

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CITY COUNTY AD HOC COMMITTEE

**Wednesday, August 14, 2019 at 9:30 A.M. in the Library of
of the Municipal Building at 450 S. Main St.**

City Members Present: Mayor Mike Kaufman, Ryan Cairns, and Keith Behling.
County Members Present: Jeanetta Kirkpatrick, Marty Brewer and Jayme Walsh
Others Present: City Clerk / Treasurer Melinda D. Jones, Alan Lins, Mike Breininger, Craig Woodhouse,
and Joel Rewald.

County Board Chair Jeanetta Kirkpatrick called the meeting to order at 9:40 A.M.
It was noted that the meeting was properly noticed and a quorum is present.

Approve Minutes: Motion by Brewer, second by Kaufman to approve the minutes of the last meeting.
Motion carried.

Approve Agenda: Motion by Brewer second by Kaufman to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

2020 VISION DISCUSSION AND PLANNING: Mike Kaufman explained that the attorneys from Boardman Clark feel the contract between the city and the county should spell out how the economic development board should be organized and that the city and county be voting members with the others in the community as advisory positions. They have also listed a member from Southwest Partners as the chair and a voting member. They think that the city and county need to retain control and if this is done differently it could open up liability issues. If the board wants to hire a consultant or enter into an agreement with Southwest Partners for other services their role, expectations and obligations could be into a separate agreement.

Mike Breininger felt that Southwest Partners was not really part of this contract and it is back to the city and county running economic development. This agreement does not have a separate contract with Southwest Partners. Jayme Walsh said the attorney is almost dictating to us what we are doing. Jeanetta Kirkpatrick said this agreement takes care of liabilities, control over the employee which corporate counsel was concerned about. We do not want commitments made that the city or county can't honor or something that goes against policies. She felt the contract could evolve over time in the future but this was a good place to start.

Mike Kaufman said if other entities are involved, those entities could dictate what is being done or expect favoritism. Keith Behling said economic develop worked before but felt we were stuck right now. Alan Lins discussed the 501c6 and the Green County model. Mike Kaufman said the reason we have to have a contract is because it is a county employee, with benefits and rules that need to be followed. Craig Woodhouse said an employee working for a 501c6 can only make recommendations which can cover the liability issues or a contract could be developed to go with a stand-alone economic development corporation.

Jeanetta Kirkpatrick reviewed what has been agreed upon and said she would talk with Green County to find out some answers and possibly check with the Counties Association. Members shared their opinion on how this should be set up.

No action took place.

The next meeting was scheduled for August 29th at 9:00 a.m.

ADJOURN: Motion by Behling, second by Kaufman to adjourn. Motion carried.
Minutes by Melinda D. Jones, Clerk/Treasurer