

Minutes
Anderson County Development Agency
April 17, 2018
AuBurn Corporate Headquarters, Garnett, KS

I. The meeting was called to order at 5:02pm with the following board members in attendance: County Commissioner Les McGhee, Doug Rockers, John Wilson, City Commissioner Jody Cole, Casey Smith, Reuben Feuerborn and Eileen Burns. Absent: Sandra Zook. Presiding Officer: Reuben Feuerborn. Guest Present: Dennis Arnold and Shelly Paash, Senior Product Manager with NetWork Kansas.

II. Approval of Minutes: John Wilson made a motion to approve the minutes of March 6, 2018 as presented. Casey Smith seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

III. Discussion of Old Business

A. New Committee members

1. City Commissioner Jody Cole was present for the first time as the new City Commissioner Representative Board Member as appointed by the City.
2. Eric Glaze, who submitted a resume with his letter of interest for serving on this board has been submitted for the City's consideration. Reuben suggested he be invited to attend our meeting May 15th for this board to meet him in person. Eileen will contact him.

B. Airport Industrial Property Update

1. Dennis Arnold reported that City Manager, Chris Weiner is pushing to get 40 acres to proceed. Also looking at additional property around it to get the road access to it.
2. USDA is looking to review the project because of the grant money that went into it. Reuben gave Jody a review of the history of the project.

IV. Discussion of New Business

- A. Dennis Arnold- Proposal for Economic Development Management: Dennis presented his contract to the Board stating the similarities and difference with his previous contract with the City. His proposal will be a contract and not employment with the City, the contract would be paid by the County, he would still use office space in City Hall (for further details see attached proposal) Dennis then left the room for Board discussion. The Board agreed that before Dennis Arnold's proposal can be considered, that the current Operating Agreement with the City & County needs to be re-evaluated.

- B. Economic Development Director Position. Since the Board has been charged with presenting 3 candidates for the position to the City, discussion turned to the position in general and how this task can be achieved.
1. Les suggested Susan Wettstein, Community Development Director be approached considering she is already in a position with duties in the City and it would help save money.
 2. Reuben suggested advertising the position for a specified time (May 1-July1) and set interviews for our July meeting and then make the recommendations. He suggested hiring Dennis Arnold in the interim on a month to month basis. Les reminded the Board that without yet re-evaluating the Operating Agreement with all parties, we have no idea what funding we have to do so with Dennis nor what we have to offer the position.
 3. Casey recommended new Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Brent Lipsomb be considered. The Board voiced concern over the subject of combining ACDA with the COC again.

(Doug Rockers left the meeting at 5:34pm)

4. Les McGhee made a motion to call a special meeting with the ACDA Board and the City and County Commissioners to review the current operating agreement at 5pm on April 24, 2018 before the city commission meeting. Jody Cole seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.
5. Casey Smith made a motion to table the proposal from Dennis Arnold until the next meeting. Eileen Burns seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0. (Dennis Arnold returned to the meeting)
6. Dennis Arnold protested that if he was not recommended for at least a month to continue that there are projects currently in the pipeline that may be lost. He was advised the Board would be re-evaluating some items with the City/County and would also be advertising the position as they felt it was necessary and prudent to provide the City with what they had requested.
7. Eileen advised the Board that the Kansas Economic Development Alliance website would be a good place to advertise the position. Contact Mary Perez (Mary.Perez@ks.gov)

With no further business to come before the board, John Wilson made a motion to adjourn that was seconded by Les McGhee. Meeting was adjourned at 5:58 p.m.
Eileen Burns, Secretary.

Next meeting date is May 15, 2018, at AuBurn Pharmacy Corporate Office at 5:00pm.