

Minutes of the Economic Development Advisory Board's March 7, 2023 Meeting

I. Call to Order

Present: Jason Curtis, Chuck Goad, Lori Kelley, Jim Kelly, Wayne Stephany, Keith Stone, Rod Zinn

Absent:

Chuck Goad, Chairperson, started the meeting.

II. Minutes

- a. Consider approving minutes of the January 3, 2023 Economic Development Advisory Board Meeting.

Motion:

On the motion of Jason Curtis, seconded by Lori Kelley the Commission approved the January 3, 2023 meeting minutes.

Aye: Jason Curtis, Chuck Goad, Lori Kelley, Jim Kelly, Wayne Stephany, Keith Stone

Nay: None

III. Action Items

- a. Consider a recommendation to amend the original terms of the Labette Health Incentive.

Brian Williams presented the new additions to Labette Health.

Motion:

On the motion of Rod Zinn, seconded by Lori Kelley the Commission agrees to amend the original terms of the Labette Health Incentive by recommending to the City Commission to change the metric for the qualification from employees in the City utilities district to employees residing in the 67301 zip code area.

Aye: Jason Curtis, Chuck Goad, Lori Kelley, Jim Kelly, Rod Zinn, Wayne Stephany, Keith Stone

Nay: None

IV. Discussion

- a. Montgomery County Action Council Update
Riley Lukomski presented the site updates and certification process.
- b. KS Department of Commerce / Office of Rural Prosperity Updates
No report

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c. Comprehensive Plan Update

Kelly Passauer explained the process of getting an updated Comprehensive Plan and the grant process.

d. BASE Grant Update

Lacey Lies updated the board about the BASE Grant.

e. SPRINT Grant - Central Park Sports Complex

Lacey Lies explained the grant that the Rec Commission will be submitting.

f. Chamber of Commerce/BEST Updates

Lisa Wilson updated the board about the BEST efforts with the area businesses.

g. Broadband Update

Lori Kelley said there is no firm commitment or time-line from the companies that were planning on bringing in broadband to the area.

h. CGI Digital Community Showcase Program

Lacey Lies explained that this company puts together cost-free promotional videos for cities and non-profits.

i. Other Items for Discussion

Lori Kelley discussed EV and the significance to Independence.

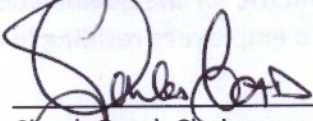
V. Adjournment

Motion:

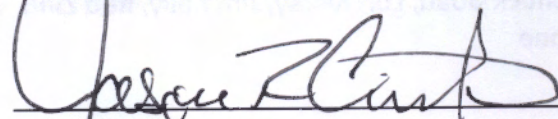
On the motion of Keith Stone, seconded by Jason Curtis the Commission adjourned the meeting.

Aye: Jason Curtis, Chuck Goad, Lori Kelley, Jim Kelly, Rod Zinn, Wayne Stephany, Keith Stone

Nay: None



Chuck Goad, Chairperson



Jason Curtis, Secretary