

Minutes of August 6, 2020
Meeting of
Wood County Economic Development Commission
at 5:30 pm.

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

Attendees: Jim Berry, Tom Callan, Allene Doggett, Neal Duncan, Tom Keenan, Vic Savelli, Mike Simmons, Rodney Kieke, Gwen Winters, Lee Smith, Roger Johnson, and Craig Lindholm. Quorum Present.

Members not present: Greg Hollen.

Others Present: Larry Tucker with Wood County Monitor, County Judge Hebron

Citizen Comment: None

July 2 Minutes: No discussion. Motion and second to approve. A vote carried unanimously.

Old Business

Consent Agenda

July 2 Minutes: No discussion. Motion and second to approve. A vote carried unanimously

Consider Hot Funds Application: Allene Doggett presented her report. There was a discussion of the program, and the amounts of money were approved.

New Business:

Financials: Jim Berry presented the Financial report. Jim led a discussion of available funds for both Hot Funds and the General Fund.

Neal Duncan presented the basic results and the formula for the first phase of the County Business relief program. A motion, after discussion, for the UCC Relief Fund Guidelines were approved and seconded for the program to be sent to the County Commissioners Court for approval. The vote was unanimous. Board voted and supported with a unanimous vote to go forward with the second phase of the relief fund to enhance the number of the participants for the relief fund.

Discussion to approve delaying the annual UCC grant program. The vote was unanimous.

The board discussed Broadband Projects with no action taken. Much of it was the number of programs and money being carried out in Wood County to improve the broadband system countywide.

Discussion of the distribution Face Shields: Joanne Wisdom delivered over 600 Face Shields to county nursing homes purchased on behalf of the County Commissioners. The nursing homes sent their thanks and regards to the Wood County EDC and the County Commissioners.

The Director's Report: Greg Hollen provided an update on the progress he and his committee are making for the "Wood County Legislative Day" in Austin for the 2021 Legislative session. His task force is complete.

Vic Savelli was selected to head up the marketing committee.

Committee Reports: Tom Callan met with Kelly Cole, the potential new sheriff, and District Judge Brad Campbell, on the importance of public safety in the community.

Executive Directors Report:

Discussed having a meeting set with Tom Mullins, David Gonzales, the new EDC Director for Smith

County. The new Broadband Program for Wood County with the ETCOG Executive Director, David Cleveland was discussed.

With no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:20 pm