

Minutes
Anderson County Development Agency
Tuesday, May 19, 2020
Zoom Meeting

- I. The meeting was called to order at 5:08 p.m. with the following board members present Reuben Feuerborn, Casey Smith, Les McGhee, Cody Gettler, Doug Rockers, Eric Glaze, and Eileen Burns. Julie Turnipseed, Executive Director, Chris Weiner, City Manager for the City of Garnett, and Shelly Paasch, from Network Kansas were also present. (Nick Durand joined at 5:35pm but was unable to remain connected for the entire meeting)
- II. Approval of April 21, 2020 meeting minutes. Doug Rockers made the motion and seconded Les McGhee; motion carried by unanimous vote.
- III. Review of the April 2020 Financial Statements: The current reserve fund balance is \$27,203.02. Doug Rockers made the motion to accept and seconded Eric Glaze; motion carried by unanimous vote.
- IV. New Business:
 - a. Business Recruitment and Retention Activity: Julie gave an updated on the 3 business from last meeting: (one is downtown, one is not)
 - i. Business #1 is looking at a mid June online opening
 - ii. Business #2 sale did not go through on the building they put an offer on. Julie will work with them to find another building hopefully.
 - iii. Business #3(more industrial business) lost to another community.
 - iv. Picked up a news business-no details given
 - v. Julie continues to receive some through the state and has submitted on a few, but many there are requirement we cannot meet.
 - b. COVID-19- Update: 2 business were lost due to the COVID-19 Crises.
 - i. The Advocate: owners decided to retired early at the end of March due to COVID and their building is now for rent.
 - ii. Car detailing business also closed. Julie will reach out to confirm why. Cody suggested it was possibly due to family health issues.
 - iii. Morning Mingle is still meeting in support of fellow business owners
 - iv. Kansas Governor detailed Phase-2: 15 or fewer mass gatherings for May 22nd. The City will keep the public updated. Julie keeping businesses updated on help available to them.
 - c. ACT Work Ready Community-Update: Nothing new to report. Julie said the Kansas Works Mobile Career Unit will be back to Anderson County once allowed after the COVID-19 restrictions are lifted. The goal is to put the community back together. May possibly organize a Career Fair.
 - d. Land Bank: Update – The issue was not voted on by the City Commissioners at their last meeting. There was discussion amongst Board members on conversations they had with City Commissioners. There is a concern regarding Government overreach having control over private citizens. The Board discussed how to possibly change that perception. Possibly by only owning a property for 36 months? It was agreed that the goal was just an additional tool to help the community. That guidelines and rules could be worked out and agreed upon. Chris Weiner said it had been tabled for vote until the May 26th meeting and could be again is not all

Commissioners were in attendance. He encouraged more Board Member conversations with the Commissioners and attendance at the next meeting.

- e. 2020 ACDA Strategic Plan Review/Survey: Julie did not receive any surveys back from the Board yet. She will re-send them if anyone wants to submit one.
 - f. April 2020 Director's Reports: Members were encouraged to read the directors report.
- V. Other Business: Julie said we have been notified of CSBG/CDBG Grants that are available. The City and County are both applying. They are available on a first come basis. Julie read the requirement to the Board. If applications are successful, will be able to give small grants to businesses affect by COVID-19.
- VI. Les McGhee made a motion to adjourn and seconded by Doug Rockers, Adjourn: 5:43 p.m.

Next Meeting is June 16, 2020, 5:00pm, City Hall