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## Macoupin Economic Development Partnership

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*Mayors who attended the Cooperative Purchase presentations included: Front Row (L to R) Brighton Mayor Wayne Schafer, Girard Mayor John Lutz, Mt. Olive Mayor John Skertich. Middle Row (L to R) Scottville Mayor Mark Keeney, Modesto Mayor Tom Thompson, Gillespie Mayor John Hicks. Back Row (L to R): Bunker Hill Mayor Ray Chapman, Palmyra Mayor Brad Bacon, White City Mayor Scott VanLoo, Standard City Mayor Jacob Coppole, Royal Lakes Mayor London Simmons.*

### **Macoupin Mayors Investigate Money Saving Options**

The Macoupin County Mayor's Council met Wednesday night to discuss the possibility of Cooperative Purchasing. Nearly 30 municipal staff including Mayors, aldermen, clerks and public works directors, met at Zip's Main Street Perk in Mt. Olive to hear potential money-saving options from a panel of local businesses.

The panel consisted of Jonathan Morrison, 1 Sec (Carlinville), for office supplies, Mike Hailstone, MH Sales (Gillespie) for janitorial supplies, Linda Brown and Bill Gascon, NBS Systems (Mt. Olive) for water bills and traffic ticket printing, Terry Fountain, Illinois Department of Transportation (Springfield) for oil and rock, and Courtney Wood, MEDP (Staunton) for municipal ordinances/equipment online services.

“Anytime you can save taxpayers money, it's a good thing,” said Mayor John Skertich of Mt. Olive. “Learning how to stretch a tax dollar for every community in the county, is why we are all here.”

Eleven mayors attended the Cooperative Purchasing meeting: Hosted by Mayor John Skertich – Mt. Olive, John Hicks – Gillespie, Jacob Coppole – Standard City, Scott VanLoo – White City, London Simmons – Royal Lakes, Ray Chapman – Bunker Hill, John Lutz – Girard, Brad Bacon – Palmyra, Mark Keeney – Scottville, Tom Thompson – Modesto and Wayne Schafer – Brighton.

The council plans to further investigate which partnerships will benefit their citizens the most. If you are a Macoupin-based company who would like to present services to the council, please contact Shari Albrecht, Executive Director of MEDP at 217-556-8696. The Macoupin County Mayor's Council meets quarterly to provide networking, education and leadership

development opportunities. MEDP membership is not required to participate. All Macoupin Mayors are invited to participate and should contact Albrecht for more information.

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