



Anderson County Development Agency
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, April 20, 2021
City Hall

- I. Call to Order. Eric Glaze called the meeting to order at 5:06pm in attendance Eric Glaze, County Commissioner Les McGhee, Casey Smith, Eileen Burns, City Commissioner Cody Gettler (by phone), Julie Turnipseed, Executive Director. Guests Pat Schettler, Manager of Garnett Industrial Airport and City Manager, Chris Weiner City Manager, joined after meeting was in progress.
- II. Approval of Minutes – February 16, 2021: Les moved to approve the minutes as presented, Casey second. Motion passed.
- III. Review of February 2021 Financial Statements: Reviewed by the board. Casey moved to accept, Les second. Motion passed.
- IV. New Business
 - a. Airport Expansion Presentation – Pat Schettler: See attached letter outlining project to landowners.
 - b. Business Recruitment and Retention Activity: See Director’s Report Summary. 2 prospects that both visited Garnett. The February visit we were eliminated from. The March visit there has been no news. 100-200 acres were the last requests made for expansions and we did not have the available land for them. The outside developer investment looks good to move forward. This developer contacted Julie initially.
 - c. COVID-19 – update:
 - i. CDBG-CV Funding Update- Tailor Made has applied and will most likely receive funding to help the business stay open.
 - d. Land Bank – Next step-Julie said there is no movement on this at this time and we will not continue to pursue it until the City Commission re-addresses it. Eric said Mayor Jody Cole said it will be tabled until fall because there were other more pressing issues at this time.
 - e. Lead for Change – Kansas Leadership Center

f. February / March 2021 Director's Report: Julie said that affordable Child Care is an issue ACDA must address to attract new business to our area. There is not enough available for the demand for infants and aftercare (nights) specifically. Eric asked how a child care committee gets formed for ANCO-Julie had a zoom call with Child Care Aware to find out who those key players should be: parents, employers, current child care providers, etc. Mainstreet: Julie needs to have some community input meetings as she builds the framework to see what their vision is for downtown which in turn will enable us to begin to build 4 committees.

V. 2021 Strategic Plan

- a. Land Use Map discussion – Garrett Gross, City of Garnett Zoning Administrator and Building Official – postponed Until June with Eric Mills, New City of Garnett Zoning Administrator and Building Official
- b. Downtown Revitalization
 - i. National Main Street Virtual Conference – April 12-14, 2021, Julie and Val Foltz attended virtually.

VI. Other Business

- a. Morning Mingle – Chocolate Tour – Recap in Director's Report
- b. Strategic Plan: Eric requested to get the RID District information back on the agenda. *Developer builds it all (infrastructure, roads, buildings, etc.), but no one, City-County-School District, gets any taxes from it until all the infrastructure is paid off.* Chris reminded the Board that senior housing is still a big need for the future of growing Garnett. Les asked how long most of the RID District projects last. Chris said about 15 yrs. Eric explained you are not giving up any current taxes, but you are gaining housing to move seniors into and freeing up housing in town for younger families to move into that can help grow the economy. You will still gain sales tax, etc. The improvements are the positive trade off.

VII. Adjourned at 6:14pm Les moved Casey seconded.

VIII. Next Meeting: May 18 , 2021