

County Commission officially endorses Zimmer/MSDC plan

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The Zimmer Real Estate Group and the Marshall-Saline Development Corporation received one of their last endorsements requested for their new economic development plan from the Saline County Commission Wednesday, Feb. 13.

The resolution endorses the four areas of recommendations the economic development plan outlines for success: recognizing the forces of globalization, strengthening the quality of education, developing local entrepreneurs and embracing immigration.

"We sure appreciate all your support and help in moving the plan forward," said MSDC Director Bill Riggins.

Besides the Saline County Commission, Marshall and Slater's city council have also approved resolutions in support of the plan.

Troy Nash, of Zimmer, and Riggins presented the plan to the Sweet Springs City Council Tuesday, Feb. 12. Nash said a vote in favor of the plan is expected in the near future.

Stacy Sedler, of the Sterling Consulting Group, is working with Zimmer and MSDC to kick off the economic development plan with an event at 4 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 20, at the Martin Community Center in Marshall.

"Our hopes on Feb. 20 is to basically kick off the plan and make sure that everyone all over Missouri knows Saline County is on the map in a very good way," Sedler said. "We have extended many, many invitations to lots of different groups, lots of media groups, television groups, radio groups and a number of economic development business folks throughout Missouri. So I'm hoping it will be fantastic."

In other county commission news, sales taxes were down by \$1,777 in February of this year compared to the same month in 2012. Law enforcement tax and courthouse sales tax were also down by under \$2,000 this month compared to last year.

"January and February started off a bit slow, so hopefully there will be a rebound shortly," said Presiding Commissioner Tom Stallings.