



**ORANGE COUNTY  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT  
CORPORATION**

**MINUTES**

**July 9, 2018**

The Board of Directors of the Orange County Economic Development Corporation convened in a Regular Meeting at 10:00am, Monday, July 9, 2018, 123 S. 6<sup>th</sup> Street, Orange.

**Members Present:**

Robbie Hood, City of Pinehurst  
Jay Trahan, City of Orange  
Commissioner Barry Burton, Pct. 2  
Jerry Jones, City of Bridge City  
Commissioner Johnny Trahan, Pct. 1  
Ida Schossow, GOACC  
Terri Gauthier, City of Bridge City  
Mike Stelly, City of West Orange  
Dr. Stephen Patterson, Orangefield ISD  
Shawn Sparrow, The Houseman Companies

**Members Absent:**

Cathy Nagel, City of Pine Forest  
Ann Galassi, Sabine River Authority  
Daniel Moreaux, Moreaux Transportation Services  
Dr. Pauline Hargrove, LCMCISD  
Stephen Lee, First Financial Bank  
Judge Brint Carlton, Orange County  
Dan Mohon, City of Pinehurst  
Carl Thibodeaux, City of West Orange  
Dr. Michael Shahan,

**Others Present:**

Jessica Hill, Executive Director  
Christopher Leavins, Counsel  
Mike Kunst, City of Vidor

Official Notice of the meeting detailing the time, date, place and purpose (Agenda), was posted on the Orange County Economic Development Corporation website and Orange County Administration Building on July 2, 2018.

1. **Convene Meeting.** President Burton opened the meeting at 10:01am.
2. **Invocation, Pledge of Allegiance, Roll Call of Directors Present.** Member Commissioner Trahan led the invocation. President Burton led the Pledge and Roll Call.
3. **Recognize Guests.**  
The following guests were in attendance: Mike Kunst, City of Vidor
4. **Open the floor to members of the public or of the Board of Directors of the Governing authority for inquiries about a subject not listed on the Agenda.** Speakers shall be requested to limit their remarks to three (3) minutes or less. Specific factual information, or existing policy, may be stated in response to an inquiry. Any Deliberation or decision about the subject of **the inquirer shall be limited to a proposal to place the subject on the Agenda** for a subsequent Regular or Special Board Meeting.

Guest Kunst acknowledged concern regarding a possible quorum on Commissioners Court due to Judge Dean Crooks's placement on the agenda. Officer Hood announced the opening of Burger King on MacArthur Drive and Domino's in West Orange. He also commented that HEB is still moving forward and plans are to start in 2019. President Burton reported Stuckey's is still moving forward with plans on FM 1442, but existing construction projects have delayed its start.

5. **Minutes for any previous Meeting(s).**

Minutes of the May 14, 2018 meeting were reviewed. Officer Stelly motioned to approve the minutes. Officer Jones seconded and the motion carried.

6. **Introduction and Comments by Orange County Judge Dean Crooks**

No Action

7. **Financial matters including:**

Director Hill presented the July financial report for the quarters. She reported total liabilities and equity were \$191,582.92. Changes to revenues and expenses were reported for net revenues of \$145,465.82. Specific to note on the budget to actuals is the 150% of budget on the Project Funds expense. Director Hill reported this overage was due to option contracts related to Project Flag.

Director Hill presented the bills for payment and expenses through July 6, 2018. Payments totaled \$48,098.08.

Officer Stelly motioned to approve the financial report. Officer Jones seconded and the motion carried.

8. **Discussion and possible action to accept a contribution of \$3,397.86 from Care for Orange County to be restricted for purposes related to healthcare recruitment.**

Director Hill reported the Care for Orange County advocacy group would like to make a contribution of funds in the amount of \$3,397.86 for the purpose of healthcare recruitment. Officer Jones motioned to accept and restrict the funds. Officer Stelly seconded the motion. The motion carried.

9. **Discussion and possible action regarding the 2019 OCEDC Draft Budget.**

Director Hill presented the draft budget by line item.

No Action

10. **Discussion and possible action to use HOT Funds to advertise in the 2018 Houston Texans Game Program**

No Action

11. **Discussion and possible action to use HOT Funds to advertise on the Greater Orange Area Chamber of Commerce's Bar Z App.**

Officer Jones motioned to approve the use of HOT Funds to advertise on the Greater Orange Area Chamber of Commerce's Bar App. Member Mohon seconded the motion. Motion carried.

12. **Discussion and possible action to approve and ratify a letter of support for the Jefferson Energy Terminal Dock Improvements Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Developments (BUILD) application.**

Officer Stelly motioned to approve the letter of support. Member Trahan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

13. **Discussion and possible action to change the Regular Session OCEDC Board of Directors' meeting date to the second Monday, bi-monthly, at 10:00am in Commissioners' Courtroom, 123 S. 6<sup>th</sup> Street, Orange.**

Officer Stelly motioned to approve. Member Patterson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

14. **Executive Directors Regular Report.**

Director Hill updated the pipeline report of currently active projects. She notified the Board that applications for HOT had been released and encouraged participation. Mrs. Hill reported on the status of the International Paper abatement amendment as well as the community art project. Director Hill provided a travel update and asked members to notify her of their intent to renew membership. Mrs. Hill also provided information on the Golden Triangle Business Roundtable luncheon and Industrial Exchange, as well as a reminder to register for Golden Triangle Days. Mrs. Hill's report also included recognition of the advertorial in Expansion Solutions Magazine.

No Action

15. **Closed Meeting to Deliberate commercial or financial information that the Governmental Body has received from a business prospect that the Governmental Body seeks to have locate, stay, or expand in or near the territory of the Governmental Body and with which the Governmental Body is conducting economic development negotiations, or to Deliberate the offer of a financial or other incentive to such a business prospect, under Section 551.087 of the Act, regarding any current, confidential OCEDC Projects.**

Convened in Closed session at 12:05pm

16. **Discussion and possible action resulting from Closed Meeting under Agenda Item No. 15.**

Reconvened in Open Session at 12:06pm

No Action

17. **Closed Meeting to Deliberate commercial or financial information that the Governmental Body has received from a business prospect that the Governmental Body seeks to have locate, stay, or expand in or near the territory of the Governmental Body and with which the Governmental Body is conducting economic development negotiations, or to Deliberate the offer of a financial or other incentive to such a business prospect, under Section 551.087 of the Act, regarding any current, confidential OCEDC Projects.**

Convened in Closed session at 12:06pm

18. **Discussion and possible action resulting from Closed Meeting under Agenda Item No. 17.**

Reconvened in Open Session at 12:14pm

Member Gauthier made the motion to authorize Executive Director, Jessica Hill, to enter into a purchase agreement with R.E. Odom.

19. **Set date, time and place of any presently anticipated Special Meeting to be held prior to the next Regular Meeting.**

Officer Jones motioned to set a special meeting for July 16<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am, location 123 S. 6<sup>th</sup> Street, Commissioners' Courtroom. Member Patterson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

20. **Specify changes to the date, time and/or place of one or more particular Regular Session(s) if any of such factors are presently anticipated to be changed from standard Board Policy.**

No Action

16. **Adjourn Meeting.**

Meeting was adjourned at 12:17pm by motion and a second by Officer Stelly and Member Trahan.

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