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RE: Paducah Economic Development (PED)

Dear Glenn:

I recently had an opportunity to meet and discuss issues related to Paducah Economic Development/PACRO with Kevin Neal. As you know, Kevin Neal is the Judge Executive for Marshall County, Kentucky and chairman of PACRO Board of Directors.

I was encouraged by his comments and he followed our meeting with the attached correspondence. It is my thought that Paducah Economic Development Executive Committee will appreciate reading Kevin's thoughts.

If I gather any additional information which might be helpful to the PED Executive Committee, I would like to share the information through you. I suspect this process is the most comfortable process for the PED Executive Committee.

Iron sharpens iron, or so the phrase goes; however, the process of sharpening iron creates necessary friction. I am grateful that there are so many people who care about the future of McCracken County's economy.

Please contact me at any time with questions. My cell phone number is (270) 559-7928.

Respectfully,

Edwin A. Jones

Enclosure: Letter from Kevin Neal, Marshall County Judge Executive

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RE: Scott Darnell, Executive Director of PACRO

Dear PED Executive Board,

As Chair of PACRO, I want to express my full support of our Executive Director, Scott Darnell. We are in the excellent condition as a regional organization today because of his efforts. Scott has led us out of the politics and bickering of the past.

His leadership and ability to guide PACRO with the board through legal challenges and restructuring was impressive. Through his ability to build a strong foundation with the Department of Energy, it has helped increase the amount of assets available for disposition, but most importantly its benefiting local governments and nonprofits. The relationship with DOE and PACRO is the best in our organization's history, and our upcoming trip as a board to DOE's HQ in Washington is exciting.

The most incredible success, bringing approval home from Washington, to share \$1.6 million in grants with our 5 County Region. In Marshall County, this money was a factor in us moving forward recently with a new 300 acre industrial park. We have announced over 100 jobs already from these grants and confident more will be on the way.

Scott Darnell's leadership is recognized overcoming many of these obstacles for PACRO. Our board and leaders throughout our 5 County Region are his supporters and his allies are many. I am happy to ask other leaders for support if needed.

We need to keep the Regional momentum of PACRO and Scott Darnell is the person to do it.

Judge Executive Kevin Neal
Marshall County