

**Athens Economic Development Corporation
Board of Directors Meeting
Minutes for April 10, 2018**

The Board of Directors of the Athens Economic Development Corporation (hereafter referred to as AEDC) held a Board Meeting at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, April 10, 2018, in the Athens Partnership Center located at 201 W. Corsicana Street, Athens, Texas.

Directors present: Jeaneane Lilly, John Trent, Carmen Hunt, Will Traxson, Cliff Barrett, Cliff Bomer and Randy Jones

Directors absent: None

Ex-Officio: Monte Montgomery, Mayor, City of Athens

Staff present: Lisa Denton, Sherri Skeeters and Dede Sims

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by President Lilly for all agenda items. A quorum was present.

Citizen Comments

None

Declaration of Conflict of Interest

None

Consider discussion and possible approval of minutes from the following AEDC Meetings:

A. AEDC Board Meeting March 20, 2018

Will Traxson made a motion to approve the minutes, as presented. Carmen Hunt seconded the motion and motion carried 7-0.

Consider discussion and possible action on the following items associated with AEDC financials.

A. March 2018 finance reports

The board received an update from Lisa Denton on the revenues, expenditures and commitments of AEDC for the month of March 2018.

Will Traxson made a motion to approve the March financials. Cliff Bomer seconded and motion carried 7-0.

Athens Municipal Airport Economic Impact Analysis

City of Athens Assistant City Manager, Thanasis Kombos, presented the Economic Impact Analysis on the expansion of the Athens Municipal Airport. Mr. Kombos is to forward the Airport Master Plan for review by the AEDC Board.

Consider Discussion and possible action on the following AEDC Grant Programs:

A. Business Assistance Grant Program

1. Public Hearing on proposed expenditures for Athens Screen Printing
President Lilly opened the Public Hearing at 10:11 A.M. for public comment. Hearing no comments, the Public Hearing was closed at 10:11 A.M.

2. Update on second call for projects

As previously discussed, a second call for BAG applications has been opened, with a deadline of May 4th. Projects will be brought before the board at the May meeting.

B. Community Development Grant Program

1. Review and approval of 2017 grant payment to Athens Teenage Baseball Association, Inc.

Project is now complete and a final report was received from Chris Tinsley. In kind labor and donations estimated at \$18,275 were contributed to the project. AEDC approved up to \$22,000 for the project, and has previously paid out \$18,215.91, when the project was 80% complete. Receipts provided show a balance due of \$3,056.78. Staff recommends payment of this amount.

Will Traxson made a motion, seconded by John Trent, to approve payment of \$3,056.78 to Athens Teenage Baseball Association, Inc. for the 2017 community development grant project. Motion passed 7-0

2. Public Hearing on the following proposed expenditures:

A. Athens Teenage Baseball Association, Inc.

President Lilly opened the Public Hearing at 10:18 A.M. for public comment. Hearing no comments, the Public Hearing was closed at 10:18 A.M.

B. Henderson County Regional Fair Park

President Lilly opened the Public Hearing at 10:19 A.M. for public comment. Hearing no comments, the Public Hearing was closed at 10:20 A.M.

Consider discussion and possible approval of amendment to the EDPA with Palestine St. LLC d/b/a Advanced Rehabilitation & Healthcare of Athens, to extend completion of project to January 31, 2019

Ms. Denton reported that the project has experienced further delays due to weather and a water line issue with Virginia Hill Water Supply. This contract was first amended in January 2017.

Cliff Barrett made a motion to approve a second amendment to the EDPA, allowing for a project completion date of January 31, 2019. Carmen Hunt seconded and motion carried 7-0.

FYE 2017 Year End Report

A report detailing the activities of AEDC for FYE 2017 was presented by Lisa Denton. This report was also given to Council on Monday, April 9th.

Consider entering into Executive Session according to TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE Chapter 551 to discuss the following:

At 10:45 A.M., President Lilly announced that the board would enter into Executive Session pursuant to the provisions of the TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE Chapter 551, in accordance with the authority contained in the following sections:

A. Section 551.087 - Deliberation regarding Economic Development Negotiations with the following prospects:

Prospect #1501	Prospect #1686
Prospect #1593	Prospect #1687
Prospect #1639	Prospect #1688
Prospect #1641	

The board reconvened into Open Session at 11:38 A.M.

Consider discussion and possible action on items discussed under Agenda Item 10

John Trent made a motion to authorize AEDC Board President to negotiate a contract for the purchase of real property, for the benefit of Prospect #1687. Randy Jones seconded and motion carried 7-0.

With no further business remaining, a motion to adjourn at 11:39 A.M. was made by Cliff Bomer and seconded by John Trent. Motion carried 7-0.

Carmen Hunt, Secretary

Jeaneane Lilly, President