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## Macomb County Executive Mark A. Hackel

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### Macomb County Executive Mark Hackel Meets With County's Lansing delegation

Citing the need to work in close partnership with Macomb County's delegation in the state legislature, Macomb County Executive Mark Hackel and members of his management team held a productive meeting on Monday ( 02-14-2011 ) with state representatives and state senators who represent Macomb County.

"We had a positive sit down with the men and women who represent us in Lansing," said Executive Hackel, who become the county's first executive on January 1.

Eight of the nine state representatives who represent Macomb County, as well as all three state senators, attended the meeting at the County Executive's office in Mount Clemens.

According to Hackel, leadership staff from the Executive's office and the Planning & Economic Development department articulated the opportunities and challenges facing Macomb from a jobs and economic development standpoint.

"We had a great discussion and a tremendous exchange of ideas," Hackel added. "We know that state government isn't in a budgetary position to provide a lot of funding assistance, but we were able to let our legislative leaders know what our priorities are."

"I was pleased to meet, along with my Senate and House colleagues, the County's new leadership to discuss ways that we can work together toward common goals and outcomes," **said Senator Steve Bieda of Warren.** We had a very productive, give-and-take discussion. We plan to do this regularly and I believe that this out-going communication will be important as we move our county and state forward. It will help me and my legislative colleagues from Macomb advocate for the county more effectively now that we have an executive who can speak in a singular and authoritative voice."

"This is the first time since I've served in Lansing that we have had an opportunity to meet with the County's leadership and discuss ways that we can work toward common goals and outcomes," commented **House Majority Whip, Representative Pete Lund of Shelby Township.**

Hackel said the participants from Monday's meeting plan to meet on a more frequent basis going forward with other county department heads.

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