities. David Gobin and I will be attending this year's events (and I will be staying for the league board meeting the following day). We have invited our legislators to our February 7th Budget meeting as well. Here is the link: <https://www.iowaleague.org/2015LegDay/Pages/default.aspx>

11. Representative Carlson: Please find attached Representative Gary Carlson's "Capitol Dome to Home" Newsletter. If you are not presently receiving this email newsletter and would like to, here is Rep. Carlson's contact information: Gary Carlson, State Representative, gary.carlson@legis.iowa.gov, 104 Deerpath Lane, Muscatine, IA 52761, 563-299-7021.



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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

January 12, 2015

**Planning,
Zoning,
Building Safety,
Construction Inspection Services,
Public Health,
Housing Inspections,
Code Enforcement**

**RE: REHABILITATE RUNWAY 6-24
CITY OF MUSCATINE, IOWA
FAA AIP PROJECT NUMBER: 3-19-0063-019**

Dear Airport Runway Stakeholder:

The City of Muscatine has recently completed the preliminary design for the reconstruction of Runway 6-24 at the Muscatine Municipal Airport. At this time, the City is interested in collecting stakeholder input on the project design and on the construction phasing.

For the last five years, the airport has experienced seven pavement blow-ups on Runway 6/24 and its parallel taxiway; these blow-ups have required emergency patching. In 2013, the City hired a consultant to perform an analysis of the existing pavement. The consultant concluded that a chemical reaction in the aggregate had been causing expansion in the concrete that slowly caused the control and expansion joints in the pavement to close, making the pavement vulnerable to blow-ups in hot weather. The consultant expects these blow-ups to continue; therefore, the City decided to proceed with an aggressive plan for full reconstruction of Runway 6/24 and its parallel and connecting taxiways.

The proposed improvements for this project include Runway 6/24 pavement removal and replacement, limited pavement removal and replacement of the adjacent taxiways, pavement markings, edge lighting relocations as required by the new Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) pavement intersection layout criteria, one culvert replacement due to poor condition, addition of subdrain per the geotechnical report recommendations, sign replacement, and seeding. These improvements are planned to be funded through the FAA Airport Improvement Program (AIP), with no direct cost to airport users.

You are invited to a public information meeting on Monday, January 26, 2015, at the Muscatine Municipal Airport Conference Room, 5701 U.S. Hwy 61, Muscatine. The meeting will be an "open house" format from 6:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m., in which you will have the opportunity to see project data and issues identified to date and to speak with the engineering staff and City representatives about the project. You may come at any time during the designated time period; no formal presentation will occur.

We encourage you to attend the meeting, so that we may have your input concerning stakeholder needs, and so that the City can understand the stakeholder perspective. We have attempted to notify all airport runway stakeholders; however, in case we have missed someone, we encourage you to share this information with others that you think could be interested. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Jayne DeCoste, with Anderson Bogert (319-377-4629) or me (563-262-4141).

Sincerely,

THE CITY OF MUSCATINE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Adam J. Thompson
Planning & Community Development Coordinator

cc: Brian M. Tompkins, FAA Central Region Airports Division
Jayne C. DeCoste, Anderson Bogert

**"I remember Muscatine for its sunsets. I have never seen any
on either side of the ocean that equaled them" — Mark Twain**

Muscatine Center for Social Action

Renewing hope ... rebuilding lives



2015 First Quarter

mcsaiowa.org



Christmas at MCSA

Inside:

- MCSA helps with Red Kettle campaign
- Community gives and gives for Christmas
- Many fed at MCSA Christmas dinner
- Coins for Christmas raises \$2,400
- Monsanto spreads Christmas cheer

MCSA provides emergency and temporary shelter, basic health care, educational and vocational support services for those in need in Muscatine County.

Board members

Randy Beimer
Pam Collins
Paula Durham
Jeff Frye
Cory Garvin
Tanya Howard
Vivian Jardim
Jeff Jarrett
Vince Motto
Jerry Riibe
Charla Schafer
Travis Sheets
Wayne Shoultz
Rev. Bruce Ursin
Thresa VanWey

MCSA Expands Homeless Prevention Program

MCSA has hired Susan Day as its first full-time Homeless Prevention Program Navigator. She will succeed Barb Fick, who has been with the MCSA Homeless Prevention Program since its inception in 2011.

Fick, who has worked at MCSA as a part-time employee,

plans to retire in May. "I was impressed with Susan's background and resume and I'm looking forward to introducing her to the social



Barb Fick

service agencies and landlords of Muscatine County," Fick said of her successor. "She has a broad business and social-service background, which will help her immensely in this position."

Fick, whose husband, Don, retired in 2011, said she looking forward to taking longer touring trips in Jenny, their 1930 Model A Ford.

Day comes to MCSA after working as a volunteer at the MCSA Domestic Violence Shelter. She previously was a case manager/supervisor at Visiting Angels of Fox Valley in Aurora, Illinois, where she also previously has worked as a payroll specialist for Manpower.



Susan Day

From 2004 - 2011, Day was the president and owner of the Sears Hometown Store in Muscatine. She has an associate's degree in psychology

from Axia Online College and expects to earn a bachelor's degree in Human Services and Gerontology later this year from the University of Phoenix. Day, who grew up in Muscatine and attended Muscatine High School, returned to her hometown from the Chicago area earlier this year. Her number 1 goal, she said, was

to serve her community by beginning her career in human services. "I really enjoyed (owning a) business, but it was not fulfilling," she said.

She was chosen for the position at MCSA from a field of more than 55 applicants. Her first day on the job was December 22, 2014.

"We welcome Susan to the MCSA team," said Executive Director Maggie Curry. "She is eager to begin her career in social services and to make a difference in the lives of the people MCSA serves. She is very community oriented."

The staff at MCSA, along with many of the clients who have been helped by the MCSA Homeless Prevention Program, will miss working with Fick.

"She has been a very important team player during her tenure," Curry said. "We wish her and Don a wonderful retirement and thank Barb for her hard work and dedication to MCSA."

Staff

Executive Director
Maggie Curry
Deputy Director
Chris Steinbach
Operations Manager
Tom Curry
MCSA Shelter Supervisor
Teresa Cardoza
MCSA Homeless Prevention Program Navigator
Barb Fick
Susan Day
MCSA Domestic Violence Shelter Supervisor
Rachel Riley Smock

Ringing the Bell

Travis Sheets, president of the MCSA Board of Directors, joined other board members and MCSA employees for a day of helping with the Salvation Army's 2014 Red Kettle Campaign on December 19, 2014, at Wester Drug. Other volunteers helped on Tuesday, December 9, at Hy-Vee Mainstreet. Also, other staff members and some residents helped with the Two Weeks of Love campaign that collected food and gifts for the Salvation Army.



Open House Set for February 24

Thanks to the generosity of its thousands of supporters, MCSA had a successful year in 2014.

The members of the MCSA Board of Directors and staff will individually thank donors from 4-6 p.m. on Tuesday, February 24, 2015, at the Second Annual MCSA Donor Appreciation Open House.

MCSA provides emergency and temporary shelter, basic health care, educational and support services for those in need in Muscatine County.

More than 80 people joined us last year at the first open house and we hope to see you on February 24, 2015.



A Benefit & Raffle for the
MCSA Domestic Violence Shelter
of Muscatine and
"New Beginnings" Sponsorships



www.mcsaiowa.org
Find us on Facebook
Contact Rachel Riley Smock at 563-264-3278

SAVE THE DATE

APRIL 11, 2015

6:00 TO 9:30 PM

Geneva Golf and Country Club in Muscatine
Cash Bar and Interactive Food Stations

Highlights include:

Live and Silent Auctions, 50/50 Raffle,
Games of chance to win jewelry and special
items, Black Jack, Door Prizes
and "New Beginnings" Sponsorships

Register online now

*Together we can make a difference in the lives
of women and children in Muscatine County.*



Community Gives and Gives at Christmas

Hundreds of Christmas donations arrived at MCSA this year from Muscatine, Fruitland, Wilton, West Liberty, Tipton, North Liberty (homemade cookies for the past six years), Burlington, Illinois City, Aledo and beyond.

So many people gave, each in their own way, and each in a special way including:

- A first-grader, who brought money to donate in honor of his teacher – how thoughtful and kind.
- The many people who baked and decorated cookies. A young lady from another community brought in several dozen homemade cookies. High school students
- made and donated hundreds of cutout cookies so residents could get into the spirit of decorating and enjoying the cookies.
- At a Christmas party, guests were asked to bring pajamas to give to the MCSA Domestic Violence Shelter instead of giving gifts to the party's hosts. There were 88 pair of pajamas collected for all ages.
- Several pillows were donated by churches.
- Food was donated by companies from their potlucks and some had freewill donations, which was then donated to MCSA.
- The businesses that did toy drives.
- We also had visits from realtors, elementary, middle and high school student councils, honor society students, the Red Hat Society, nurses, Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts, a family who brought in a brand new TV and DVD player for the children and moms to enjoy in the shelter. Ladies who made and donated absolutely beautiful quilts that we know were stitched by hand with love, and children who tied blankets for all ages. Another lady from out of state donated items to ladies in the shelters. The list goes on and on with many who have done so much. It is absolutely wonderful and heartwarming to see the outpouring of goodwill.

Groups Come Together to Serve Christmas Dinner

Mary Louise Caponette, a volunteer organizer of the Loaves & Fishes free meal program on Saturdays at MCSA, worked with MCSA, the Knights of Columbus, A Guy And A Grill and volunteers from St. Mathias Catholic Church and other area churches to serve a free Christmas Day dinner at MCSA.



Coins for Christmas

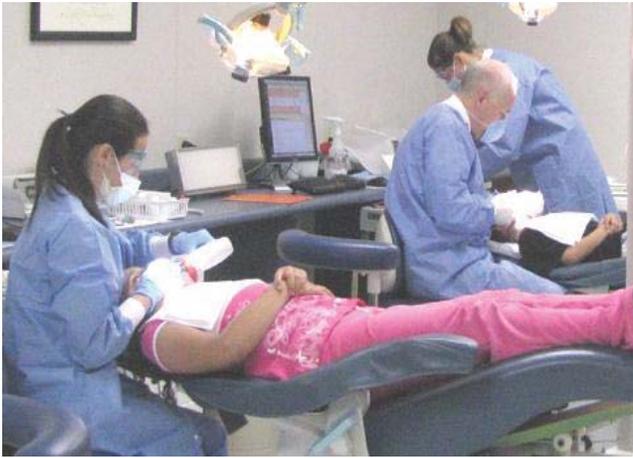
Emma Yerington, right, and her twin sister, Abigail, raised more than \$2,400 this year with their Coins for Christmas fundraiser for MCSA. More than \$13,000 has been raised since it was started. They were helped by their brother, Alex, left, and their parents, Dana and Brian Yerington. Emma, who is a fifth grader at Grant Elementary School, started the fundraiser after hearing her second-grade teacher, Joellen Kill, read a story about a homeless man and his son..

Monsanto Brings Christmas to MCSA Residents

A team of employees from Monsanto in Muscatine delivered Christmas cheer to MCSA on December 20, 2014. They served a Christmas dinner to residents of MCSA's shelter programs and the MCSA Domestic Violence Shelter, along with some clients in the MCSA Homeless Prevention Program and their families. The meal was catered by the Rendezvous.

In addition to the meal, Santa and Mrs. Claus, along with an elf helper, joined the Monsanto employees to give gifts to all of the MCSA residents and clients.





Dental Clinic Marking Anniversary

A 10th anniversary open house will be held from 3-5 p.m. on Tuesday, March 24, 2015, at MCSA for the University of Iowa Pediatric Dental Clinic, which is in the lower level of the MCSA building at 312 Iowa Avenue.

The clinic opened in January 2005. Opening it required the collaborative efforts of MCSA, the University of Iowa and the Muscatine Health Support

Foundation.

Today, the clinic is open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays. It is operated and staffed by board-certified dentistry professors from the University who oversee the work of dental students.

More than 3,000 children from Muscatine and Louisa Counties have been served. The clinic primarily serves children up to age 12.



Church Helps

Members of Island United Methodist Church in Fruitland have been preparing and serving meals at noon on Saturdays at MCSA on the weekends that meals are not prepared and served by volunteers for the Loaves & Fishes program, which normally serves lunch on Saturdays at MCSA. Members of the church served a meal on Saturday, December 27, 2014, to about 80 people.

News from the MCSA Domestic Violence Shelter



Mrs. Armstrong's Pre-K class at Saint Mary's Matthias Catholic School had a food drive for the MCSA Domestic Violence Shelter.



Community Bank employees held a fundraiser for the MCSA Domestic Violence Shelter.

Social Action Radio With MCSA

Please listen at 9 a.m.
on the first and third Thursday each month
to KWPC 860 AM and 95.1 FM



November 2014 Monthly Summary of Programs

November 2014				
	Men	Women	Children	Total
Family Shelter		9	10	19
Men's Transient Shelter	23			23
Men's Permanent Supportive Housing	29			29
Gateway/Pathway	4	4	3	12
Domestic Violence Shelter		5	3	8
Homeless Prevention	8	15	28	51
TOTALS >	64	33	44	142

YTD Total Program Assists				
	Men	Women	Children	Total
Family Shelter	2	101	45	148
Men's Transient Shelter	226			226
Men's Permanent Supportive Housing	319			319
Gateway/Pathway	41	44	43	128
Domestic Violence Shelter		63	55	118
Homeless Prevention	91	286	555	932
TOTALS >	679	494	698	1871

Computer Lab Use			
	2014	2013	2012
November	183	170	90
YTD Total	1809	1655	973
Average Use	164	150	88

MCSA Shelter Program Notes

Family Shelter - 4 out of the 4 families obtained employment; 1 of 5 single ladies obtained employment; 1 is receiving SSDI and one is applying for SSDI; 1 Transient (just passing through). We housed 10 children. Overnight Shelter Out of 23 residents, 12 residents have obtained employment, 3 were transient (just passing through) and 8 are looking for a job. Gateway Program-Out of 8 residents, 6 have jobs and 2 are looking. We have 2 residents currently on the Section 8 program. We housed 4 children. Men's Permanent Supportive housing- 29 residents, all men in the Men's Dorm, either have a job, SSI or SSDI or on the Magnus program. - Teresa Cardoza

October 2014				
	Men	Women	Children	Total
Family Shelter	1	12	9	22
Men's Transient Shelter	21			21
Men's Permanent Supportive Housing	31			31
Gateway/Pathway	3	4	4	11
Domestic Violence Shelter		10	6	16
Homeless Prevention	9	24	42	95
TOTALS >	65	50	61	196

YTD Program Monthly Average				
	Men	Women	Children	Total
Family Shelter	0.18	9.18	4.09	13.45
Men's Transient Shelter	20.55			20.55
Men's Permanent Supportive Housing	29.00			29.00
Gateway/Pathway	3.73	4.00	3.91	11.64
Domestic Violence Shelter		5.73	5.00	10.73
Homeless Prevention	8.27	26.00	50.45	84.73
TOTALS >	61.73	44.91	63.45	170.09

Meals Served			
	Lunch	Dinner	Total
October	110	458	568
November	118	405	523

MCSA Homeless Prevention Program Notes

Very generous donors stepped up for the Christmas season for the Homeless Prevention Clients and all of MCSA. The HP program received Christmas decorations, Christmas tree and lights for a family, a nearly new bassinet which was much appreciated by an expectant mom, cleaning supplies and laundry soap, as well as furniture for a man and his son who just moved to a new house. We were pleased to accept a complete Thanksgiving dinner for a family of 6. The sponsorship of a complete Christmas for a family of 5 was donated by a generous, extended family of over 15 people. It included numerous gifts for the entire family and a complete meal on Christmas day. Muscatine is a very thoughtful, giving community and their generosity is very much appreciated by the clients in the MCSA Homeless Prevention Program. - Barb Fick

MCSA Domestic Violence Shelter Program Notes

The MCSA Domestic Violence Shelter has been busy as we sheltered 5 women and 3 children in November. We provided 261 shelter nights, 65 transportations, 43 information and referral services, and answered 72 crisis line calls. The MCSA DVS Supervisor provided counseling and advocacy to 6 women and 4 children at the MCSA DVS Office. The program supervisor gave 6 presentations to 123 audience members. The program supervisor conducted 3 groups with 21 participants at New Horizons including both the adult and teen groups. The MCSA DVS had to turn away 1 woman who we referred to the MCSA Homeless Shelter as it was not a domestic violence situation. - Rachel Riley Smock



NEEDS LIST FOR MCSA

MONETARY DONATIONS:

Short-term: For Operating and Capital Expenses

Long-term: Estate planning and/or contributions to MCSA Endowment at Community Foundation of Greater Muscatine

VOLUNTEERS:

Needed for help in front office and elsewhere in the building

PERSONAL ITEMS

- Towels/washcloths
- Laundry Soap (big size and smaller personal size)
- Socks (men, women)
- Gloves- mens (L-XXL)
- Shampoo/Conditioner (large sizes)
- Razors, shaving cream, body sprays, deodorant (men, women), Chapstick

PLEASE- NO MOUTHWASH

HOUSEHOLD AND OTHER ITEMS

- New twin mattresses, pillows
- Hangers
- Garbage bags (13 & 30 gallon), Disinfectant spray and wipes, Kitchen dishrags/towels, Antibacterial soap, Dish soap, Kleenex, Disposable plates/bowls/cups, Disposable spoons and forks, Gallon and quart sandwich and snack baggies, Plastic containers with lids
- Box fans, Can openers (electric or hand-cranked), alarm clocks
- All occasion cards, Ink pens, Folders with pockets and brads in the middle, Wastebaskets, White Out, Post-It notes, Scotch tape in a dispenser or refills, Spiral notebooks, Postage stamps
- Microwave ovens, Dehumidifiers
- Crib sheets
- Gift cards (food/phone/gas cards, etc.) in \$5 or \$10 increments

We are unable to accept used mattresses, televisions and computers.

FOOD

- Meal-in-a-can (ravioli, beef stew, etc.)
- Tuna, chicken/dumplings
- Coffee (can or individual packets)
- Miniature candy bars, animal cookies, sugar-free candy
- Popcorn
- Peanut butter
- Disposable salt and pepper shakers

MCSA SUPPORTER

Contribution: \$ _____

Other items: _____

Name: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

LOVE YOUR

Volunteer Expo

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**United Way of Muscatine's
Volunteer Center**

February 12, 2015

1:00pm-4:00pm

MCSA Gym 312 Iowa Ave.

LEARN HOW YOU CAN LOVE OUR COMMUNITY BY VOLUNTEERING

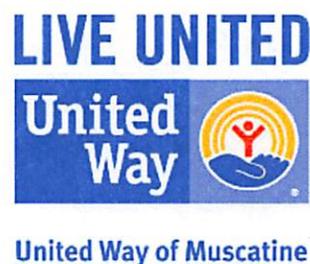
Many local non profits and agencies depend on volunteers to provide valuable and needed services in our community.

Come visit their booths to learn how you can become involved. There are a variety of volunteer opportunities available depending on your passions.

Can't make the expo?

Visit volunteermuscatine.org to search for volunteer opportunities online.

Questions contact Nichole Sorgenfrey at
nichole@unitedwaymuscatine.org or 563-263-5963.





Pancake Breakfast



Friday, January 30th

7am-9am at the 1st National Bank

Walnut Room (Walnut & 2nd Entrance)

Help support the Kids First Fund and enjoy
pancakes, eggs and sausage breakfast!

Save the date for
future breakfasts

April 24

July 4

July 17

October 23

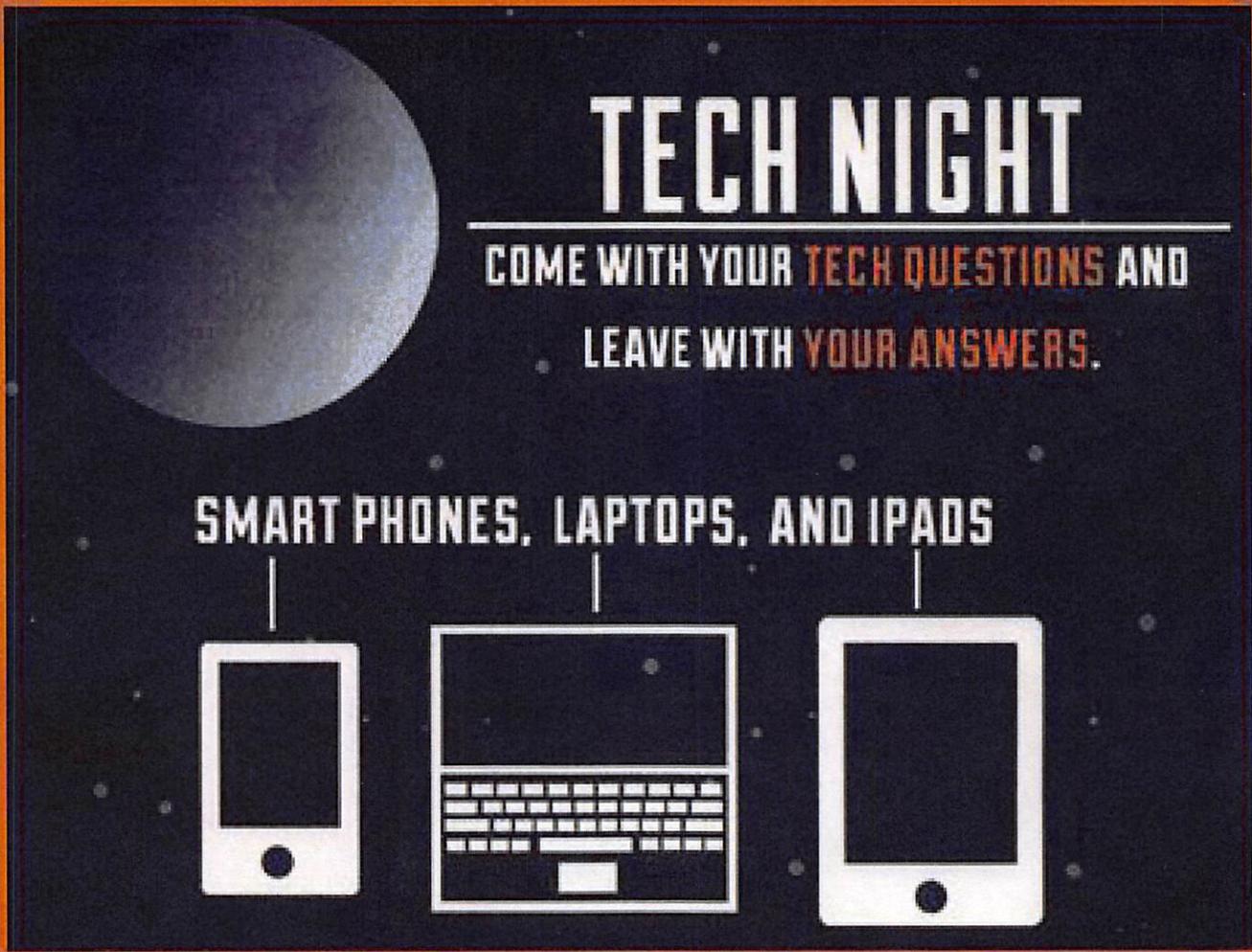
Donations accepted.
Public Welcome!



United Way of Muscatine

Ever wish your technology came with a tech savvy teenager?

Come to Tech Night and get training on how to use your smartphone, laptop, and tablet from East Campus High School Students.



TECH NIGHT

COME WITH YOUR **TECH QUESTIONS** AND
LEAVE WITH **YOUR ANSWERS.**

SMART PHONES, LAPTOPS, AND IPADS

First National Bank's Walnut Room

Thursday, February 5th from 6:00-7:30pm

Sponsored by:



MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT AND AGENDA BI-STATE REGIONAL COMMISSION

Wednesday, January 28, 2015, 3:30 p.m.
Scott County Administration Building
600 West Fourth Street
Davenport, IA

FINANCIAL
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ACTION NEEDED
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INFORMATIONAL
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- | | X | | 1. <u>Approval of the December 17, 2014 Minutes (See enclosed)</u> – John Thodos, Vice Chair |
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| X | X | | 2. <u>Treasurer’s Report</u> (See enclosed) – Marty O’Boyle, Treasurer |
| | | | 3. <u>Finance and Personnel Committee/Financial Matters</u> – Chuck Austin, Finance and Personnel Committee Chair |
| X | X | | a. <u>Bills</u> (See enclosed) |
| X | | X | b. <u>Report on Progress on Commission’s FY 2015 Program Budget as of 12/31/2014</u> (See enclosed) |
| X | X | | c. <u>Contracts/Grants for Consideration</u> – Denise Bulat, Executive Director |
| | | | I. Other Contracts/Grants |
| | X | | 4. <u>Executive Committee</u> – John Thodos, Vice Chair |
| | | | a. Election of Officers (The slate will be presented at the meeting.) |
| | | X | 5. <u>Update on the Henry County Economic Development Partnership (HECDP) Rural Jobs and Innovation Challenge Grant</u> – Kathleen Repass, HECDP Director, and Denise Bulat, Executive Director |
| | | X | 6. <u>Kick-off of CEDS Progress Report 2015</u> – Laura Berkley, Senior Planner |
| | | | 7. <u>Questions or Comments by Commissioners</u> |
| | | | 8. <u>Other Business</u> |
| | | | 9. <u>Adjournment</u> |

NEXT MEETING: **Wednesday, February 25, 2015 – 3:30 p.m.**
Scott County Administration Building
600 West Fourth Street
Davenport, IA

**MINUTES OF THE
BI-STATE REGIONAL COMMISSION**

Wednesday, December 17, 2014, 3:30 p.m.
Scott County Administration Building
600 West Fourth Street
Davenport, Iowa

MEMBERS PRESENT: Minard – Chair, Austin, Callaway-Thompson, Furlong, Gluba, Goodwin, Gordon, Gradert, Heninger, Hillman, Holmes, Hopkins, Howard, Lawrence, Liddell, O’Boyle, Raes, Schloemer, Sherwin, Stoermer, Sunderbruch, Tank, Terry, Thodos, Volz, Williams

MEMBERS ABSENT: Anderson, Earnhardt, Gallagher, Maranda, Meeker, Newton-Butt, Pauley, Tossell, Washburn

OTHERS PRESENT: Sarah Bohnsack, Bohnsack & Frommelt, LLC; Curt Burnett, Quad Cities Manufacturing Innovation Hub Executive Director; Colonel Elmer Speights, Jr., Garrison Commander, Rock Island Arsenal

STAFF PRESENT: Bulat, McCullough, Moritz

Chair Minard called the meeting to order at 3:32 p.m. and asked for introductions of those present.

1. **Ratify Actions Taken at November 19, 2014 Meeting.** Mayor Gluba moved to ratify the actions taken at the November 19, 2014 meeting as presented. Mayor Thodos seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.
2. **Approval of the November 19, 2014 Minutes.** Mayor Gluba moved to approve the minutes of November 19, 2014 as presented. Mayor Thodos seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.
3. **Treasurer’s Report.** Mayor O’Boyle presented the Treasurer’s Report for the month ending November 30, 2014, noting an ending total bank and book balance of \$696,309.83. Mayor O’Boyle moved the report be accepted as written and mailed. Mr. Furlong seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.
4. **Finance and Personnel Committee.**
 - a. **Bills.** Mr. Austin presented the bills totaling \$43,421.83, as listed on the following bills listing and addendum dated December 17, 2014:

Bills List

Hurt, Norton & Associates, November 2014 legislative technical service (cost reimbursed by participating member governments)	7,750.00
Thomas A. Skorepa, P.C., Administrative Hearing Officer services (cost reimbursed by MUNICES)	2,765.00

Addendum

Bancard Center, VISA charge card expenses related to 1 staff attending the 2014 National Rural Transportation conference; 5 licenses for EasyProjects, NET annual subscription; ArcGIS subscriptions; Manager’s & Administrator’s meeting (cost reimbursed by participants); Chief Elected and Chief Administrative Officials meeting (cost reimbursed by participants); office supplies	2,750.90
Mel Foster Co., Inc., annual premium for Business Owner’s Package, Auto Policy, Crime Policy, Umbrella Policy, Worker’s Comp Policy, Professional Liability Policy, and Employment Practices Liability	12,760.83
Place Dynamics, background analysis, asset mapping and rating system for the period October and November 2014 (cost reimbursed by HCEDP/Rural Accelerator Grant)	4,500.00
Rock Island County Treasurer	6,415.10
01/2015 Rent	\$4,618.38
01/2015 Internet Access	88.00
10-11/2014 Postage	1,447.07
11/2014 Supplies	59.13
11/2014 Cell Phone	202.52*
*(Partial costs reimbursed by HCEDP/Rural Accelerator Grant)	
TH Enterprises, Inc., Regional Council Management System Software Agreement for 2015	6,480.00

Mr. Austin moved approval of the bills totaling \$43,421.83 as presented above. Mayor O'Boyle seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

- b. Report on Progress on Commission’s FY 2014-15 Program Budget as of November 30, 2014. Mr. Austin explained the Program Budget Status Report was mailed in members' packets. The Commission is 41.7% through the fiscal year with 40.4% expended and within budget.
- c. Contracts/Grants for Consideration. There were no contracts/grants for consideration.
- d. Consideration of a Recommendation to Accept the Financial and Compliance Report for the year ended June 30, 2014. Mr. Austin stated the Finance and Personnel Committee received a detailed audit presentation and are recommending approval of the audit report. He reported that Bohnsack and Frommelt stated that Bi-State complied with all laws, regulations, contracts, and grants. The Commission once again received the highest audit opinion, an unmodified opinion "Clean Audit" with no findings or questions.

 Mr. Austin made a motion to accept the Finance and Compliance Report for the year ended June 30, 2014. Mr. Howard seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.
- e. Consideration to Renew the Executive Director’s Annual Employment Agreement. Mr. Austin reported evaluation forms were sent to Commissioners and member government officials, with Ms. Bulat receiving high marks by those who responded. Mr. Austin stated the Finance and Personnel Committee recommended the Executive Director’s employment contract be renewed for the year November 1, 2014 – November 1, 2015, with a 2.0% merit increase. Mr. Austin stated the Committee also encouraged Ms. Bulat to continue her education and training to benefit the region.

Mr. Austin made a motion to renew the Executive Director’s annual employment agreement with a 2.0% merit increase. Mayor Thodos seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

5. Rock Island Arsenal Report.

Colonel Speights provided an overview of base operations to the Bi-State Regional Commission. He manages services and facilities for the 950 acre Arsenal Island, which includes 336 buildable acres with 141,000 square feet of “move in ready” administrative space, and 310,000 square feet of expansion office & warehouse space. Colonel Speights reported the Arsenal is working towards energy self-sufficiency or “net zero.” They are replacing coal-fired energy plants with natural gas and expanding the use of hydroelectric power.

The regional reach of the Arsenal may also be demonstrated through the distribution of the employees shown in following percentages of workers from each county in the region.

<u>Illinois:</u>		<u>Iowa:</u>	
Rock Island	41.5%	Scott	44.5%
Henry	4.5%	Muscatine	0.5%
Mercer	4.0%	Clinton	1.5%
Whiteside	0.5%	Jackson	0.5%
Knox	0.5%	Cedar	0.5%
Jo Davies	1.0%	Dubuque	0.5%

Colonel Speights said the Arsenal is the largest local employer in the region with 4,958 civilian, 1,021 military, and 691 contracted employees. The employment impact of the Rock Island Arsenal is over 14,000 community jobs. Salaries on the Arsenal average \$74,823, and the local economic impact of the Rock Island Arsenal is over \$1 billion per year.

Colonel Speights concluded his presentation by outlining the duties of the five commands that reach 40 states and 19 countries. Army Sustainment Command (ASC) provides globally responsive strategic logistics capability and material readiness to enable commanders in combat to conduct the full range of military operations and ensure Army readiness. ASC has a presence in 19 countries and 32 states and controls a \$5.7 billion budget.

Joint Munitions Command (JMC) provides America's Joint Forces with ready, reliable, and lethal munitions at the right place and time, in a cost effective manner, to enable successful military operations. Their goal is to provide conventional munitions for America’s warfighters in addition to world-class global logistics. The JMC stockpiles \$61 billion of munitions and conducts 135,000 inspections per year. They distribute the equivalent of 11,000 containers per year for training and sustainment and control a \$2.3 billion budget.

Army Contracting Command Rock Island provides global contracting support to America’s warfighters to support of the warfighter through the highest quality contracting solutions. Army Contracting Command manages 616 contracts.

First Army advises, assists, and trains reserve units during pre-mobilization periods to provide trained and ready forces in support of joint, combined, interagency, and active Army Forces.

The Rock Island District Army Corps of Engineers is also housed on the Arsenal. Their workforce employs experts in a variety of professions across the district’s 78,000 square miles. These include lock operators, mechanics, rangers, engineers, surveyors, biologists, realty, and

legal staff. They have approximately 850 employees with two thirds working at 27 different field operating sites and the remaining work in the Clock Tower complex on the Arsenal.

The Joint Manufacturing and Technology Center (JMTC) offers unique capability to fill multiple roles and responsibilities in rapid response to the National Security Strategy. JMTC serves as a vital link in the national defense structure, providing manufacturing, supply, and technical support services for the Joint Services and allies in all national emergencies and contingency operations. JMTC also partners with the private sector in the region to develop new manufacturing technologies.

6. Project Updates.

- a. National Association of Development Organizations 2014 Excellence in Transportation Award. Ms. McCullough reported the National Association of Development Organizations recognized Bi-State Regional Commission's *Evacuation Plan for the Illinois Bi-State Region: A Preparedness Resource Guide for Evacuation Events* as part of the 2014 Excellence in Regional Transportation Awards. Awards were presented at the National Rural Transportation Peer Learning Conference, December 3-5, 2014, where the plan was part of a panel discussion on evacuation planning and resiliency. The planning effort was funded through the Illinois Department of Transportation rural planning funds program.
- b. Investing in Manufacturing Communities Partnership Initiative. Mr. Burnett, Quad Cities Manufacturing Innovation Hub Executive Director, explained he is a loaned executive from John Deere. He started November 1 to begin execution of the Investing in Manufacturing Communities Hub Plan. He stated the Hub's mission is to help regional manufacturers grow through innovation and collaboration. This will be accomplished with services under development including: seminars and education events; an online catalogue of manufacturers, products, and competencies; a regional innovation asset map of labs, equipment, and talent; online information and collaboration space; a 7/24/365 help desk; and to grow the Quad Cities Manufacturing Lab. The Hub will connect manufacturers to new technologies, new solutions, new partners, new markets, new profits, and new possibilities.

7. Questions or Comments by Commissioners. There were no questions or comments by Commissioners.

8. Other Business. Chair Minard presented Mr. Furlong and Mr. Wells with certificates of appreciation for their service to the Commission. Vice Chair Thodos presented Chair Minard with a gavel plaque thanking him for his 13 years of service to the Commission and wishing him well in retirement.

9. Adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 4:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Larry Minard
Chair

**BI-STATE REGIONAL COMMISSION
TREASURER'S REPORT
FOR THE MONTH ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2014**

	<u>Balance December 1</u>	<u>Deposits</u>	<u>Withdrawals</u>	<u>Balance December 31</u>
GENERAL SAVINGS ACCOUNT BANK & BOOK BALANCE:				
Balance – December 1, 2014	\$ 583,947.04			
Add Deposits		\$ 103,010.27		
Less Transfers			\$ 275,964.51	
Balance – December 31, 2014				\$ 410,992.80
RLF SAVINGS ACCOUNT BANK & BOOK BALANCE:				
Balance – December 1, 2014	\$ 1,171.70			
Add Deposits		\$ 0.15		
Less Transfers			\$ 0.00	
Balance – December 31, 2014				\$ 1,171.85
CHECKING ACCOUNT BANK AND BOOK BALANCE:				
Balance – December 1, 2014	\$ 5,893.69			
Add Deposits		\$ 169,514.50		
Less Checks Written			\$ 145,689.22	
Balance – December 31, 2014				\$ 29,718.97
PAYROLL ACCOUNT BANK & BOOK BALANCE:				
Balance – December 1, 2014	\$ 5,297.40			
Add Deposits		\$ 106,438.61		
Less Checks Written			\$ 106,535.06	
Balance – December 31, 2014				\$ 5,200.95
INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS BANK & BOOK BALANCE:				
Balance – December 1, 2014	<u>\$ 100,000.00</u>			
State Bank of Orion 6/25/14 - 12/25/14 (.20%) Add Investments Made		<u>\$ 100,000.00</u>		
State Bank of Orion 12/26/14 – 6/25/15 (.20%) Less Investments Matured			<u>\$ 100,000.00</u>	
State Bank of Orion 6/25/14 – 12/25/14 (.20%) Balance – December 31, 2014				<u>\$ 100,000.00</u>
TOTAL BANK & BOOK BALANCE:				
Balance – December 1, 2014	<u>\$ 696,309.83</u>			
Deposits in December		<u>\$ 478,963.53</u>		
Withdrawals in December			<u>\$ 628,188.79</u>	
Balance – December 31, 2014				<u>\$ 547,084.57</u>
<u>PASS THROUGH FUNDS</u>				
BI-STATE RLF ACCOUNT:				
Balance – December 1, 2014	<u>\$1,064,575.85</u>			
Add Deposits		<u>\$ 15,176.99</u>		
Less Withdrawals			<u>\$ 80.00</u>	
Balance – December 31, 2014				<u>\$1,079,672.84</u>
MERCER-MUSCATINE RLF ACCOUNTS:				
Balance – December 1, 2014	<u>\$ 20,810.93</u>			
Add Deposits		<u>\$ 2,666.10</u>		
Less Withdrawals			<u>\$ 5.00</u>	
Balance – December 31, 2014				<u>\$ 23,472.03</u>

**BI-STATE REGIONAL COMMISSION
FY 2014-15 Program Budget Status Report
Through Month of December – 50% of Year**

ADOPTED BUDGET:	\$2,137,763.00	EXPLANATION:
EXPENDED THROUGH DECEMBER:	\$1,012,863.43 (47.4%)	
STAFF LEVEL BUDGETED:	25.25 F.T.E.	
STAFF LEVEL MAINTAINED:	22.75 F.T.E.	

MEMBER GOVERNMENTS SERVED DIRECTLY AND ACTIVITIES DURING DECEMBER

ALEDO – RLF Coord.; Transit Mobility/HSTP Planning; Website Support; Aerial Photo Coord. Asst.; Mercer Co. Events & Festivals Flyer Update Coord.; Data Asst.

ALPHA – HCEDP Participation; Transit Mobility/HSTP Planning; Enterprise Zone.

ANDALUSIA – RICWMA Staffing; Riverfront Council; Website Support.

ANDOVER – HCEDP Participation; Transit Mobility/HSTP Planning; Enterprise Zone.

ATKINSON – HCEDP Participation; Transit Mobility/HSTP Planning; Website Support; Enterprise Zone.

BETTENDORF – Air Quality Asst.; Drug/Alcohol Testing Consort.; I-74 Bridge Coord.; IAQC Transit Planner Coord. & Transit Support; Joint Purchasing; QCICNet; Riverfront Council; RLF Loan Admin./Marketing; Scott Co. Housing Council; Solid Waste Coord.; Trail Coord. and Trail Counter Installation; Aerial Photo Coord. Asst.; REAP Plan Update; LRTP TAZ Projections; Cities Engineering Conference speaker; TIP Project Coord.

BLUE GRASS – Reg. 9 Transp. Coord., LRTP & STP-TAP Solicitations/Inquiries; Solid Waste Coord.; Website Support; Aerial Photo Coord. Asst.

BUFFALO – Riverfront Council; Solid Waste Coord.; Trail Planning Asst.; Aerial Photo Coord. Asst.

CAMBRIDGE – HCEDP Participation; Transit Mobility/HSTP Planning; Website Support; Enterprise Zone.

CARBON CLIFF – Joint Purchasing; RICWMA Staffing; Trail Planning; Aerial Photo Coord. Asst.; Flood Damaged Road Inquiry.

COAL VALLEY – Joint Purchasing; MUNICES Coord.; RICWMA Staffing; Aerial Photo Coord. Asst.; Floodplain; Hwy 6 Business Plan RFP Assistance.

COLONA – Joint Purchasing; Floodplain; Enterprise Zone.

CORDOVA – RICWMA Staffing; Riverfront Council & Riverfront Planning; Website Support.

DAVENPORT – Air Quality Asst.; IAQC Transit Planner Coord.; Joint Purchasing; QCICNet; Riverfront Cncl.; RiverVision; RLF Loan Admin.; Scott Co. Housing Cncl.; Solid Waste Coord.; Transit Funding & NTD Asst.; Dav. Schools Haz. Mit. Plan; IMCP/EDA Grant w/ QC Chamber; Aerial Photo Coord. Asst.; Trail Counter Installation; REAP Plan Update; LRTP TAZ Projections; Cities Engineering Conference speaker.

EAST MOLINE – Air Quality Asst.; E9-1-1 Coord.; IL QC Intergov. Comm.; Joint Purchasing; MUNICES Coord.; QCICNet; RICWMA Staffing; Riverfront Council; RLF Admin.; RMS Coord.; Interoperability Project; Trail Planning; Consol. Dispatch Study Asst.; Floodplain; Aerial Photo Coord. Asst.

ELDRIDGE – Drug & Alcohol Consort.; Solid Waste Coord.; Website Support; Aerial Photo Coord. Asst.; Strategic Trails Planning; Proposed Land Use Map Update.

GALVA – Broadband Coord.; HCEDP Participation; Transit Mobility/HSTP Planning.

GENESEO – HCEDP Participation; Website Support; Transit Mobility/HSTP Planning; Strategic Planning Proposal; Zoning Map Update.

HAMPTON – MUNICES Coord.; RICWMA Staffing; Riverfront Council; Website Support.

HENRY COUNTY – HCEDP Participation & Graphics Asst.; Joint Purchasing; Transit Mobility/HSTP Planning; Trail Coord.; Legislative Priorities Asst.; Comprehensive Plan; EDA/USDA Grant; Aerial Photo Coord. Asst.; Floodplain Coord. Efforts; Enterprise Zone; Econ. Dev. Impact Study Req.

HILLSDALE – Transit Mobility/HSTP Planning; Floodplain.

KEWANEE – Transit Mobility/HSTP Planning.

LECLAIRE – Joint Purchasing; Riverfront Council; Solid Waste Coord.; Trail Planning; Aerial Photo Coord. Asst.; Comprehensive Plan Proposal.

LONG GROVE – Reg. 9 Trans. Coord.; LRTP and STP-TAP Solicitations; Solid Waste Coord.; Website Support; Aerial Photo Coord. Asst.

MCCAUSLAND – Reg. 9 Trans. Coord. and STP-TAP Solicitations; Solid Waste Coord.

MILAN – E9-1-1 Coord.; IL QC Intergov. Comm.; Joint Purchasing; MUNICES Coord.; QCICNet; RICWMA Staffing; RLF Admin.; RMS Coord.; Interoperability Project; Cons. Dispatch Study Asst.; Aerial Photo Coord. Asst.; Fact Sheet Update; Mapping Requests.

MOLINE – Air Quality Asst.; E9-1-1 Coord.; Joint Purchasing; I-74 Bridge Coord.; IL QC Intergov. Comm.; MUNICES Coord.; QCICNet; RICWMA Staffing; Riverfront Cncl.; RLF Adm.; RMS Coord.; Trails Coord.; Interop. Proj.; Rail Coord.; Cons. Disp. Study Asst.; Aerial Photo Coord. Asst.; LRTP TAZ Projections.

MUSCATINE CITY – Air Quality Asst.; Joint Purchasing; Reg. 9 Transportation Coord., LRTP and STP-TAP Solicitations/Inquiries; RLF Coord.; Solid Waste Coord.; Trail Planning and Trail Counting; Aerial Photo Coord. Asst.; Fact Sheet Update; Sidewalk Policy; CVB Data Assistance.

MUSCATINE COUNTY – Air Quality Asst.; Joint Purchasing; Reg. 9 Coord, LRTP and STP-TAP Solicitations/Inquiries; Solid Waste Coord.; Trails Planning/ADT Coordination; Transit Mobility Coord.; Website Support; Hazard Mitigation Plan; EDA RLF Coord.; Comprehensive Plan; Aerial Photo Coord. Asst.

NEW BOSTON – Transit Mobility Coord./HSTP Planning; Website Support; OSLAD Grant App Follow-up; Mercer Co. Events & Festivals Flyer Update Coord.

OAK GROVE – E9-1-1 Coord.

ORION – HCEDP Participation; Website Support; Transit Mobility/HSTP Planning; Enterprise Zone.

PORT BYRON – RICWMA Staffing; Riverfront Council; Zoning Ordinance Update.

PRINCETON – Riverfront Council; Solid Waste Coord.; Trail Planning; Aerial Photo Coord. Asst.

RAPIDS CITY – RICWMA Staffing; Riverfront Council.

RIVERDALE – Riverfront Council; Solid Waste Coord.; Trail Coord.; Website Support.

ROCK ISLAND CITY – Air Quality Asst.; E9-1-1 Coord.; IL QC Intergov. Comm.; Joint Purchasing; MUNICES Coord.; QCICNet; Riverfront Cncl.; RiverVision; RICWMA Stfg.; RLF Loan Admin.; RMS Coord.; Interop. Proj.; Consol. Dispatch Study App.; Aerial Photo Coord. Asst.; Trail Counting; Enterprise Zone; EDP Grant Asst.; LRTP TAZ Projections.

ROCK ISLAND COUNTY – Air Quality Asst.; E9-1-1 Coord.; IL QC Intergov. Comm.; Joint Purchasing; LEPC Committee; MUNICES Coord.; QCICNet; RICWMA Stfg & Website Support; RMS Coord.; Trail Coord.; Transit Mobility/HSTP Planning; Passenger Rail; Floodplain Coord. Efforts; Hazard Mitigation Planning Coord.; QC Health Initiative; Highway Safety Planning; Stationery-Sheriff's Dept.

SCOTT COUNTY – Financial Management – Scott Co. KIDS and Scott Co. Hsg. Cncl.; Air Quality Coord.; I-74 Bridge Coord.; Joint Purchasing; QCICNet, Reg. 9 Transportation Coord., LRTP & STP-TAP Solicitation; RLF Admin.; Solid Waste Coord.; Trail Planning/ADT Coordination; REAP Plan Update; Transit Mobility/HSTP Planning; Interop. Project; Aerial Photo Coord. Asst.; QC Health Initiative; FEMA Safe Room Grant Asst.; Countywide IT Survey.

SHERRARD – Joint Purchasing; Transit Mobility/HSTP Planning; Website Support; Mercer Co. Events & Festivals Flyer Update Coord.

SILVIS – E9-1-1 Coord.; IL Intergov. Comm. Coord.; Joint Purch.; MUNICES Coord.; QCICNet; RICWMA Stfg.; RMS Coord.; Trail Plan; Aerial Photo Coord. Asst.; Water/Sewer GIS Asst.

VIOLA – Transit Mobility/HSTP Planning; CDAP Grant Asst.; Mercer Co. Events & Festivals Flyer Update Coord.

WALCOTT – Reg. 9 Transportation Coord., LRTP and STP-TAP Solicitations; RLF Admin; Solid Waste Coord.; Trail Coord.; Aerial Photo Coord. Asst.

WEST LIBERTY – Air Qual. Coord.; Reg. 9 Transp. and STP-TAP Solicitations; Solid Waste Coord.; Musc. Co. Haz Mit Plan; Fact Sheet Development; MMRLF Business Loan Documents; Annex. InfoCDBG Inquiry and Assistance.

WILTON – Air Quality Coord.; Reg. 9 Transp. Coord, LRTP & STP-TAP Solicitations; Solid Waste Coord.; Muscatine Co. Haz Mit Plan; Fact Sheet Devel.; MMRLF Mrktg Asst.

WINDSOR – Transit Mobility/HSTP Planning; CDAP Grant Asst.; Mercer Co. Events & Festivals Flyer Update Coord.

WOODHULL – HCEDP Asst.; Transit Mobility/HSTP Planning; Enterprise Zone.

Bi-State Report –December

COMMUNITY/ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Provided information to Henry County Economic Development Partnership (HCEDP) staff & board. Continued administration of Economic Development Administration/United States Department of Agriculture Rural Jobs and Innovation Challenge Grant Program on behalf of multiple member governments in Henry, Mercer, and Rock Island Counties. Attended IA RELAT meetings. Attended Iowa Regional Council and Illinois Regional Council meetings. Assisted members with legislative priorities. Collected data for *Bi-State Region Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) 2015 Progress Report*. Met with Mercer and Muscatine Counties' economic development officials to discuss development efforts and strategies. Held planners roundtable.

Data Center: Staff responded to approximately 14 data and map requests in December 2014 including 7 from local governments, 4 from non-profits, 2 from business, and 1 from private citizens. The data center had a total of 151 data requests in 2014. The busiest month was in August (21) and the slowest in June (6). This is a decrease of 18.8% from 2013, which had a total of 186 requests. The data section of the Bi-State website had 49 page views. The data warehouse site (www.greaterqcregion.org) had 364 visits and 505 page views. Staff continued work on the *2045 Quad Cities Long Range Transportation Plan* and began work on the *Bi-State Region Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) 2015 Progress Report*. New data was released by the U.S. Census Bureau: American Community Survey 5-year estimates (2009-2013), which are available for most geographies. Watch for information from the Census Bureau (via e-mail) on the 2015 Boundary and Annexation Survey (BAS) Program.

Graphics/GIS/Mapping: 2014 Aerial Photo Flyover Coordination; 2015 Census BAS Program Assistance; *2040 Region 9 Long Range Transportation Plan* and *2045 Quad Cities Long Range Transportation Plan* coordination, data and mapping; Be Healthy QC Grant – Mapping Assistance; QC Bike Trail Map proofing and GIS assistance; QC Street Map (Folded & Wall Versions) Update; *Bi-State Region Transit Development Plan* Rural Transit Mapping; Urban Travel Model Data and GIS Assistance; Update/Maintain GIS Data for Street Centerlines, Traffic Counts, MPA Boundary, Federal Functional Class Routes, Urban Areas, Corporate Limits, Landmarks, Rail, Trails, and other layers.

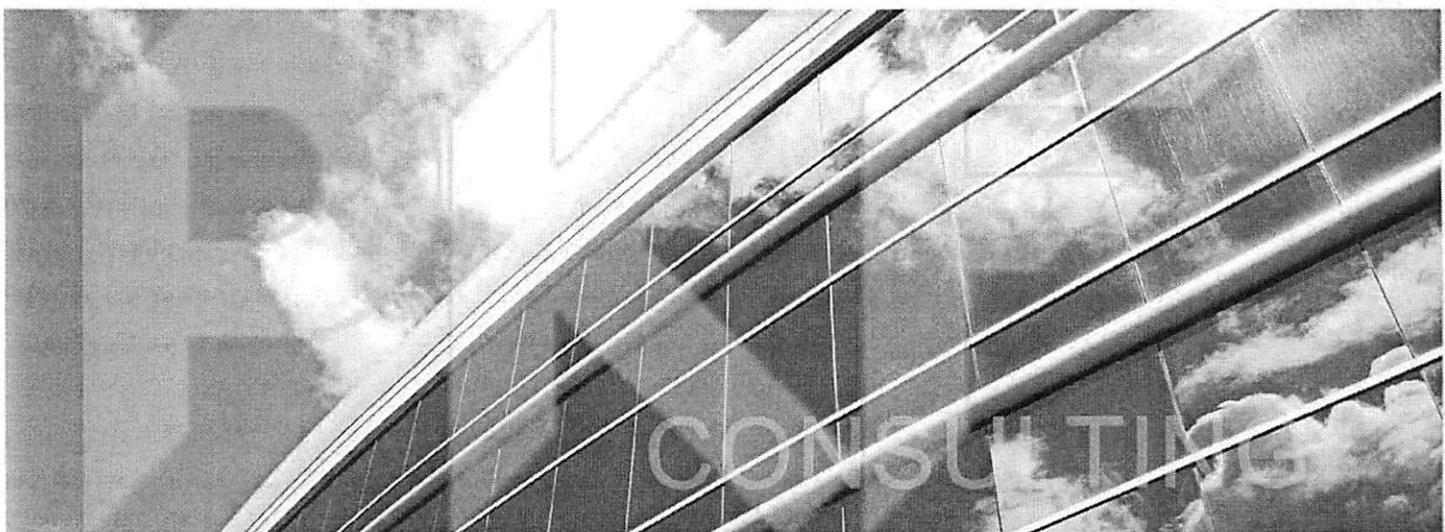
www.bistateonline.org. Total pages viewed for December 2014 was 3,079 and top pages viewed included: Home Page (1,185); Joint Purchasing Council (272); Search Feature (245); Our Staff (111); Clean Air Partnership (95); Who We Are (54); Contact Us (54); Documents (52); Careers (40).

ENVIRONMENTAL, RECREATION, RIVERFRONT SERVICES: Responded to inquiries & assisted with trail/recreation project funding assistance/grants. Served Rock Island County Waste Management Agency (RICWMA) with coordination of meetings, oversight, and management of waste disposal and recycling programs, reporting, and overall agency administration. Responded to RICWMA telephone inquiries from general public & media concerning solid waste and recycling issues. Continued coordination of issues related to Bi-State Region Clean Air Partnership and strategies for emission reduction. Completed "Make Air Quality Visible" outreach. Continued multi-jurisdictional hazard mitigation planning. Attended RiverVision and River Action meetings. Attended planning meetings for Upper Mississippi River conference. Organized bi-monthly meeting of Quad City Riverfront Council.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL FORUMS AND REGIONAL SERVICES: Continued assistance to the Joint Purchasing Council (JPC). Worked on the following bids: Water Treatment Chemicals; Turf Chemical, Signs and Posts; Janitorial Supplies/Canliners/Food Services; and Winter Paper. Staffed Quad Cities Area intergovernmental forums and meetings of area recreation directors, managers and administrators, and chief elected officials. Continued coordination and planning for the awarded Department of Justice interoperability grant. Assisted with Rock Island Arsenal issues.

REVOLVING LOAN FUND (RLF): Administered Bi-State RLF Program: Prepared meeting agenda, minutes, and financial summary report. Provided information to potential applicants. Continued receiving job creation information from active companies. Continued work with Scott County company to finalize documents for loan closing. **Administered Mercer/Muscatine RLF Program (MMRLF):** Provided information to potential applicants. Worked with Aledo, Muscatine City and County, West Liberty, and Wilton to identify potential projects for gap financing. Worked with Aledo company on application.

TRANSPORTATION PLANNING, PROGRAMMING AND PROJECT DEVELOPMENT: Attended related meetings, presented information, and continued staff coordination of river crossing issues. Updated MPA bridge restrictions notice for CY15. Worked on *2045 Quad Cities Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP)* chapter timelines, travel model development, public input survey, goals/objectives development, and TAZ level projections. Continued *2040 Region 9 Long Range Transportation Plan* development. Initiated *Bi-State Region Transit Development Plan* update. Served traffic analysis and trail counting requests. Held joint interdisciplinary traffic safety meeting. Prepared monthly reports of federal transportation programs and coordinated related funding/reporting. Monitored air quality emission issues and exceedances. Continued "Make Air Quality Visible" strategic plan implementation. Worked on connections of American Discovery Trail (ADT)/Grand Illinois Trail and Mississippi River Trail, and attended related meetings, as well as other trail planning and grant assistance. Facilitated issues related to Trails Committee, including bike map review. Coordinated Bi-State Drug and Alcohol Testing Consortium and continued random testing program. Monitored MPO and Iowa Region 9 FY15 Transportation Planning Work Programs. Monitored FFY15-18 Transportation Improvement Programs (TIP) including facilitating TIP revisions, and maintenance of data entry in Iowa TPMS as part of transportation improvement programming. Administered IAQC and Illinois Region 2 transit coordinator positions. Administered Bi-State Region Freight Flow Commodity Study. Reviewed transit funding balances, prepared MOU for ILQC portion of 5310 funds, and monitored FTA grantee requirements. Monitored status of implementation of passenger rail service to Chicago. Received NADO Rural Transportation Excellence Award for *Evacuation Plan for the Illinois Bi-State Region: A Preparedness Resource Guide for Evacuation Events* and presented plan at conference. Attended Air Service meeting. Participated in transportation webinars, workshops, or conferences on various topics.



**Economic Impact
Analysis**

**Proposed 112-Room Hotel Stanley and Conference
Center in Muscatine County, Iowa**

Prepared For:

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Dear Mr. MacLellan:

In accordance with our engagement letter dated December 10, 2014, we have completed an Economic Impact Analysis for the proposed 112-Room Hotel Stanley and Conference Center in Muscatine County, Iowa. The economic impact includes the direct and indirect spending related to construction and operation of the proposed 112-room Hotel Stanley and Conference Center. The operation of the hotel will also have a direct, indirect and induced impact on employment in Muscatine County. In addition, we have provided a fiscal impact summary that details the estimated tax receipts that the City of Muscatine would obtain from the proposed facility.

The Economic Impact Study assumes that the proposed 112-Room Hotel Stanley and Conference Center would open in January 2017. The hotel market study issued by PKF Consulting USA to Riverview Hotel Development LLC on December 9, 2014 is utilized as the supporting documentation for computing the economic and fiscal impacts.

Although the proposed property's future performance has been conscientiously prepared using information obtained during the course of this study and our experience in the industry, it is based on estimates and assumptions, which are subject to uncertainty and variation, and we do not represent them as results that will actually be achieved. This report is subject to the same Statement of Assumptions and Limiting Conditions as set forth in the market study.

We would be pleased to hear from you if we may be of further assistance in the interpretation and application of our findings and conclusions. We express our appreciation to you and your associates for the cooperation extended to us during the course of this assignment.

Respectfully submitted,

PKF Consulting USA
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G. Randle McCaslin, CRE
Senior Vice President

ECONOMIC IMPACT

Total economic impact is a product of new direct and indirect spending within the local economy. PKF Consulting analyzed the direct spending relative to construction of the development and activities associated with the proposed 112-Room Hotel Stanley and Conference Center in both the State of Iowa and Muscatine County. We also analyzed the direct spending relative to the operation of the proposed 112-room Hotel Stanley and Conference Center in Muscatine, Iowa. Each new dollar spent (direct) has a multiplied effect on the economy in the form of increased revenues (spin off activity) to local businesses, increased employment and increased wages (indirect). An example of this would be a retailer who hires more employees as a result of an increase in sales volumes. Each new employee is a new consumer who then re-spends the money within the local economy. Therefore, direct economic impacts are all expenditures that can be linked directly to construction and operations, while indirect impacts are generated when these new dollars are re-spent within the local economy. These direct and indirect expenditures represent the total impact to the economy.

Our methodology separates economic impact into two categories: Construction and Operations. We then utilized the Regional Input-Output Modeling System (RIMS II) for Muscatine County developed by the U.S. Department of Commerce's Bureau of Economic Analysis. Based on these multipliers, we developed estimates for total economic impact, the increased wages to the area and the increased employment.

- **Construction** - The impact from the physical construction of the hotel and conference center and the one-time increase it has on spending. The construction spending also influences employment in many sectors of the local economy. Economic impact from the construction of the hotel comes in the form of wages paid to construction personnel as well as the purchase of construction materials.
- **Operations** – The creation of jobs and paying of wages to the employees of the proposed facility. This figure represents increased payroll expenditures, excluding benefits paid to workers locally. It also expresses how the employees of local business share in the increased outputs.

Economic Impact from Construction

In addition to the ongoing impacts from the operation of the facilities, the construction of the proposed 112-Room Hotel Stanley and Conference Center would create a one-time increase in spending. The development project team estimated the cost to develop the proposed 112-room Hotel Stanley and Conference Center at \$38.1 million. These costs provide an order of magnitude estimate of the development costs for the proposed 112-Room Hotel Stanley and Conference Center in order to assess economic impact. The estimates could change once the final design and costing of the project by qualified architects, engineers and contractors is completed.

Impact on State of Iowa

PKF Consulting interviewed local representatives to determine a reasonable assumption (88%) of materials and labor that will originate from within the State of Iowa. The following table uses the multipliers supplied by the RIMS II model for the State of Iowa to estimate economic impact resulting from construction.

Proposed 112-Room Hotel Stanley & Conference Center - Muscatine, Iowa		
Economic Impact from Construction - State of Iowa		
Total Construction Cost ¹		\$38,100,000
Cost Generated		
From Within State of Iowa	88% ²	\$33,528,000
Output - represents the dollar increase in area		
output for every dollar increase in direct spending	1.8018	\$60,410,750
Wages - represents the dollar increase in area		
household income for every dollar increase in direct spending	0.6056	\$20,304,557
Total Economic Impact From Construction		\$80,715,307
Jobs - represents the increase in area jobs for every		
\$1 million in direct spending	16.3436	548 jobs
¹ Construction cost estimated by project team		
² According to local representatives		
Multiplier Source: US Department of Commerce - Bureau of Economic Analysis		

Impact on Muscatine County

PKF Consulting interviewed local representatives to determine a reasonable assumption (28%) of materials and labor that will originate from within Muscatine County, which is a subset within the State of Iowa. The following table uses the multipliers supplied by the RIMS II model for the State of Iowa to estimate economic impact resulting from construction.

Proposed 112-Room Hotel Stanley & Conference Center - Muscatine, Iowa		
Economic Impact from Construction - Muscatine County, Iowa		
Total Construction Cost ¹		\$38,100,000
Cost Generated		
From Within Muscatine County	28% ²	\$10,668,000
Output - represents the dollar increase in area		
output for every dollar increase in direct spending	1.3849	\$14,774,113
Wages - represents the dollar increase in area		
household income for every dollar increase in direct spending	0.3514	\$3,748,735
Total Economic Impact From Construction		\$18,522,848
Jobs - represents the increase in area jobs for every		
\$1 million in direct spending	9.3839	100 jobs
¹ Construction cost estimated by project team		
² According to local representatives		
Multiplier Source: US Department of Commerce - Bureau of Economic Analysis		

Economic Impact from Operations

Direct economic impact from employment is generated by the creation of jobs and the paying of wages to the employees of the proposed facility. According to our comparables, a typical hotel would have payroll costs of approximately 30% of its total revenue. As much as 30% of these wages are typically withheld for taxes and savings and are not spent, which leaves 70% of these wages to be spent on household products and services. For purposes of the analysis, we estimated that 50% of the wages would be spent within the local economy.

After calculating the amount spent by employees in the local economy, we then applied the multipliers provided by the U.S. Department of Commerce's Bureau of Economic Analysis. Indirect impact occurs when the industries that produce these products and deliver these services hire more persons and pay more wages. The local economic impact from operations is presented in the following table.

Proposed 112-Room Hotel Stanley & Conference Center - Muscatine, Iowa							
Local Economic Impact From Operations							
	Total Payroll	Taxes & Savings - (30%	Amount Spent	Economic Impact		Total Impact	
Total Revenue¹	(30% of Total Revenue)	of Payroll)	In Local Economy (50%)	Output²	Wages²	From Operations Employment	
				1.3142	0.2677		
2017	6,229,000	\$1,868,700	\$560,610	\$654,045	\$859,546	\$175,088	\$1,034,634
2018	6,803,000	\$2,040,900	\$612,270	\$714,315	\$938,753	\$191,222	\$1,129,975
2019	7,398,000	\$2,219,400	\$665,820	\$776,790	\$1,020,857	\$207,947	\$1,228,804
2020	7,638,000	\$2,291,400	\$687,420	\$801,990	\$1,053,975	\$214,693	\$1,268,668
2021	7,851,000	\$2,355,300	\$706,590	\$824,355	\$1,083,367	\$220,680	\$1,304,047
2022	8,097,000	\$2,429,100	\$728,730	\$850,185	\$1,117,313	\$227,595	\$1,344,908
2023	8,346,000	\$2,503,800	\$751,140	\$876,330	\$1,151,673	\$234,594	\$1,386,266
2024	8,599,000	\$2,579,700	\$773,910	\$902,895	\$1,186,585	\$241,705	\$1,428,290
2025	8,853,000	\$2,655,900	\$796,770	\$929,565	\$1,221,634	\$248,845	\$1,470,479
2026	9,111,000	\$2,733,300	\$819,990	\$956,655	\$1,257,236	\$256,097	\$1,513,333
Total	\$78,925,000	\$23,677,500	\$7,103,250	\$8,287,125	\$10,890,940	\$2,218,463	\$13,109,403

¹PKF Consulting performance projections for the proposed Hotel Stanley and Conference Center
²Multiplier Source: US Department of Commerce - Bureau of Economic Analysis
Source: PKF Consulting USA

Total Economic Impact

The following table summarizes the local economic impact of the proposed Hotel Stanley and Conference Center beginning with construction in 2016 through the proposed facilities first 10 years (2017 through 2026) of operations.

**Proposed 112-Room Hotel Stanley & Conference Center - Muscatine, Iowa
Total Economic Impact**

Year	Construction	Operations	Total Economic Impact
2016	\$18,522,848	--	\$18,522,848
2017	--	\$1,034,634	\$1,034,634
2018	--	\$1,129,975	\$1,129,975
2019	--	\$1,228,804	\$1,228,804
2020	--	\$1,268,668	\$1,268,668
2021	--	\$1,304,047	\$1,304,047
2022	--	\$1,344,908	\$1,344,908
2023	--	\$1,386,266	\$1,386,266
2024	--	\$1,428,290	\$1,428,290
2025	--	\$1,470,479	\$1,470,479
2026	--	\$1,513,333	\$1,513,333
Total	\$18,522,848	\$13,109,403	\$31,632,251

Source: PKF Consulting USA

EMPLOYMENT IMPACT

The proposed Hotel Stanley and Conference Center will have a direct, indirect and induced impact on employment. The direct impact is the number of jobs created at the Hotel Stanley and Conference Center. However, when these new employees spend their earned payroll in Muscatine County and when the hotel guests purchase goods and services in the Muscatine market, additional jobs will be created, which produces an indirect impact. For example, the additional revenues generated by this spending at existing businesses may require the businesses to add more employees or open a new business. Induced impact is generated when these new employees spend their earned payroll at businesses in Muscatine County, creating additional jobs.

The following table presents the number of direct, indirect and induced jobs that are estimated to be created by the development of the proposed Hotel Stanley and Conference Center in Muscatine County.

**Proposed 112-Room Hotel Stanley & Conference Center - Muscatine, Iowa
Summary of Employment Impact**

Direct Jobs from Hotel Operation ¹	70 Jobs
Indirect Jobs within Muscatine County ²	8.1 Jobs
Induced Jobs within Muscatine County ²	4.7 Jobs

Source:

¹Based on estimates of staffing provided by the Management Company for the proposed Hotel Stanley & Conference Center

²Based on estimates presented in the "Economic Impact Analysis: Iowa Reinvestment District-City of Muscatine" by Dave Swenson

FISCAL IMPACT

In addition to the economic impact, we have also identified the fiscal benefit to the local community. This analysis estimates fiscal impacts for the governmental units that levy taxes in the jurisdiction. The fiscal impacts are tax revenues that result from the spending and income related to the activities at the new hotel. PKF Consulting estimated fiscal impact by multiplying the applicable tax rates by the estimated amounts of direct and indirect spending.

Hotel Occupancy Tax

The City of Muscatine will benefit from the collection of a 7% City Hotel Occupancy Tax levied on the rooms revenue of the proposed 112-Room Hotel Stanley and Conference Center. The following table summarizes the potential hotel occupancy taxes for the period 2017 through 2026, the first 10 years of hotel operations.

Proposed 112-Room Hotel Stanley & Conference Center - Muscatine, Iowa		
Potential Hotel Occupancy Tax Revenues		
Year	Projected Rooms Revenue	Potential Hotel Occupancy Tax Revenues (7%)
2017	3,723,000	\$260,610
2018	4,064,000	\$284,480
2019	4,417,000	\$309,190
2020	4,568,000	\$319,760
2021	4,689,000	\$328,230
2022	4,840,000	\$338,800
2023	4,991,000	\$349,370
2024	5,143,000	\$360,010
2025	5,294,000	\$370,580
2026	5,445,000	\$381,150
Total	\$47,174,000	\$3,302,180

Source: PKF Consulting USA

Sales Tax

The following table summarizes the potential sales taxes generated by the proposed 112-Room Hotel Stanley and Conference Center for the period 2016 through 2026, which encompasses the period from construction through the first 10 years of operations. The table presents the taxable revenues realized by the City of Muscatine from the construction spending and operation of the Hotel Stanley and Conference Center in Muscatine County.

**Proposed 112-Room Hotel Stanley & Conference Center - Muscatine, Iowa
Potential Sales Tax Revenues**

Year	Construction	Hotel Revenues	Operations Employment	Total Taxable Revenues	Potential Sales Tax Revenues (5%)
2016	\$18,522,848	--	--	\$18,522,848	\$926,142
2017	--	6,229,000	\$1,034,634	\$7,263,634	\$363,182
2018	--	6,803,000	\$1,129,975	\$7,932,975	\$396,649
2019	--	7,398,000	\$1,228,804	\$8,626,804	\$431,340
2020	--	7,638,000	\$1,268,668	\$8,906,668	\$445,333
2021	--	7,851,000	\$1,304,047	\$9,155,047	\$457,752
2022	--	8,097,000	\$1,344,908	\$9,441,908	\$472,095
2023	--	8,346,000	\$1,386,266	\$9,732,266	\$486,613
2024	--	8,599,000	\$1,428,290	\$10,027,290	\$501,364
2025	--	8,853,000	\$1,470,479	\$10,323,479	\$516,174
2026	--	9,111,000	\$1,513,333	\$10,624,333	\$531,217
Total	\$18,522,848	\$78,925,000	\$13,109,403	\$110,557,251	\$5,527,863

Source: PKF Consulting USA

Property Tax

For purposes of this analysis, PKF Consulting has utilized the tax rebates schedule estimated by the City of Muscatine, which was provided to the developer. Based on the TIF schedule, the property taxes collected will initially be zero for the first five years, 25% in year six through 14, 50% in year 15 through 20 and 100% beginning in the 21st year of operation. Estimates of property taxes collections for the period 2017 through 2036, the first 20 years of operation of the proposed Hotel Stanley and Conference Center are shown in the following table. (The full 20-year rebate period is shown for property taxes to show the full impact.)

Proposed 112-Room Hotel Stanley & Conference Center - Muscatine, Iowa Forecasted Property Tax	
Year	Forecasted Property Tax*
2017	\$0
2018	\$0
2019	\$0
2020	\$0
2021	\$0
2022	\$101,082
2023	\$101,082
2024	\$101,082
2025	\$101,082
2026	\$101,082
2027	\$101,082
2028	\$101,082
2029	\$101,082
2030	\$101,082
2031	\$143,199
2032	\$202,163
2033	\$202,163
2034	\$202,163
2035	\$202,163
2036	\$202,163
Total	\$2,063,750
<small>*Based on estimated TIF rebate schedule provided by the developer/City.</small>	
<small>Source: Riverview Hotel Development, LLC</small>	

Beginning in 2037, the 21st year of operations, property tax collections will equal \$404,326 per year.

TOTAL PROJECTED ECONOMIC, EMPLOYMENT AND FISCAL IMPACT SUMMARY

The table below presents the Total Projected Economic, Employment and Fiscal Impact for the proposed 112-Room Hotel Stanley and Conference Center in Muscatine County, Iowa.

Proposed 112-Room Hotel Stanley & Conference Center - Muscatine, Iowa Summary of Economic, Employment & Fiscal Impact	
Economic Impact	
Total Economic Impact from Construction - State of Iowa (rounded)	\$80,700,000
Total Economic Impact from Construction - Muscatine County (rounded) ¹	\$18,500,000
Total Economic Impact from Operations (rounded) - 10-Year Period	\$13,100,000
Employment Impact	
Total Jobs from Construction within the State of Iowa	548 jobs
Total Jobs from Construction within Muscatine County ¹	100 jobs
Direct Jobs from Hotel Operation ²	70 Jobs
Indirect Jobs within Muscatine County ³	8.1 Jobs
Induced Jobs within Muscatine County ³	4.7 Jobs
Fiscal Impact	
Potential Hotel Occupancy Tax Revenues (rounded) - 10-Year Period	\$3,300,000
Potential Sales Tax Revenues (rounded) - 10-Year Period	\$5,500,000
Potential Property Tax Revenues (rounded) - 20-Year Period	\$2,100,000
¹ The Economic Impact from Construction for Muscatine County is a subset of the State of Iowa	
² Based on estimates of staffing provided by the Management Company for the proposed Hotel Stanley & Conference Center	
³ Based on estimates presented in the "Economic Impact Analysis: Iowa Reinvestment District-City of Muscatine" by Dave Swenson	
Source: PKF Consulting USA, US Department of Commerce - Bureau of Economic Analysis	

OTHER MARKETS IMPACTED BY THE DISTRICT

As discussed in the market study for the proposed Hotel Stanley and Conference Center, Muscatine is part of a larger economic region that stretches along the Mississippi River in both Iowa and Illinois. Economically, Muscatine influences and is influenced by the Quad Cities region, which includes Moline and Rock Island in Illinois and Davenport and Bettendorf in Iowa, just 25 miles southeast of Muscatine. In addition, the Iowa City area, located approximately 40 miles northwest of Muscatine, provides services and economic activity that influences the Muscatine area.

These influences are evidenced by the fact that Muscatine companies have shuttle service to hotels in the Quad Cities area for their visitors due to the lack of available hotel rooms and the lack of a full-service hotel in Muscatine. Additionally, PKF's interviews and surveys identified that most of the group meeting demand in Muscatine is being lost to both the Quad Cities and Iowa Cities hotels. In support of this interaction between Muscatine and these markets, PKF included the full-service hotels located in these two markets in the competitive set for the proposed Hotel Stanley and Conference Center because these were the hotels identified by the interviews and surveys as the hotels where Muscatine corporate and group demand is currently staying.

Therefore, the proposed District in Muscatine, which includes the site for the proposed Hotel Stanley and Conference Center, will influence and be influenced by these two additional markets. First, the proposed Hotel Stanley and Conference Center will enable Muscatine to pull most of the lost business back into the Muscatine market. Second, Muscatine will now be able to participate in regional events and conferences that it could not participate in the past. And lastly, Muscatine will be able to attract new demand to the region that will provide economic benefits to all three markets.

IMPACT OF THE DISTRICT ON THE LOCAL MARKET AREA

Hotel and conference center projects are known as catalysts of economic development. The proposed Hotel Stanley and Conference Center will attract new corporate, group meeting and leisure demand into downtown Muscatine, which will create the need for additional services in the downtown area. These new visitors will frequent existing restaurants, bars, entertainment and retail venues in the downtown area, increasing their revenues and profits and creating a need to hire additional employees. Additionally, the new activity will create a need for new restaurants, bars, entertainment and retail venues, drawing new businesses to the area.

The proposed Hotel Stanley and Conference Center will also have a positive economic impact on the existing local hotels. Many of the survey respondents indicated a desire to pay less than \$100 for the hotel rooms associated with their group meetings. While an adequate number of respondents indicated that they would pay more, which supports the proposed Hotel Stanley, the more price sensitive visitors will frequent the existing hotels increasing hotel occupancies.

The proposed District with the new Hotel Stanley and Conference Center will enable existing Muscatine corporations to utilize hotel accommodations, meeting rooms and food and beverage venues in the local market rather than being forced to leave Muscatine for many of these services. This should reduce travel expenses and increase the profitability of local businesses.

The increased spending will also increase tax revenues for the City, as more people visit Muscatine and local companies spend more money within the community. The District also becomes an economic impact engine for the City, enabling it to attract new businesses to Muscatine. The presence of the Hotel Stanley, as an upscale, full-service, boutique hotel, will make a statement about the quality of life and commitment to growth that is present in the City of Muscatine.



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Capitol Update

Last week was exciting and ceremonial. This week the legislature received the first bills of the session and has begun to address the critical issues of the State.

Budget Points

The Governor's Budget proposal spends \$7.3410 billion in fiscal year 2016, an increase of \$346.7 million over fiscal year 2015 or 4.95 percent. 90 percent of Iowa's budget goes to three areas - School aid (\$2.9 billion), wages and benefits for state employees (\$2.1 billion), and Medicaid (\$1.6 billion).

School Aid

School aid is state government's largest investment totaling \$2.9 billion in fiscal year 2016 budget. Over the last four years (FY 11-15) education funding has increased \$421 million or 16.6%. If Education Reform dollars are included that number increases to \$471 million or 18.6%. If the Governor's plan for FY 16 is adopted the increase totals \$554 or 21.9%.

State spending on education reinforces education is our top funding priority.

Medicaid

Medicaid accounted for 9% of the state budget in FY 2000. Today it's over 20%, and without major reform Medicaid will continue to limit funding for other priorities. The governor is proposing to expand the use of managed care in Medicaid as a cost containment initiative.

Committee Updates

Committees received presentations and began discussions focused on bill language, House study bills and amendments.

Commerce

Meeting featured a presentation by Nick Gerhart, the commissioner of the Iowa Insurance Division. A particular interest he addressed was the challenges of CoOpportunity Health's financial turmoil and the protection of policy holder's coverage.

Economic Growth

IDEA Director Debi Durham and Mid-American Energy CEO Bill Fehrman gave a presentation of the Battelle Study, an updated strategic plan for Iowa's economic development initiatives.

Transportation

Department of Transportation Director Paul Trambino gave a presentation to the committee regarding efficiency efforts and cost containment actions within the department.



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Capitol Visitors

On Wednesday Representative Bobby Kaufmann and I were joined by Muscatine resident Michael Gaeta (Left). Michael was representing the National Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors.



Legislative Forums

Be sure to attend! 9:00 a.m. Saturday, February 7th at the Muscatine Community College. The forum is sponsored by Muscatine Community College and Greater Muscatine Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

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