

THE MAY 9, 2006 SESSION
OF THE
WALWORTH COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

The Walworth County Board Committee of the Whole meeting was called to order by Chairperson Lohrmann at 5:00 p.m. in the County Board Room at the Walworth County Government Center, 100 W. Walworth Street, Elkhorn, Wisconsin.

Roll Call

Roll was read and all Supervisors were present except Supervisors Hawkins and Schaefer.

Special Order of Business

- Presentation by Gateway Technical College concerning study regarding the economic impact of Gateway Technical College in the Community

Bryan Albrecht, President of Gateway Technical College, introduced himself. Mr. Albrecht distributed the *Gateway Technical College Economic Impact Report, Fact Sheet, and Taxpayers Perspectives* to the Supervisors. Mr. Albrecht introduced guests of Gateway Technical College, Julie Whyte, Assistant, Pat Flanagan, Vice President for Learning Innovations and Coordinator of Work Force Training, and Judy McFarland, Gateway Technical College Board Member.

Mr. Albrecht said that Gateway Technical College is the third largest technical college in the State. He said Gateway has over 65 associated degree programs as well as expanded distance programs and growing Internet courses.

Mr. Albrecht presented an overview of the study of the impact of Gateway Technical College on Kenosha, Racine and Walworth Counties. The study was commissioned by CCbenefits, Inc and was funded by the Gateway Technical College Foundation. Dan Peterson is the Chair of the Gateway Foundation and President and very supportive of the study. The study tracked four types of benefits: 1) regional economic benefits; 2) higher earnings captured by existing students; 3) a broad collection of social benefits; 4) the return to the taxpayers for their college support.

Mr. Albrecht said that Gateway receives funding from local property tax, State aid, and Federal and State Grants. He said Gateway also receives private donations through the Gateway Foundation.

Mr. Albrecht closed his presentation by summarizing the benefits to the community. Mr. Albrecht said that complete information on the Economic Development Study could be found on the website: www.gtc.edu/econimpact.

Adjournment

On motion by Supervisor Polyock, seconded by Supervisor Morrison, the Committee of the Whole adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

Kimberly S. Bushey
County Clerk

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COUNTY OF WALWORTH)

I, Kimberly S. Bushey, County Clerk in and for the County aforesaid, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the proceedings of the County Board of Supervisor's Committee of the Whole for the May 9, 2006 meeting.

(These minutes are not final until approved by the County Board at the next regularly scheduled County Board meeting.)