**Westerville Area Chamber Office 99 Commerce Park Dr. 43082**

**Agenda Tuesday, March 7, 2024, 3:30-4:45 PM**

**Attendees**: Jeff Akers, Amy Balster, Rita Bassiet, Dennis Blair, Polly Clavijo, Mary Collins, Ashley Fellers,

Graham Guthrie, Laura Hartman, Sophia Kisgeropoulos, Brandon Lawson, Megan O’Hara, Mark Smolik. Staff member: Janet Tressler-Davis

1. Welcome & Introductions - Jeff Akers

2. Members of Committee Teams

Healthcare – Andy H.

Taxation/Worker’s Comp. Brandon

* EIN Number: anyone with an active EIN must register at <https://www.fincen.gov/> by 12/13/2024.
* Personal income tax revenues was down this past year as compared to the year prior.

Workforce: WorkWISE- Janet/Gene

* April 8th is the Total Eclipse. Many businesses are preparing for this, including OhioHealth.
* April 8th is also the teacher externship day sponsored by the WorkWISE group. 30 teachers are registered.
* WorkForce Development Board of Central Ohio is hosting a Healthcare panel at COPC in April. This is to improve staffing and the interest pipeline from the K12 schools.

3. Outcomes from Economic Development Study, Rachel Ray, City Economic Development Dir.

 - See slides included in the email.

 - City of Westerville and Harlem Township merger <https://westervilleharlem.org/>

 - Plan to attend the State of the City on March 21st [www.westerville.org/soc](http://www.westerville.org/soc)

4. Review of Council’s Priority Agenda

 - Jeff Akers and Laura Hartman volunteered to review the advocacy agenda.

5. Future Meeting Topics- What topic is of interest to you?

* JCR Presentation on Streamlining of Ohio’s Administrative Code
* <https://cutredtape.ohio.gov/> – to submit suggestions for rule removal
* Plans for Westerville Public Library Nov. Ballot Levy
* City of Westerville and Harlem Township merger vote in November
* Members of Westerville City Council

Reminders:

* Tuesday, March 12 @ 11:30am - Quarterly Membership Luncheon – City of Westerville Spotlight, The Club at Little Turtle. <https://business.westervillechamber.com/events/details/quarterly-membership-luncheon-march-2024-10577?calendarMonth=2024-03-01>
* Thursday, March 21 @ 6:00pm - State of the City Address at The Renaissance
* Tuesday, April 4 @ 3:30pm - Business Advocacy Council
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