

Commissioners:

First, thank you for the opportunity to provide services to LCIC over the past 90 days. I appreciate the leadership you have exhibited and I know the last year of LCIC has been most challenging for the county and the community at large.

If you would like, I could meet with you as a group or individually to share my observations of the last few months and let you know what I have done in my brief tenure as the interim CEO. Also, I could share with you the comments from the groups and individuals I have met with and their view of the LCIC organization. This may help you as you consider the changes being contemplated for the organization. I await your reply on this matter.

On another matter, the Meta process, of which LCIC was a major participant, is a very viable activity which should not be abandoned by the organization in my opinion. Communication and collaboration are keys to success for our community economic growth. The Meta process initiated by Dr. Johnson is a major step forward in bringing together the forces of economic pursuits so the community and region as a whole can win as one and not at the cost of any one entity. I encourage LCIC to continue to work in a cooperative manner with Dr. Johnson and the Meta group.

Thank you again for the opportunity to participate in LCIC. A reply is appreciated.

Tim

Dr. Tim Schramko
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From: "Technical Society of Toledo" (tst@eng.utoledo.edu)
Subject: TST Feb Lunch and Announcements
Date: Wed, 23 Jan 2008 11:14
To: "Ben Konop" (bkonop@co.lucas.oh.us)
bcc: Ben Konop

File item: [image001.jpg](#) (3021)
File item: [FEB08Luncheon.pdf](#) (101291)

Please check below for **February Luncheon Info** as well as some other important information.

Thank you! Lisa

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- 1. TST February Luncheon Announcement:**

Attached is the February 1st Luncheon Announcement.

Please join us in welcoming Robert Kozar from the University of Toledo. Robert will talk about current initiatives in Renewable Energy Development at the University of Toledo, and their potential for economic development and job's creation.

Please see the PDF attachment for more information.

NOTE: February's LUNCHEON WILL BE HELD IN THE CENTENNIAL ROOM on the Main Floor OF THE TOLEDO CLUB !

RSVP's are necessary and due by the end of the day Tuesday – January 29th

Make your reservation by calling Lisa at 419-530-3436 or emailing the TST office tst@eng.utoledo.edu

Continuing Professional Development Certificates will be available.

2. Oops! We goofed! Tech Topics Correction:

CORRECTION on PAGE 6 – WINTER ISSUE of Tech Topics:

TST apologizes to **DGL Consulting Engineers, LLC** as we printed the wrong business card in our Professional Directory. The card that was printed had their old contact information.

The correct contact information is:

**DGL Consulting Engineers, LLC
3455 Briarfield Blvd., Suite E
Maumee, OH 43567
Phone: 419-535-1015 Fax: 419-535-1429
www.dgl-ltd.com**

3. Engineers Week Update:

Mathcounts is scheduled for Saturday, February 2nd. **If you or someone you know would like to VOLUNTEER for Mathcounts, please contact tst@eng.utoledo.edu as soon as possible! It's a great time!**

Information regarding Sponsorship, Engineer for a Day and the Engineers Week Registration Brochure has gone out. Watch your mail for them!

Our website is currently being updated. You will be able to download all of these forms soon. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please feel free to email tst@eng.utoledo.edu

From: "Gabrielle Seay" (GSeay@co.lucas.oh.us)
Subject: Fwd: RE: School Tour & more
Date: Mon, 28 Jan 2008 10:35
To: "Ben Konop" (BKonop@co.lucas.oh.us)

Gabby -- Please pass along this email info to Ben. Thanks, Joel

Dear Ben,

To bring you up to where things are at:

Let's talk over how to suitably reach Lucas County schools with poet laureate programs. I've initiated contacts with Toledo School for the Arts and Deveau Jr. High and will be visiting classes or literary clubs at both schools over the coming months. For a substantive session with the students, each visit requires at least one planning meeting so there's time, driving and expense involved setting things up. I want to minimize running around, focus on a good outcome, and have a protocol that manages costs.

I'm moving ahead with TLCPL initiatives. Are there resources from the Commissioners to draw on? At this point I'll be assigned a publicly accessible working area at the Main Library and I'll be there portions of a couple days each week. We're working on a poetry film series, a schedule of "Conversations About Poetry," input on collection development, and an exciting project that will invite county residents to send in poems for an archive. I'd like to launch a periodical, perhaps to publish on an irregular basis, but this will require time and money, as well as my editorial commitment. But I don't want to assume that TLCPL employees are going to dedicate their time and resources to these without some match or other resource input. How to equitably do this?

I'm writing a "poem about Toledo," an ongoing project over the time of the appointment. If you could arrange for my access to the arena site that would allow me to work that into the evolving text. And, how publicly identified should my laureateship be -- for instance, a box of letterhead stationery or some official ID to attend various activities?

When you have a moment to get back to me I'd appreciate your feedback.

All's well,
Joel

-----Original Message-----

From: Gabrielle Seay [<mailto:GSeay@co.lucas.oh.us>]

Sent: Tue 1/22/2008 4:02 PM

To: Lipman, Joel A.

Subject: Re: School Tour & more

Great. Honestly, Ben mentioned everything to me in passing, so I had no clue where this was left off. You obviously have this all under control. Below is our contact at the Metroparks. She usually responds quicker to email, than phone. If Penny cannot help, she should be able to get you in contact with the appropriate person.

Let me know if you need anything else from me or our office.

Penny Nagy

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Gabrielle Seay

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>>> joel lipman <joel.lipman@utoledo.edu> 1/22/2008 3:28:58 PM >>>

Dear Gabby,

Had a wonderful follow-up meeting last Thursday with Clyde Scoles and the senior team at LCTPL. We'll be organizing through the Library: poetry film series, accessible office space, "Conversations About Poetry" at various locations, input on collection purchase & development, and a couple other viable ideas [soliciting & building an archive of Lucas County citizen poems, periodical publication]. Very productive!

I'll get back within a couple days on school arrangements, as it's a complex maze to enter successfully. I did have a substantive planning meeting with 3 Deveaux teachers last Wednesday -- it's necessary to connect with the "right" person in this notoriously Standards oriented environment. I'd rather think a bit and figure this out unless Ben's got a ripe lead. I'm also inclined to work with a limited number of schools and keep the focus deeper and narrower.

Does the office have a recommended Metroparks contact? I've an idea for a nature writing poetry concept to pursue.

Best,

Joel

On 1/22/08 3:13 PM, "Gabrielle Seay" <GSeay@co.lucas.oh.us> wrote:

> Hi Joel,

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> Ben asked me to contact you to try to set up school tours for you and him to

> discuss poetry. Could you give me a little more information? Any specific

> schools? I think the best way to do this is to have a letter come from you and
> Ben explaining what you would like to do then following up with phone calls to
> schools to schedule the days. Let me know what you think.
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From: "Brooke Stokke" (brooke.stokke@utoledo.edu)
Subject: Government Round Robin
Date: Thu, 31 Jan 2008 14:21
To: "Ben Konop" (BKonop@co.lucas.oh.us)

Good Afternoon Mr. Konop,

My name is Brooke Stokke and I had the pleasure of meeting you last night at the "speed dating" event (I was the lady from Oklahoma whose husband works for J Alexanders). I wanted to take a small moment of your time and thank you for taking time out of your schedule to come in and speak with us. It was a short but very informational.

I also wanted to extend out my contact information if you are ever in need of a volunteer or if there are positions open in your intern office. I am also signing up with UT's Public Service Externship opportunity through Maura Fink and would like to have my resume forwarded on to you. I am very interested in learning more and doing what I can to help future projects that affect Toledo.

I can be reached at brooke.stokke@utoledo.edu and/or could be reached by phone 405-830-4787.

Again, thank you for your time and hope that you enjoyed yourself. Have a wonderful weekend and try and stay warm (and don't forget to eat)!

Thanks Again,

Brooke W. Stokke
Class of 2010
brooke.stokke@utoledo.edu

From: "Konop, Benjamin" (bkonop@UTNet.UToledo.Edu)

Subject: lcic

Date: Tue, 05 Feb 2008 19:34

To: "Ben Konop" (BKonop@co.lucas.oh.us)

Getting from point A to point B

In my first year as Lucas County Commissioner, I've challenged some long time politicians and corporate big wigs in our community to reevaluate the way they serve the public. I didn't set out to pick a fight (I'm actually a fairly laid back guy), but sometimes the fight picks you.

When it comes to Lucas County in 2008, there is no greater priority for a public official than to promote job creation and economic development. That's not rocket science--just look at our growing unemployment numbers, foreclosure rates, and population loss. So it was with a sense of urgency that upon my election in January, 2007, I focused on job creation and began working with the taxpayer funded county's economic development engine, the LCIC.

It didn't take long to find out that this was an agency badly broken and a veritable wasteland of taxpayer dollars (over \$1,000,000 million taxpayer dollars and counting). Work product that came from the agency was sloppy and incomplete--vastly inferior to the work I saw being produced in the private sector. There were no measurements for success, no overarching vision, and no attention being paid to attracting new business. It took the agency six months to design a logo and the CEO claimed that as an accomplishment. Add to this bureaucratic nightmare a board of directors, composed of 20 area politicians and a few corporate big wigs, who appeared ready and willing to accept the status quo, and, as they say, "Houston, we have a problem".

The debate became public when the former CEO told me in a public meeting that he didn't feel the need to monitor companies who received tax abatements to ensure they were creating the jobs that they promised the community. From there things quickly unraveled and the CEO stepped down in October after it was reported that my colleague, Commissioner Gerken, had arranged a contract for \$18,000 between the LCIC and Rictor International to, in part, provide international trade consulting. Problem was Rictor lacked qualifications for international trade

consulting...but they had plenty of political connections in Toledo, Ohio so they got a contract paid for by the taxpayers.

Amidst this backdrop, our unemployment numbers continued to climb, working families continued to lose their homes, and young people continued leaving our community in search of jobs and a brighter future. So several weeks ago, I proposed to stop spending millions of taxpayer dollars on the LCIC, streamline the bureaucracy, and model our economic development process after communities that are creating jobs like Indianapolis and Columbus.

There are three Commissioners in Lucas County, so passing my measure requires one vote in addition to my own--a 2-1 majority. A vote against LCIC takes some courage, goes up against vested interests, and getting it has proven a difficult proposition.

I assumed Commissioner Gerken would vote against my resolution since he set up LCIC, sits on its executive board, was tight with the CEO, and generally had a lot of political capital invested in the government agency. It's hard for a politician to admit a political mistake--which I believe LCIC to be--so in a political sense I see where he is coming from.

I thought, however, I had a chance with my colleague Commissioner Skedlon-Wozniak, who was more detached from the LCIC and seemed to share many of my concerns with the results and accountability of the taxpayer funded agency. Sadly, Commissioner Skeldon-Wozniak to this date has refused to vote for change and twice voted to continue public funding the LCIC. Because the sunshine laws governing Ohio elected officials preclude me from deliberating this issue in private with my colleagues, and since this is a taxpayer funded entity doing a very public task, I will set out my primary reasons to stop taxpayer funding of LCIC and seek a new direction.

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If you, the public, agree that we need change in this community and an urgent new direction in economic development, please email Ms. Skeldon Wozniak at skeldon@lucascountyohio.gov or call her at [419-229-2200](tel:4192292200)

I'm sure my colleagues share my desire to grow our economy and revive our community. I assume that they wouldn't be in public service otherwise. And, despite their continued support of the status quo when it comes to LCIC, I believe that they are interested in being agents of change. Fundamentally, I believe my colleagues are good people with good values. But sometimes years in political office and in boardrooms disconnect folks a little bit from reality and the need for substantive change. However, in a democracy there is a great equalizer: you, the people of Lucas County. And you can make a difference on this one. Let your voice be heard. We all want to get from point A to B and turn Toledo around. But sometimes it takes a little fight and the voice of the people to get there.

From: "Konop, Benjamin" (bkonop@UTNet.UToledo.Edu)

Subject: RE: lcic

Date: Wed, 06 Feb 2008 09:24

To: "Ben Konop" (BKonop@co.lucas.oh.us)

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From: Ben Konop [mailto:bkonop@co.lucas.oh.us]
Sent: Wed 2/6/2008 9:13 AM
To: Konop, Benjamin
Cc: bkonop@o.lucas.oh.us
Subject: Re: lcic

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>>> Ben Konop 02/05/08 9:48 PM >>>

>>> "Konop, Benjamin" <bkonop@UTNet.UToledo.Edu> 02/05/08 7:34 PM >>>

A Little Fight

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The debate became public when the former CEO told me in a public meeting that he didn't feel the need to monitor corporations who received tax abatements to ensure the corporations were creating the jobs that they promised the community. From there things quickly unraveled. In October, the CEO resigned hours before being fired after it was reported that my colleague, Commissioner Gerken, had arranged a contract for \$18,000 between the LCIC and Rictor International. In part, this deal called on Rictor to provide international trade consulting to LCIC. The problem was Rictor lacked most qualifications for international trade consulting...but they had plenty of political connections in Toledo, Ohio so they got a no bid contract from LCIC paid for by the taxpayers.

Amidst this backdrop of mismanagement, our unemployment numbers continued to climb, working families continued to lose their homes, and young people continued leaving our community in search of jobs and a brighter future. So several weeks ago I proposed to stop spending hundreds of thousands of taxpayer dollars on the LCIC, streamline the bureaucracy, and model our economic development process after communities that are creating jobs like Indianapolis and Columbus.

There are three Commissioners in Lucas County, so passing my measure requires one vote in addition to my own--my resolution needs a 2-1 majority. A vote for my resolution and against LCIC takes some courage because it goes up vested interests and political assumptions. Getting one of my colleagues to form a majority has proven a difficult quest.

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1) LCIC is highly redundant. By my count we have at least at NINE economic development agencies working in Lucas County, many of which are funded with taxpayer dollars--millions of taxpayer dollars. We should have two agencies at most, one public and one private, and let's let the private sector lead. Since LCIC hasn't produced results--even many of its supporters admit this--it should be cut.

2) Communities that are winning in the Midwest don't use an LCIC type model for economic development. Indianapolis, Columbus, Grand Rapids, Allentown, and Akron are all ranked ahead of Toledo in economic development and none of them have anything approaching an LCIC like organization. We don't need to reinvent the wheel in Toledo.

3) Too many politicians are at the LCIC table. Of the 27 board members governing LCIC, 20 of those are politicians. Getting 20 Lucas County politicians to embrace bold change is virtually impossible thus the agency lacks a sense of urgency and a broad vision.

4) Lack of accountability and transparency. Taxpayers are pumping hundreds of thousands of dollars into the LCIC yet important decisions continue to be made in backrooms, out of the public's sight. And public information requests to the LCIC, whether by the media or by elected officials, have been either stonewalled against or ignored.

If you, the public, agree that we need change in this community and an urgent new direction in economic development, please email Ms. Skeldon Wozniak at skeldon@lucascountyohio.gov or call her at [419-223-2200](tel:4192232200) and ask her to vote for the resolution to end LCIC. Without LCIC, we'll still have county wide economic development. But it will be less bureaucratic, cost less to taxpayers, be more focused, and more accountable.

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From: "Jeff Knight" (jeffrey.knight@utoledo.edu)

Subject: Summer Volunteer Opportunities

Date: Wed, 13 Feb 2008 10:46

To: "Ben Konop" (BKonop@co.lucas.oh.us)

Commissioner
Konop,

My name is Jeff Knight and I'm currently a first year law student at the Univ. of Toledo. I am writing to inquire as to whether your office will have any volunteer opportunities this summer. I know your office is listed as one participating in the Public Service Externship through the University of Toledo, but I am taking 2 classes over the summer, and I am hoping to avoid the additional financial constraints of the externship program by looking for volunteer opportunities. I've had experience in the federal government prior to attending law school, as I worked for several years at the Department of State in Washington D.C., and I am anxious to become involved at the local level.

I am happy to send a resume, cover letter, or any other information you may need. I look forward to hearing back from you!

Sincerely,

Jeff
Knight

From: "Jeff Knight" (jeffrey.knight@utoledo.edu)

Subject: Re: Summer Volunteer Opportunities

Date: Thu, 14 Feb 2008 21:52

To: "Ben Konop" (BKonop@co.lucas.oh.us)

Mr. Konop,

Just wanted to follow-up and let you know that I called a few times yesterday and today and left a voicemail this afternoon. I plan to call again tomorrow after class. Thanks again, I look forward to meeting you!

-Jeff

----- Original Message -----

From: "Ben Konop"

To: "Jeff Knight"

Sent: Wednesday, February 13, 2008 1:24 PM

Subject: Re: Summer Volunteer Opportunities

Jeff--would love to have you. Please set up an appt. Call 213-2155 and ask for Gabby. Thanks, Ben

>>> "Jeff Knight" 2/13/2008 10:46:20 AM >>>

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Sincerely,

Jeff Knight

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9:41 AM

From: "VanDoren, Bryce" (bvandor@UTNet.UToledo.Edu)

Subject: The Brain Drain in Toledo?

Date: Fri, 15 Feb 2008 15:55

To: "Ben Konop" (BKonop@co.lucas.oh.us)

Dear Commissioner Konop:

I am a student at the University of Toledo. As part of my honors course, "Exploring the City", I have been asked to research the "brain drain" in Ohio, in general, and specifically in Toledo. As you may be aware, the Mayor once defined the brain drain, the outward flow of young educated people, as a major problem facing Toledo. I also read that you had done a "brain-drain tour" of Lucas County high schools in 2007, according to a Toledo Blade article. I was hoping you could address some questions regarding the issue:

1. Do you agree with the Mayor that the brain drain is a major problem facing Ohio and, specifically, Toledo?
2. Why do you believe (if you do) the brain drain exists in Ohio and, specifically, Toledo? Are there specific reasons that may need to be addressed?
3. What steps, if any, are being taken to address the brain drain?
4. Has any legislation (or resolutions) been drafted/passed to address the issue?

5. What strengths do you feel that Ohio and, specifically, Toledo should highlight in its effort to recruit and retain young, educated individuals?

6. What were your findings from your discussions with local high school seniors?

Any information you can provide to assist me would be greatly appreciated. I am particularly interested in any white papers, pamphlets, or position statements you may have on the subject.

Thank you in advance for your assistance. I look forward from hearing from you on the brain drain.

Sincerely,

Bryce VanDoren

From: "Lipman, Joel A." (Joel.Lipman@UToledo.Edu)

Subject: FW: Mud hens opening day

Date: Tue, 19 Feb 2008 18:33

To: "Ben Konop" (BKonop@co.lucas.oh.us)

cc: "" (john.g.rockwood@owenscorning.com)

Dear Ben,

John and I talked about this "Casey" idea, which would be fun and offers spin off possibilities.

I've been down to Toledo School for the Arts as Poet Laureate and have a couple other school visits scheduled. Thinking of schools, a way to expand the Casey bit would be to have a small group of students do a dramatic recitation, with the scoreboard running the lyrics. The crowd could chime in or shout out. There is also a great tradition of Casey parodies and Casey "answer poems" that'd be fun to get the Hens behind [dig, a Mudhens player in archival togs swinging a mighty bat while the poem's recited]

Let's chat when there's a moment. I'm screening poetry films for a Poetry Film Series through the TLCPL, and would like to connect with a couple of other ideas we've briefly discussed, etc.

Best

Joel

-----Original Message-----

From: Rockwood, John G. (Hines) [<mailto:john.g.rockwood@owenscorning.com>]

Sent: Tue 2/19/2008 3:14 PM

To: Lipman, Joel A.; Rockwood, Jennifer L.; Barden, Thomas E.; Julian Rockwood; Julian Rockwood

Subject: FW: Mud hens opening day

-----Original Message-----

From: Ben Konop [<mailto:bkonop@co.lucas.oh.us>]

Sent: Tuesday, February 19, 2008 2:45 PM

To: Rockwood, John G. (Hines)

Subject: Re: Mud hens opening day

GREAT IDEA!

>>> "Rockwood, John G. (Hines)" <john.g.rockwood@owenscorning.com> 02/19/08

2:36 PM >>>

Hello Ben

Hope all is well-----I was thinking for opening day -you should have Joel

lipman [king Kong of poetry in Lucas county]read mighty casey at the bat

!during the opening day festivities -it would be great

John Rockwood

Project Coordinator

Hines

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From: "Wuest, Sue A." (SWuest@UTNet.UToledo.Edu)

Subject: Downtown

Date: Mon, 25 Feb 2008 09:10

To: "Ben Konop" (BKonop@co.lucas.oh.us)

To: "Gabrielle Seay" (GSeay@co.lucas.oh.us)

cc: "Mike Beazley" (MBeazley@co.lucas.oh.us)

Hi Ben

I saw in the paper that you are trying to help solve the problems associated with the recent problems facing Downtown redevelopment. I think that is a critically important issue. The arena will help, but most of the small downtown business owners cannot wait until the arena is built.

A year or so I approached the Downtown Improvement District and the Toledo Design Center about the UT Urban Affairs Center co-hosting discussion about downtown/mainstreet development by Kennedy Smith. Kennedy Smith is the premier Mainstreet/Downtown Development Specialist in the country and beyond. (I have attached a link to her website). I know people from all over the county who have worked with her...as a planner and as a development consultant. She also does workshops and speaking presentations. I spoke to her and she is expensive, but will give a price break to university sponsors. The good thing about Kennedy is that while design and physical planning are important to her, her specialty is the economics of downtown/mainstreet development.

Here is her website....take a look. I have a powerpoint presentation that I downloaded last year. It may still be on the website, take a look at that. I circulated to a lot of the DTID board members and they liked it. If you can't find it on the website I'll look for it and send it to you.

I think we should try to get her in for a day. To attend a work session with downtown stakeholders and give a presentation to a larger group. Let me know what you think.

Sue

Sue Wuest

Assistant Director

The Urban Affairs Center

The University of Toledo

Toledo, Ohio 43620

419-530-3591

From: "Wuest, Sue A." (SWuest@UTNet.UToledo.Edu)

Subject: Kennedy Smmith's website

Date: Mon, 25 Feb 2008 09:11

To: "Ben Konop" (BKonop@co.lucas.oh.us)

To: "Gabrielle Seay" (GSeay@co.lucas.oh.us)

cc: "Mike Beazley" (MBeazley@co.lucas.oh.us)

<http://www.cluegroup.com/index.html>

From: Wuest, Sue A.
Sent: Mon 2/25/2008 9:10 AM
To: Gabrielle Seay; Ben Konop
Cc: Mike Beazley (mbeazley@co.lucas.oh.us)
Subject: Downtown

Hi Ben

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From: Wuest, Sue A.

Sent: Monday, February 25, 2008
9:10 AM

To: Gabrielle Seay; Ben Konop

Cc: Mike Beazley
(mbeazley@co.lucas.oh.us)

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From: "Jeff Knight" (jeffrey.knight@utoledo.edu)

Subject: Re: Summer Volunteer Opportunities

Date: Tue, 26 Feb 2008 23:37

To: "Ben Konop" (BKonop@co.lucas.oh.us)

Mr. Konop,

I just wanted to follow up on our meeting last week. I really appreciated you taking the time to talk with me about volunteering. I've already started to kick around a few ideas, and I plan on bringing "The Rise of the Creative Class" with me on spring break.

I will get in touch with Gabby in a few weeks when the appellate brief and midterms settle down, to hopefully setup another appointment where we can come up with a start date.

Thanks again, I look forward to working with your office!

Best,

Jeff Knight

----- Original Message -----

From: "Ben Konop"

To: "Jeff Knight"

Sent: Wednesday, February 13, 2008 1:24 PM

Subject: Re: Summer Volunteer Opportunities

Jeff--would love to have you. Please set up an appt. Call 213-2155 and ask for Gabby. Thanks, Ben

>>> "Jeff Knight" 2/13/2008 10:46:20 AM >>>

Commissioner Konop,

My name is Jeff Knight and I'm currently a first year law student at the Univ. of Toledo. I am writing to inquire as to whether your office will have any volunteer opportunities this summer. I know your office is listed as one participating in the Public Service Externship through the University of Toledo, but I am taking 2 classes over the summer, and I am hoping to avoid the additional financial constraints of the externship program by looking for volunteer opportunities. I've had experience in the federal government prior to attending law school, as I worked for several years at the Department of State in Washington D.C., and I am anxious to become involved at the local level.

I am happy to send a resume, cover letter, or any other information you may need. I look forward to hearing back from you!

Sincerely,

Jeff Knight

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9:41 AM

From: "Calzonetti, Frank" (FCalzon@UTNet.UToledo.Edu)

Subject: RE: Funding Proposal

Date: Mon, 03 Mar 2008 17:53

To: "Ben Konop" (BKonop@co.lucas.oh.us)

cc: "Diane Miller" (dmiller24@UTNet.UToledo.Edu)

cc: "Megan Reichert" (mreiche4@UTNet.UToledo.Edu)

cc: "William McMillen" (William.McMillen@utoledo.edu)

File item: [UT Incubator Lucas County Grant Request revmarch 2 08.doc](#) (62976)

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I will be in Washington DC tomorrow and Wednesday and will return on Thursday.

Best Regards,

Frank

-----Original Message-----

From: Ben Konop [mailto:BKonop@co.lucas.oh.us]

Sent: Monday, March 03, 2008 11:09 AM

To: Calzonetti, Frank

Cc: Miller, Diane; Reichert, Megan

Subject: RE: Funding Proposal

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From: "Reichert, Megan" (mreiche4@UTNet.UToledo.Edu)

Subject: FW: Funding Proposal

Date: Tue, 04 Mar 2008 16:24

To: "Ben Konop" (BKonop@co.lucas.oh.us)

File item: [UT Incubator Lucas County Grant Request revmarch 2 08.doc](#) (62976)

Ben,

Frank wanted me to make sure that you received this yesterday. The paper copy is in the mail to you. Could you please let me know when you receive this?

Thank you!

Megan Reichert-Kral

From: Calzonetti, Frank
Sent: Mon 3/3/2008 5:53 PM
To: 'Ben Konop'
Cc: Miller, Diane; Reichert, Megan; McMillen, William
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From: "Konop, Benjamin" (bkonop@UTNet.UToledo.Edu)

Subject: free press

Date: Wed, 19 Mar 2008 11:05

To: "Ben Konop" (BKonop@co.lucas.oh.us)

What do California's Silicon Valley, North Carolina's Research Triangle, and Pittsburgh's ? have in common? First, they are all home to thousands of good paying, high tech jobs--the types of jobs that Toledo so desperately needs. Secondly, these job hot spots are all a result of partnerships between universities, private business, and government. In each case, however, the university was the key cog in the economic growth and job creation of the region. The universities, whether they are University of Pittsburgh, University of North Carolina, or Stanford, to name a few, supply a talented workforce, are centers for research, collaboration, and innovation, produce patentable technology, and spin off high tech companies into the private sector that grow into multi million dollar job creators.

In the 21st century, it is becoming increasingly apparent that for a community to achieve long term, sustainable economic growth, the university must lead the way. Without the tangible and intangible assets a university brings to the table, a community simply cannot compete in the global knowledge based economy.

It is my firm belief that Northwest Ohio's economic rebound will be led by its institutions of higher learning. We are lucky to have two large state research institutions in our immediate region (three if you count the Wolverines up north) as well as growing community colleges and strong private institutions.

With this in mind, I sponsored a resolution at Tuesday's Commissioner's hearing to invest county economic development funds into a partnership with the University of Toledo's high tech, alternative energy incubator. My proposal called for \$330,000 to be invested into a partnership

with state, federal, and private matching funds, so that a new campus facility could be built. The new incubator, which will give students the opportunity to do research and professors the opportunity to develop patents, will house 20 companies and create up to 200 good paying jobs. The county's investment was to go towards fitting the facility with the type of technology these start up companies need to get off the ground.

The University of Toledo has a strong track record of growing small companies in its incubator and creating jobs---most notably in the field of alternative energy. It was my hope that the county's investment could help take UT's existing success to the next level and help create even more jobs in fields like bio tech, information technology, and solar and wind power.

Unfortunately, it was politics as usual in Lucas County. My resolution got outvoted 2-1 by Commissioners Gerken and Wozniak. Neither Commissioner offered a public explanation at the Commissioner's hearing as to why they were voting against the job creating investment. Later, in the ensuing media coverage, their explanations amounted to "we've already done enough to help UT's job creation incubators,"

This is very distressing logic. Toledo has the highest unemployment rate of any city in Ohio. Lucas County often has the highest unemployment rate of any county outside Appalachia. We are in the midst of an economic meltdown and bold ideas and the will to change are the only things that can alter our communities course.

Our town is blessed with hard working, good hearted people who, when given an equal playing field, can compete and win in the global economy. However, when complacent politicians accept the status quo and fail to invest in bold job creating projects like the high tech incubator, the playing field isn't fair.

From: "Konop, Benjamin" (bkonop@UTNet.UToledo.Edu)

Subject: RE: free press

Date: Wed, 19 Mar 2008 17:30

To: "Ben Konop" (BKonop@co.lucas.oh.us)

From: Ben Konop [mailto:BKonop@co.lucas.oh.us]
Sent: Wed 3/19/2008 5:19 PM
To: bkonop@o.lucas.oh.us
Cc: Konop, Benjamin
Subject: free press

Let's Put Progress Before Politics for a Change

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The University of Toledo has an impressive track record of growing small companies in its existing incubator and creating jobs---most notably in the field of alternative energy. It was my hope that the county's investment could help take UT's existing success to the next level and help create even more jobs in fields like bio tech, information technology, and solar and wind power. This could move Toledo closer to becoming the Silicon Valley of alternative energy.

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Perhaps my colleagues' no vote was political payback for my recent resolutions to hold LCIC accountable for economic development or my resolution to limit travel expenses for county employees in these tough economic times. They have publicly opposed both resolutions in some form or another and have taken heat for it. If that is their motivation for blocking a job creating initiative (and since they offered no public explanation of their votes in our public forum I can only guess) that is a sad commentary on the way government operates in Lucas County.

Although my attempt help create 21st century jobs was blocked, I'm not going to stop fighting for change. Our town is blessed with hard working, highly skilled, and good hearted people who, when given an equal playing field, can compete and win in the global economy. However, the playing field isn't fair for the citizens of Lucas County when their politicians accept the status quo and put politics ahead of progress.

From: "Johnson, Daniel M. " (dan.johnson@utoledo.edu)

Subject: Document2

Date: Thu, 20 Mar 2008 14:16

To: "Ben Konop" (BKonop@co.lucas.oh.us)

To: "Mike Beazley" (MBeazley@co.lucas.oh.us)

To: "Pete Gerken" (PGerken@co.lucas.oh.us)

To: "" (Wozniak@co.lucas.oh.us)

File item: [Doc2.doc](#) (21504)

Pete, Tina and
Ben,

Please see the attached
letter. I think this is important or I wouldn't
bother you.

Dan
Johnson

From: "Baker, Aaron Allen" (abaker20@UTNet.UToledo.Edu)

Subject: Nice to meet you

Date: Mon, 24 Mar 2008 17:18

To: "Ben Konop" (BKonop@co.lucas.oh.us)

Hello Ben,

I enjoyed meeting you and look forward to further conversation.
Please feel free to contact me if you need anything: All of my contact information
is below.

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From: "Mehl, Jessica" (jmehl@utnet.utoledo.edu)

Subject: RE: volunteer law clerk posting

Date: Thu, 03 Apr 2008 16:35

To: "Ben Konop" (BKonop@co.lucas.oh.us)

Ben,

Thanks for coming to the Public Interest Recognition Program at the law school a few weeks back. Do you have any need for additional volunteer law clerks over the summer? I have a student that is really interested in working on public policy issues.

Best,

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& Public Service Coordinator
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-----Original Message-----

From: Ben Konop [mailto:BKonop@co.lucas.oh.us]
Sent: Monday, October 01, 2007 4:31 PM
To: Mehl, Jessica
Subject: Re: volunteer law clerk posting

Jessica- Thanks for the prompt response. I would just change the date

to "immediately" and the part time summer to part time fall and winter.

Also, employer would be Ben Konop, Lucas County Commissioner. If you could post it with those changes asap I would appreciate it. Thanks, Ben

>>> "Mehl, Jessica" 10/1/2007 4:26 PM >>>
Mr. Konop,

Thanks for the call this afternoon. The text of your previous posting is below. Please let me know what changes/updates you would like, and I will get the position re-posted for you this afternoon.

Employer:

Lucas County Commissioners' Office

Job Type:

LAW STUDENT

Job Title:

Volunteer Law Clerk

Description:

The Lucas County Commissioners' Office is seeking a volunteer to serve as a part time law clerk. The person selected for this position will begin May 6, 2007 and will aid in conducting field and legal research regarding the reorganization of county and state government in Ohio. Criteria: 1L or 2L. Minority candidates are encouraged to apply. Resumes and cover letters accepted via e-mail only. Please send to Benjamin Konop at benjamin.konop@utoledo.edu

Job Location:

Ohio-Northern-Toledo

Job Schedule:

Part Time - Summer

Compensation:

Not Supplied

Accepting resum,s from:

1L, 2L,

Best,

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From: "Sherman, Michael D." (MSherma@UTNet.UToledo.Edu)
Subject: Just saw your Channel 13 interview
Date: Sun, 13 Apr 2008 10:47

To: "Ben Konop" (BKonop@co.lucas.oh.us)

Dear Ben:

Haven't talked to you in quite awhile, but am still following your activities. I can only say that I wish we had about 20 more Ben Konops around. This city still continues to focus only on downtown and the political ideology of one side or the other. We better stop this or we're really going to be in a pickle. This semester I did my regular survey of the students in my capstone financial management course. Of 35 students, 3 have jobs in Toledo and are staying. Five would stay if they could find a job here. The rest, 28 students said that they wouldn't stay here even if offered a local area job. In addition, many of my colleagues are retiring from UT and most are leaving this area. Put it all together and this area is dying fast. There still are many opportunities to explore, but most involve the region and not just downtown Toledo.

Keep your spirits up; we need young, vibrant, and alternative economic thinking around here. Whether or not we ever get together again, I'm still in your camp.

With all my very best wishes to you,
Mike

Michael D. Sherman, Ph.D.
Associate Professor of Finance
College of Business Administration
The University of Toledo

From: "Konop, Benjamin" (bkonop@UTNet.UToledo.Edu)

Subject: rant

Date: Mon, 21 Apr 2008 23:40

To: "Ben Konop" (BKonop@co.lucas.oh.us)

draft

"Do you know where Toledo, Ohio is on a map?" If I were hosting one of these presidential debates that seem to be occurring nearly every week these days, that would be the question I would ask. If they got that one right, I'd then follow up with the question to the presidential candidates, "well what are you going to do for Toledo, Ohio ?" In fact, there should be an entire debate with just that one question. Because, while we here plenty of promises and platitudes by the candidates, some of which are important and relevant, but some of which don't pass the smell test, I have yet to hear anything relating to a concrete plan to revive the economy and create jobs in places like Toledo.

Truth is, we could have the greatest leadership here locally in Toledo and we might still not be able to get out of the economic jam that we're in. We can do all the right things here in our community but in the end we have limited resources at our disposal on the local level. The big money and big lawmaking power and thus the real ability to transform our community rests, unfortunately, in Washington, D.C. And the next president, if they set their mind to it, could revive our local economy. But it's going to take guts and vision.

For example, Toledo needs a massive injection of federal funds to invest in alternative energy research and manufacturing jobs right here in Northwest Ohio. I don't look at this as a handout, far from it actually. Toledoans have worked hard and played by the rules for years and, in essence, our jobs have been sold to the highest bidder. Whether it be through unfair trade deals or policies that protect ceo's and not workers rights, Washington has seemingly sacrificed places like our hometown in favor of courting Wall Street and China.

The next President has the ability to say enough is enough. The next President has the ability to spend three trillion dollars of taxpayer money in places like Toledo and not in Iraq. The next President has the ability to invest in alternative energy and education and help turn Toledo into the Silicon Valley of the Midwest. The next president has the power to do all this and more. But first, somebody has to ask the question to the candidates, "what are you going to do for Toledo?"

From: "David Mann" (DMann@co.lucas.oh.us)

Subject: Fwd: NASA Project

Date: Wed, 07 May 2008 13:45

To: GMB

cc: MBK

To: "Ben Konop" (BKonop@co.lucas.oh.us)

To: "Pete Gerken" (PGerken@co.lucas.oh.us)

To: "Tina Skeldon Wozniak" (TWozniak@co.lucas.oh.us)

File item: [Ohio Photovoltaic Materials and Module Test Facility one page summary.doc](#) (27648)

File item: [UT Allocation Resolution.doc](#) (27136)

Here is the first email that Mike Beazley exchanged with Frank Calzonetti.

Also attached is the proposed reso for Tuesday. I will forward the other email chain next.

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It would be great to have Lucas County as a partner on this project. Please let me, or Robert Collins (PI) know if you have any questions.

Thanks for your help and interest.

Frank

Frank J. Calzonetti

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Date: Wed, 07 May 2008 15:35

To: "Ben Konop" (BKonop@co.lucas.oh.us)

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From: "David Mann" (DMann@co.lucas.oh.us)

Subject: Fwd: NASA proposal

Date: Thu, 08 May 2008 08:39

To: GMB

cc: MBK

To: TPB

File item: [NASA Full Proposal v3ns.doc](#) (2408449)

Commissioners,

Here's the full proposal for the NASA project from Frank Calzonetti.

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Mike—here is a copy of the full proposals that was submitted yesterday to NASA Glenn.

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