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Jackson Growth Alliance Names New Executive Director

Jeffrey W. Doherty has been appointed Executive Director of the Jackson Growth Alliance.

Doherty previously served as Carbondale City Manager for 16 years before retiring from the City of Carbondale in 2008. He began his career with the City of Carbondale in 1976 and served in various administrative positions prior to being appointed City Manager in 1992. Jeff Doherty holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Administration of Justice and a Master of Public Affairs degree from Southern Illinois University Carbondale. He is also a graduate of the Senior Executive Institute at the University of Virginia.

Doherty has over 20 years of economic development experience. In addition to his economic development work as City Manager, he has served on various economic development boards including the Carbondale Business Development Corporation Board of Directors and the Southern Illinois Research Park Board of Directors where he served as Chairman.

“We are building a foundation in the Jackson Growth Alliance that will bring business, government and the university together to achieve economic growth in Jackson County,” said Doherty. “We can be successful through an alliance and I am excited to be a part of this cooperative effort.”

Philip Schaefer, Chairman of the Jackson Growth Alliance Board of Directors stated, “Economic development will be a critical factor in the success of Jackson County and its residents in the future and Jackson Growth Alliance will play an active role in the expansion of business in the county. We are very happy to have Mr. Doherty join our organization and look for his leadership to be a catalyst to economic development here.”

Jackson Growth Alliance is an independent, not-for-profit corporation created to encourage community and economic development for all of Jackson County and the greater southern Illinois region. JGA unites the efforts of Jackson County government, City of Murphysboro, City of Carbondale, Southern Illinois University, Southern Illinois Airport Authority, and the business community for the achievement of economic development goals. The Jackson Growth Alliance was formerly known as the Jackson County Business Development Corporation.

The Jackson Growth Alliance Board of Directors are: Philip Schaefer, Southern Illinois Healthcare; John Evans, Chairman, Jackson County Board; Mayor Brad Cole, City of Carbondale; Mayor Ron Williams, City of Murphysboro; John Koropchak, Southern Illinois University Carbondale; Gary Shafer, Southern Illinois Airport Authority; Kristin Gregory, Carbondale Chamber of Commerce; Shawn Stearns, Modern Copier; and Karl Maple, U. S. Congressman Jerry Costello’s Office.

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