



Anderson County Development Agency

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, May 18, 2021

- I. Call to order: Eric called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m. in attendance: Eric Glaze, County Commissioner Les McGhee, City Commissioner Cody Gettler, Doug Rockers, Reuben Feueborn and Julie Turnipseed, Executive Director.

- II. Approval of the Minutes: The minutes were not available for approval.

- III. Review of the April 2021 Financial Statement. Doug made a motion to approve, Les seconded. Motion passed.

- IV. New Business:
 - a. **Business Recruitment and Retention:** Julie reported on the most recent business recruitment efforts. There have been 4 RFI's from the Kansas Department of Commerce received. She gave the details of each RFI and the reasons for ACDA not responding to the project. Each project required existing building requirements we could not meet and or other specification we were unable to meet. Discussion followed of what are the requirements for light industry to locate locally. She mentioned we have several other possible projects in the works.
 - b. **Workforce Development:** Julie reported that the Anderson County Work Ready Community Committee will be meeting next week in

person. They are discussing holding a Career Fair in partnership with Kansas Works.

- c. **Anderson County Child Care:** Julie talked in detail about the need to form an Anderson County Child Care Task Force. We currently have 6 Private Licensed Child Care providers in Anderson County. One provider is retiring, and we also have a Head Start Program. Discussion followed of the importance in Economic Development of having childcare options.
- d. **COVID-19 CDBG-CV:** The grant cycle has expired. Garnett had \$34,000 remaining of unspent funds.
- e. **April 2021 Director's Report:** Julie presented the April Director's report summary. Discussion followed.

V. 2021 Strategic Plan

- a. **Land Use Map:** Eric Mills, City of Garnett zoning Administrator and Building Official will be attending the ACDA meeting in June. Eric asked if he could give us vision of what 20-30 years could look like for Garnett. He would like to know what he has seen in other communities over his years of service. Ideas of what other counties have been successful with their land use. If they have a cohesive vision of how best to lay out the land. Les mention if we had a Land Bank it would be a great tool for our future, not the whole solution just a piece.
- b. **Downtown Revitalization Plan:** Julie presented the draft of the Garnett Downtown Revitalization Plan. Discussion followed.

VI. Adjourn

- a. Being no other business Les made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Reuben seconded. Motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 5:52.

Respectfully submitted by

Julie Turnipseed