

MINUTES
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TRUST AUTHORITY
SPECIAL MEETING
MONDAY, AUGUST 18TH, 2025
12:00 P.M.

THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TRUST AUTHORITY MET IN SPECIAL SESSION IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, 12 NORTH ROWE STREET, PRYOR, OKLAHOMA AT THE ABOVE-MENTIONED DATE AND TIME.

TRUSTEES: ADAM ANDERSON, ARIANNA DERR, DARRELL MOORE, FRED SORDAHL, DON BERGER, SCOTT MILLER.

EX-OFFICIO TRUSTEES: JARED CRISP – MUNICIPAL UTILITY BOARD GENERAL MANAGER, ZAC DOYLE – MAYOR.

OTHERS: JAE STANDINGWATER - SECRETARY

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER.

Adam Anderson called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. Members present: Scott Miller, Adam Anderson, Fred Sordahl and Arianna Derr. Members absent: Don Berger and Darrell Moore.

Others present: Zac Doyle, Jared Crisp, Terry Aylward, Terry Lamar, Bridgette Nichols, Harper Meehan, Justin Westover, Rick Elliott, Marti Schneider, Jeri Fleming, Jamie Walters and Jack Hardy.

2. DISCUSS, POSSIBLY APPROVE MINUTES OF THE JULY 14TH, 2025 MEETING.

Motion was made by Derr, second by Miller to approve the minutes of the July 14th, 2025 meeting. Voting yes: Miller, Anderson, Sordahl and Derr. Voting no: none.

3. PRESENTATION FROM MAYES COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT AND FISH AND WILDLIFE REPRESENTATIVES REGARDING GRANT OPPORTUNITIES.

Justin Westover with the United States Fish and Wildlife Service presented a plan to convert the 100-year-old barn in Giles Park to an outdoor classroom. He stated that grant funds awarded by the Fish and Wildlife Service could reimburse half of the expenses of the project, up to \$8,000.00, through grant funding. The grant would require the work to be completed before the end of 2026, and the barn would need to remain an outdoor classroom for at least 10 years. He stated that the city could use in-kind donations as its matching contribution to the grant.

Jeri Fleming stated that the primary use of funding would be a structural review and minor modifications to ensure the building is stable. She also stated that there is potential to receive an in-kind donation of services through her engineering contacts to complete the structural review.

4. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO INCREASE THE BUDGET FOR THE BLUEGRASS AND BBQ FESTIVAL. THE CURRENT BUDGET IS \$75,000.00; THE RECOMMENDATION IS TO INCREASE THE BUDGET TO \$100,000.00.

Motion was made by Sordahl, second by Miller to approve increasing the budget for the Bluegrass and BBQ Festival to \$100,000.00. Voting yes: Anderson, Sordahl, Derr and Miller. Voting no: none.

5. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO RECOMMEND COUNCIL ACTION REGARDING A TRANSFER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$25,000.00 FROM FUND 68 TO THE EDTA FESTIVAL ACCOUNT TO FUND AN INCREASE IN THE BLUEGRASS AND BBQ FESTIVAL BUDGET.

Motion was made by Sordahl, second by Miller to recommend Council action regarding a transfer in the amount of \$25,000.00 from Fund 68 to the EDTA Festival Account to fund an increase in the Bluegrass and BBQ Festival budget. Voting yes: Sordahl, Derr, Miller and Anderson. Voting no: none.

6. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE 2026 FREEDOM FEST FIREWORKS SHOW, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, SECURING THE DATE FOR THE FIREWORKS SHOW WITH RAINBOW FIREWORKS AND PAYING A SECURITY DEPOSIT, IF REQUIRED.

Motion was made by Sordahl, second by Miller to recommend Council action to approve the Mayor to sign an agreement with Rainbow Fireworks and approve the use of EDTA funds for the \$1,000.00 deposit to secure the date of the 2026 FreedomFest fireworks show. Voting yes: Derr, Miller, Anderson and Sordahl. Voting no: none.

7. DISCUSSION REGARDING GRAHAM COMMUNITY BUILDING - STRUCTURAL ASSESSMENT REPORT FROM 360 ENGINEERING. REPORT IS INCLUDED IN THE MEETING PACKET.

Anderson reported that the structural review of the Graham Building shows only minor issues with the building's visible structures. He stated that they are working with community stakeholders and organizations that have worked on similar projects to develop a renovation plan to present to the City Council. He also discussed the need to pursue further inspections to evaluate internal structures.

8. ADJOURN.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:56 p.m. without motion or vote.