



Deputy County Executive

Douglas J. Smith

Biography

First Appointed: 2009

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Role: Leads the county's efforts in industry diversification and commercialization of technology through the Emerging Sectors Program, Medical Mainstreet, the Economic Growth Alliance, and the Business Roundtable. Oversees the Economic Development & Community Affairs Division, which includes Community & Home Improvement, Planning & Economic Development Services, and Workforce Development; Marketing & Communications and the Film Office.

Activities:

- Board of Directors, Automation Alley
- Economic Development Coalition of Southeastern Michigan. (EDCSEM)
- Chair, Oakland County / Automation Alley Smartzone
- Board of University Center Research Park
- Board of Count Your Steps
- Liaison to Brooksie Way

Doug Smith served for nine years as the director of real estate and development for the city of Troy, prior to that was vice-president and chief administrative officer for Walsh College from 1991-1998; and, in the past, was an aide to Gov. William Milliken on education, finance and taxation, on the State Board of Education for five years, director of policy and legislation for the Michigan Department of Commerce and Michigan Business Ombudsman; he established the Office of Economic Expansion at Grand Valley State University and directed a number of economic development initiatives in the greater Grand Rapids area. He has been a member of the Michigan Economic Developers Association (MEDA) since 1979. Doug serves as a board member for MSU's University Center Research Park (UCRP), and the Michigan Schools & Government Credit Union (MSGCU), and the Boys & Girls Club of Troy and chaired the club's successful \$3.5 million capital campaign.

Holds a bachelor's degree in economics and government from Lawrence University, master's degree from the University of Michigan in public policy, specializing in international economics. He is a licensed real estate broker. His wife, Carol, is an attorney. They have one son, Kevin, a graduate of the Eli Broad School of Business at Michigan State University.