



Athens Economic Development Corporation

Board of Directors

Monthly Board Minutes

April 20, 2021

The Board of Directors of the Athens Economic Development Corporation (hereinafter referred to as AEDC) held their monthly meeting on Tuesday, April 20, 2021 in the Derek D. Daniels Room of the Athens Partnership Center located at 201 W Corsicana Street, Athens, Texas.

Directors present: John Trent, Danny Tidmore, Randy Jones, Donna Meredith, Cliff Bomer and Mark Ferrell

Staff Present Valerie Franklin, Office Manager

Ex-Officio: City Manager Elizabeth Borstad

Guest: Councilmen Aaron Smith, Finance Manager Mandie Quigg and Deborah Deas

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:03 A.M. by Vice-president John Trent for all the agenda items. A quorum was present.

Declaration of Conflict of Interest

None.

Public Communications

None.

Consider discussion and possible action regarding the approval of Minutes from AEDC board meeting for March 16, 2021

Director Donna Meredith made a motion to approve the March 16, 2021. It was second by Mark Ferrell. The motion passed unanimously.

Consider discussion and possible action regarding the approval of March 2021 Financials – Mandie Quigg-Finance Director

John Trent stated he looked at October-March of last year and this year and we are still over what was

collected last year in sales tax. Finance Director Mandie Quigg stated it is just over about \$3400.00.

Director Randy Jones made a motion to approve the March 20201 financials. It was seconded by Donna Meredith. The motion pass unanimously.

Consider discussion and possible action regarding approval of Performance Agreements for Community Development and Business Assistance grants

John Trent stated the committee approval \$55,571.05 out of \$75,000 of the Community Development Grant budget and \$27,444.66 out of the \$75,000 Business Assistance Grant budget.

Donna Meredith stated the committee discussed reopening the grants later.

Randy Jones stated the he was pleased with the process and the effective evaluation process used.

Councilman Aaron Smith stated he was on the review committee and would like to see the programs reopened.

Danny Tidmore asked if anything needed to be done differently the next time. City Manager Elizabeth Borstad stated she would like to see the program advertised more. Donna Meredith talked about she and Joanie going out to businesses personally.

A motion was made by Director Cliff Bomer to accept the performance agreements for both grant programs. It was seconded by Danny Tidmore. The motion passed unanimously.

Consider discussion and possible action concerning new Xerox machine agreement.

Director Randy Jones made a motion to approve the new Xerox machine agreement. It was seconded by Donna Meredith. The motion passed unanimously.

Director's update

Vice-president John Trent read Executive Director Joanie Ahlers' update. Biomerics final payment of \$99,999.20 was made last week. The payment was for the retainage that AEDC held back on Biomerics construction draws. Construction has been completed and the Certificate of Occupancy has been issued by the City.

AEDC is working with Athens ISD to coordinate a job fair for the graduating seniors and our local businesses. AEDC will be paying for any expenses associated with the Job fair. This is a budgeted expense under Business Retention.

Board of Director's request for future agenda items

Director Danny Tidmore asked that discussion of the spec building be put back on next month's agenda and City Councilman Aaron Smith asked that the grant problems be put back on next month's agenda.

Adjourn

With no other business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 10:16 a.m.

Randy Jones, Secretary

John Trent, Vice- President