



## **Furnas/Harlan Partnership Meeting**

### **September 30, 2004**

The Furnas/Harlan Partnership Public Forum was held on Thursday, September 30, 2004 at 7:00 PM at the Southern Valley School. There were 18 people in attendance at the meeting. The attendance was down from past Public Forums due to several conflicting meetings and school activities. There was a good representation from the Oxford Chamber/businesses.

Ken Johnson, chairman, welcomed those in attendance and had everyone introduce themselves and the business/entity they represented.

Ken then presented a Power Point Program on the history of how the Partnership has developed to its current position. The Business Plan was discussed along with some of the past accomplishments: signing of the Inter-local agreements/Celebration; assisting with Mama's Salsa open house; application for the NCIP Founders Award; and assisting DED with the BR&E Surveys.

The discussion was then directed to Partnership Funding/Hiring a fulltime economic director for the Partnership. The membership gave the Board Members present some direction to take back to the next Board Meeting. The consensus was that the next step was to proceed with developing a job description and the plan for funding the position.

There was also some discussion on one fulltime position versus two part time positions, or one fulltime with a part time assistant.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 PM.