

Annual Report  
Lake County Board of Commissioners  
Economic Development Committee

December 2014

**Summary of Activities**

The Lake County Board of Commissioners Economic Development Committee was established by Resolution 1/22/2014 #1301. Commissioners Carrington-Atkins, Sloan and Stenger were appointed by the County Board Chair. Resolution 1301 tasked the Committee with three activities, and required this annual report. The three tasked activities were to work toward a Private-Public Partnership Economic Development Organization, create an Economic Development Plan and establish a Business Directory.

The Committee met seven times throughout the year. In the course of those meeting the Committee organized, adopted by-laws, established three subcommittees to work on the Committee tasks and recommended, to the Board Chair, citizen appointments to the subcommittees.

Attached to this report are appendices of the subcommittee work. The Business Directory work will continue into 2015 for completion.

### **Recommended Action Items for 2015**

By resolution, require the Economic Development Committee to engage business service organizations, community groups, local governments, business and others to establish, pursuant to the subcommittee recommendations, a Lake County Economic Development Alliance under the United States IRS code.

Present to the newly established Alliance the Economic Development Plan and recommend its adoption.

Secure matching funds from the County and the above mentioned groups and apply for an Economic Capacity Development Grant from the federal Economic Development Administration thru and with the assistance the West Michigan Shoreline Regional Development Commission.