

Meeting Minutes

The Joint Economic Development Council of Lawrence & Douglas County

Friday, April 25th, 2014

7:30 a.m.

Offices of the Lawrence Chamber of Commerce

Members in attendance: Brad Finkeldei, Mike Wildgen, Mike McGrew, LaVerne Epp, Scott Criqui, Mike Gaughan, Tim Caboni, Leslie Soden, Jon Josserand, Greg Thomas

Ex-Officio Members in attendance: Diane Stoddard, Britt Crum-Cano

Also in attendance: Chad Lawhorn, Brady Pollington, Bonnie Lowe, Doug Gaumer, and Hugh Carter

Ms. Lowe called the meeting to order at 7:40 a.m.

Mr. Finkeldei motioned to approve minutes, Mr. McGrew seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Pollington provided a summary of the County Budget request. The request was submitted to the County on 4-21-14 to comply with the county deadline and with the county administrator's permission that, if the JEDC meeting rendered any modifications to the request, change would be accepted as part of the final budget request prior to final approval.

Motion to recommend the budget request, with the following additions:

- Identify in the budget request the percentages of salaries paid from EDC funds.
- Add a workforce development line item.
- Regarding the JEDC meeting considering the recommendation of the county and city budget request for economic development funding, move the meeting date to 1 month prior to the request submission deadline in the following years.
- Place all EDC funds into a separate account for transparency.
- Provide a breakout of the overhead line item.

Mike Wildgen motioned to recommend the budget request to the county, seconded by Mike McGrew. Motion passed 12-1 (Soden – nay) and Mr. Schumm abstaining.

Ms. Soden discussed a potential modification to tax districts as they apply to tax incentives for projects and possible claw backs. The issue was discussed by the board but no recommendation was made.

There being no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Mr. McGrew to adjourn. Mr. Gaughan seconded. The meeting adjourned at 8:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted on this date: April 25th, 2014.

Brady Pollington, Vice President