

Minutes
Anderson County Development Agency
January 15, 2019
Garnett City Hall

- I The meeting was called to order at 5:06pm with the following board members in attendance: County Commissioner Les McGhee, Reuben Feuerborn, Doug Rockers, City Commissioner Jody Cole, Casey Smith, Eileen Burns, Sandra Zook, Eric Glaze, City Manager, Chris Weiner and Julie Turnipseed, Director. Absent: John Wilson

- II Approval of Minutes: Casey Smith made a motion to approve the November 14, 2018 minutes as presented, seconded by Eileen Burns. Motion carried.

- III Review of October 2018 Financial Statement: Julie provided the statement for Board review. Reuben questioned that if the balance of \$15,775.01 carryover is still ours to use, that it needs to be reflected as such. Julie will look into that.

- IV Old Business: *Department of Agriculture Growth Initiative:* Julie reported that the report was sent in by the deadline and we are now a pilot community. A full report can be requested from Julie.

- V New Business:
 - A) 2019 ACDA Strategic Plan: The board reviewed the plan and Julie noted that on #1 there currently are prospects and #3 she suggests looking into starting a Main Street Program
 - B) Scholarship from Heartland Economic Development Course: Julie wrote the grant and received \$595. for the tuition.
 - C) 2019 Economic Indicators AN CO/Garnett Report: Currently in progress.
 - D) Business visitation program: An interview type survey was developed with the help of Craig VanWey from the Kansas Department of Commerce for the Boards review. A list of recommended businesses to interview was also presented. After discussion, the board recommended to add Beckman Motors to the list.
 - E) First Impressions Program: the board reviews the First Impressions Program through the K-State Research and Extension office. Kris Hicks, Chamber Director, Susan Wettstein and Jody Cole are on the committee and will work with Nancy Daniels from the Extension office. Members from the committee from Columbus, KS will tour Garnett, look at the website, etc. and give their first impression feedback. Likewise, the Garnett committee will travel to Columbus. Once all the information is compiled, 40-50 local community members will be invited to a meeting to compose a Main Street Program.
 - F) December Director's Report: Julie provided a copy for the Board's review and additionally spoke more on restoring historic structures and about offering more activities around town without them having to be full blown events to draw more people to downtown.

VI Casey Smith made a motion to adjourn seconded by Doug Rockers. Meeting adjourned at 5:38pm. Next meeting will be February 19, 2019 at 5:00pm in the Garnett City commission Room, City Hall.

Eileen Burns, Secretary