

Junction Texas Economic Development Corporation *
City of Junction * **Regular Meeting – December 6, 2016**
State of Texas *

The *Junction Texas Economic Development Corporation* was called to order by President Polly Robinson for its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, December 6, 2016, at 5:18 p.m. in the City Hall Meeting Room, Junction, Texas. A quorum was established with the following Board members present:

President: Polly Robinson
Vice President: Michael J. Townsend
Secretary: Carol Neiman
Directors Present: Tom Rattan
Jessica Gardner
Kay Vickery
Absent: Treasurer: Jean Jacoby

Also Present: Donna E Oliver-Leep, JTEDC Office Manager; James Murr, journalist with The Junction Eagle newspaper; Paul Ramsdell with KIMCO Hotel Group; and Belle Laning with Trails Maps.

Public Forum: No one wished to speak during the time allotted for the public forum.

Consent Items: (A.) **Minutes** and (B.) **Financials:** After a review of the Consent Items, Ms. Neiman made a motion to accept the minutes and financials as reviewed; Mr. Rattan seconded the motion; and it passed unanimously.

Committee Reports: Ms. Robinson discussed the possibility of a committee structure to further the productivity of the JTEDC. Given the small number of board members and the restraints of the *Open Meetings Act*, volunteers in the community would be welcomed as committee members. The group agreed to a Special Called Meeting to discuss committees and strategic planning on January 11, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. Ms. Neiman will work on the particulars of the location and will let Ms. Oliver know so she can notify the board.

Office Manager's Report: Ms. Oliver included her report in the Board Meeting Packets for the board members to review. There were no questions or comments on same.

Junction Tourism Board: Ms. Robinson reported there was no Tourism board meeting in November, and there will not be a Tourism board meeting in December.

Kimble County Map: Ms. Belle Laning with Trails Maps made a presentation regarding JTEDC purchasing advertising in the 2017 Kimble County Map for Junction and Kimble County for a cost of \$1,280.00. After a discussion, Ms. Robinson appointed Townsend, Neiman, and Vickery to a committee to improve the ad content. They should consider the effectiveness of the ad, as

well as a smaller ad if the EDC decides to purchase an advertising spot on the map. They will get back with Ms. Laning after the January 3rd board meeting.

Executive Session:

6:07 p.m. going from Open Session to Closed Session. Paul Ramsdell with KIMCO Hotel Group, LP was present to request an Infrastructure Grant up to \$150,000.00 for the proposed Holiday Inn Express to be located at the I-10/377N intersection. Mr. Ramsdell left the Closed Session at 6:37 p.m.

The board continued its discussion regarding the subject application pursuant to §551.087 *Deliberations Regarding Economic Development Client Negotiations of the Government Code*.

6:57 p.m. closing executive session.

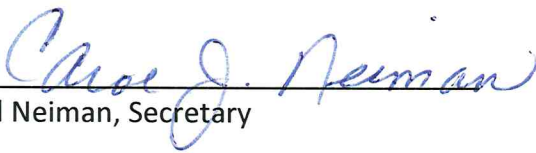
Open Session:

7:02 p.m. the Board meeting reconvened. Ms. Robinson informed Mr. Ramsdell that the board would take no action at this time. While the board believes that the project is worthy of its consideration, we are currently revising our grant/loan policy. We want to ensure that a grant awarded, if any, is in compliance with new policy guidelines.

The first review of the document will be at the January meeting, so the earliest possible vote on the grant request would be at the February meeting.

Mr. Ramsdell stated that he is aware of the demands on JTEDC funds and offered to take any grant money awarded over two or three years versus in a lump sum.

The meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m. on December 6, 2016.



Carol Neiman, Secretary