

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CITY COUNTY AD HOC COMMITTEE

**Wednesday, May 15, 2019 at 1:00 P.M. in the Library of
of the Municipal Building at 450 S. Main St.**

City Members Present: Mayor Mike Kaufman and Keith Behling.
County Members Present: Jeanetta Kirkpatrick, Marty Brewer and Jayme Walsh
Others Present: City Clerk / Treasurer Melinda D. Jones, Richland County Clerk Victor Vlasak, Jerry Tucker, Joann Krulatz, Karin Tepley, Alan Lins and Mike Breininger.

Jeanetta Kirkpatrick called the meeting to order at 1:00 P.M.
It was noted that the meeting was properly noticed and a quorum is present.

APPROVE AGENDA: Motion by Brewer, second by Walsh to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CONTRACT DEVELOPMENT DISCUSSION: Jeanetta Kirkpatrick said many people had concern over funding since Kate Koziol had not worked since late February due to Southwest Partners lack of funding. The County Finance & Personnel Committee made the motion and it was approved to continue with Southwest Partners to the end of the calendar year 2019. Mike Kaufman said the City and County both hope for a full-time position in 2020 and have to figure out how to proceed with 2019 and get someone trained to be full time in 2020 because Kate does not want to work full-time. The amount of funds needed for the rest of 2019 is \$31,500. Discussion took place on having Southwest Partners through the same contract, giving them further direction, or proceed with other options. Mike Breininger stated housing and workforce development are the items that need to be worked on first, then a grocery store may fall into place. Discussion took place on a joint Chamber and Economic Development with Jayme Walsh stating the Chamber has the same goals but they want to be supportive of businesses and are not interested in providing economic development services.

Mike Kaufman mentioned that many people have told him that funding should not be 50% each because the city residents pay taxes to the City and the County. If the one grows then both grows so everyone agreed any other split would not be discussed further.

It was determined to proceed with Kate Koziol for the rest of the year and that there needs to be a structure put in place to accomplish something and Southwest Partners has that structure in place now. Funding the position was discussed as the City has \$14,000 and the County has \$30,000 in their 2019 budgets.

RECOMMENDATION FOR REMAINDER OF 2019: Following through with Southwest Partners for 2019 was discussed. Mike Breininger asked for a 3 to 5-year contract. Motion by Marty Brewer, second by Jayme Walsh to continue with the contract for 2 days per week with Southwest Partners for the remainder of 2019 with the County paying \$30,000, the City paying \$1500 and the City responsible for the remaining costs to transition a new person for a full-time position in 2020. The remaining city budgeted funds for the transition would be \$12,500. Motion carried.

2020 VISION DISCUSSION: Mike Breininger said in the initial presentation that the vision was a full-time person in January of 2020. The office space is donated by UW-Platteville-Richland and the internet and telephone services are donated by Richland Electric Cooperative. Brief discussion took place on continuing in a contract with Southwest Partners, Contract the position, or an employee. It was also mentioned there may be too many layers for a business to go through and that if the position was an employee that public records may be an issue.

The next meetings were scheduled for June 19th and July 10th at 1:00 p.m.

Jeanetta Kirkpatrick will research what other surrounding Counties do for Economic Development for the next meeting.

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