



HAMILTON COUNTY
**First
Suburbs
Consortium**

Executive Committee Meeting

May 11, 2015
8:30 AM
Deer Park-Silverton Fire Station

Meeting Summary (draft)

In Attendance: Dan Pillow, Chair; Bill Doering, Vice Chair; John Smith; Al Kanters; Steve Johns

Due to lack of a quorum, many agenda items were tabled

Mayor Pillow wants to work on getting more dues paying members. He asked Steve to send the existing member list to the Executive Committee members.

The statewide First Suburbs group is scheduling a meeting soon but the agenda may not justify the travel. Mayor Pillow will keep the Executive Committee informed about the meeting.

Bill will reserve the Amberley Village community room for the next membership meeting, scheduled for Tuesday, July 28th, from 6:00-8:00pm. Topics could include: an update from Wayne Coates, County Recorder, sewer update, and jurisdictional tool kit.

Much in Common was held at Paul Brown Stadium. The topic was the Northern Kentucky Catalytic Development Fund which has leveraged \$10 million into \$100 million of investment.

Al talked about the idea of an anti-poaching agreement for business relocation incentives. He also talked about the Local Government Innovation Fund. This program, administered by the State of Ohio Development Services Agency, (www.development.ohio.gov/cs/cs_localgovfund.htm) awards grants and loans to local jurisdictions. Out of the 60 grants awarded, only two have gone to Southwest Ohio. Contact Diane Alecusan for more information (diane.alecusan@development.ohio.gov)

The Southwest Ohio Leadership group (www.thinkregional.com) is also working on the issue of jurisdictional cooperation. Folks like TJ White with the Center for Local Government, Johnna Reeder with REDI, Amy Murray, Nan Whaley, and David Mann participated in a recent Southwest Ohio Leadership forum. There is a planning session for the Southwest Ohio Leadership group coming up.

Gene Krebs has said that the only place the innovation fund is working is in Northeast Ohio and largely through the support of the Gund Foundation. In 2014 there was \$3.1 million available.

Other regions are working on government cooperation. St. Louis has a group called "Better Together."

The State of Ohio may make it easier to compare Comprehensive Financial Reports by requiring a standard uniform chart of accounts.

Next Meeting June 8th 8:30 am – Deer Park-Silverton Fire Station