



**ORANGE COUNTY  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT  
CORPORATION**

**MINUTES**

**November 6, 2023**

The Board of Directors of the Orange County Economic Development Corporation convened in a Regular Meeting at 9:00 AM Tuesday September 5, 2023 in the Orange County Commissioner's Courtroom 123 S 6<sup>th</sup> Street, Orange, TX 77630

**Members Present**

Commissioner Johnny Trahan, Pct. 1  
Commissioner Robert Viator, Pct. 4  
Mike Stelly, City of West Orange  
Randy Branch, City of West Orange  
Terri Gauthier, City of Bridge City  
Shaun McAlpin – Orangefield ISD  
Jay Trahan, City of Orange  
Ida Schossow, GOACC

**Members Absent:**

David Jones, Gopher Industrial  
Cynthia Adams, City of Pinehurst  
Dr. Tom Johnson, Lamar State College Orange  
Keith Wallace, Port of Orange  
Robbie Hood, City of Vidor  
Jerry Hood, City of Pinehurst  
Daniel Moreaux, Moreaux Transportation Services  
Stephen Lee, First Financial Bank  
Travis Williams, Sabine River Authority  
Shawn Sparrow, The Houseman Companies

**Others Present:**

Megan Layne, Executive Director  
Jessica Irvin, Business Development Manager  
Christopher Leavins, Legal Counsel

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 November 6, 2023.

1. **Convene Meeting** President Stelly opened the meeting at 10 am
2. **Invocation, Pledge of Allegiance, Roll Call of Directors Present.** Chris Leavins led the invocation and Chief Stelly led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **Recognize Guests.**

Allison Clary, City of Orange  
Mike Kunst, City of Orange

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 inquiry shall be limited to a proposal to place the subject on the Agenda for a subsequent Regular or Special Board Meeting.

No Comments

5. **Discussion and possible action to approve Minutes for any previous Meeting(s).**

Mayor Branch motioned to approve the minutes, seconded by Member McAlpin. Motion Carried.

6. **Discussion and possible action on financial matters including:**

**(A) Financial report** – Motion to approve financial report made by Mayor Branch, seconded by Member McAlpin. Motion carried.

**(B) Bills for payment** – Motion by Member McAlpin, seconded by Mayor Branch. Motion carried.

7. **Discussion and possible action to establish a local networking program under the OCEDC.**

8. **Executive Director's Regular Report.**

Discussion/updates on the following.

- Local First Vendor Fair – the vendor fair on July 26<sup>th</sup> was a success with over 400 local businesses represented at the event.

- Hotel Occupancy Tax Applications closed August 31<sup>st</sup>. Staff received 28 applications which will be reviewed in the coming weeks.
- Retail Strategies: attending Retail Live in Austin on our behalf. Staff will review that report once we receive it.
- Project Zebra update.
- Project Enterprise update.
- Project Adam update.

9. **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.**

None

10. **Discussion and possible action resulting from Closed Meeting under Agenda Item No. 9.**

None

11. **Discussion and possible action regarding possible 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.**

January 8, 2024 at 10:00 in the Commissioner's Court room.

12. **Adjourn Meeting.**

Meeting adjourned 9:59 am.

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