

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

It is the policy of the Board of Commissioners to support and promote actions which serve to retain and expand existing businesses and serve to start-up or attract new businesses in the County. We support the creation of new jobs. We prefer the creation of jobs with high pay and good benefits which will increase the incomes of families in the County.

We will meet with businesses which want to expand, grow, start up or locate in our County.

We will consider each business on a case-by-case basis. We will try to answer each business's questions and guide businesses to viable financing, training, and other needed business services. The County will consider being the applicant for State and Federal Grant and Loan Programs (on a case-by-case basis).

We support the concept of an incubator to assist start-ups to grow. We support the concept of coordinated retention visits to existing businesses. These visits should, when appropriate, involve the Planning Commission, Chambers of Commerce, the Southwestern Michigan Commission, Regional Public Utilities, Southwestern Michigan College, the State of Michigan Department of Commerce, Local Elected Officials and Business Park Leaders.

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