

**27 July 2006 Special Meeting Minutes  
Bellville Economic Development Corporation**

David Ottmer called the Special Meeting of the Bellville Economic Development Corporation to order at 4:05p.m., Thursday, July 27th, 2006, in the Council meeting room at City Hall, Bellville, Texas.

Warren Scott offered the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present were: Warren Scott, David Ottmer, Jim Freeman, and Allene Schmitt. Wayne Browning arrived at 4:30pm. Andrew Lienhard was absent. A quorum was certified. Executive Director Carolyn Gibson was present.

Motion was made by Jim Freeman to move H-GAC Community Improvement Project discussion in front of Austin County Fair in agenda item number 5, and accept the rest of the agenda as posted. Motion was seconded by Allene Schmitt. Motion carried.

**Agenda Item # 5**

**Public Hearing on Grant Request from Austin County Fair Association, and Matching Funds for H-GAC Community Improvement Project, Sponsored by BEDC**

At 4:14pm David Ottmer called for the Public Hearing on the H-GAC Community Improvement Project to be sponsored by BEDC. Austin County Judge Carolyn Bilski presented the project to the Board and the public in attendance. She stated that Jane Ponder has drawn up a plan but since it has not been purchased, it's still proprietary information. She showed pictures to the Board and audience of the broken curb in front of the Courthouse. She stated that the plans included benches, trash cans, potted trees, and a possible antique rose garden. BEDC will be the Fiscal Agent, as payer of the invoices. Since it's a BEDC project there is no contract necessary. Public attendee Delwin Rettig asked who was responsible for the planning. David Ottmer responded the committee was. Delwin also expressed concern about the health of trees in containers and asked about placing trees on the corners of the Highway 36 right-of-way. David Emswiler, another member of the public, stated that he thought this was a good project too. Carolyn Bilski will confer with TxDOT on placement of trees around the Courthouse.

Kathy Mewis with the Austin County Fair Association noted that the Austin County Fair had been supporting local youth for 79 years and they needed the repairs to the roof to continue these efforts and also to draw more meetings to the Fair Pavilion Building. Kathy stated that the Fair Association would be willing to change the name of the building, but had taken no action at it's last meeting. Carolyn will check with the Attorney General's office as to whether changing the name, and also if Austin County is willing to sign the contract, will make the project legal. Jerome Peters stated that in the training sessions he had attended, and according to Carlton Schwabb, President of TEDC, "...it's not based on the numbers, but on the name."

**Agenda Item # 6**

**Consideration and Action to Approve Treasurer's Report, Payment of Outstanding Bills**

Treasurer's Report was given by Warren Scott, based on Balance Sheet, YTD Profit & Loss, and Bank Reconciliation. Balance in Checking Account as of June 30, 2006 was \$36,259.52. June Sales Tax Revenue of \$14,574.87 and Interest Income of \$41.56 resulted in total monthly deposits of \$14,616.43. Checks totaling \$6,149.52 were posted. Balance Sheet showed the following current Certificates of Deposit: Guaranty Bank- \$87,592.29, Wells Fargo- \$103,067.11, and Industry State Bank-(1) \$103,602.78 & (2) \$101,734.35. Total Current Assets as of June 30, 2006 are \$432,256.05. Interest earned on CD's for June was \$1,151.40. Outstanding bills totaling \$21,197.54 were presented for payment to: Bellville Chamber of Commerce of \$3,000.00 for Contract of Services for August, City of Bellville of \$17,819.38 for Certificate of Obligation, and Pop's on The Square Café of \$115.66 for BEDC Hosting of Austin County EDC Meeting, and Jerry Olson Designs of \$262.50 for advertising design and website work. Motion to approve report by Jim Freeman was seconded by Allene Schmitt. Motion carried.

**Agenda Item #7  
Public Comment**

There was none.

**Agenda Item #8  
Consideration and Action to Approve Grant Request from Austin County Fair Association**

Allene Schmitt made a motion to table discussion and action on the item. Motion was seconded by Jim Freeman and carried unanimously.

**Agenda Item #9  
Committee Reports and any Related Action**

Jerome Peters, Chair of the Business Opportunity Development and Land Acquisition Committee provided a summarized report of the committees activities at the meeting held on June 21, 2006. Copies of the summary were presented to the Board. David Ottmer asked that Jerome please email the reports in the future so the Board members could review them prior to the meeting.

**Agenda Item #10  
2006-2007 Budget Workshop & Any Related Action**

A copy of the proposed 2006-7 Annual Budget of \$200,000.00 was presented to Board members and discussion followed. Carolyn noted that due to an anticipated increase in rent to the Chamber, they had requested \$3,500.00 per month for the contract with BEDC. The budget will be voted on at the next regular meeting.

**Agenda Item #11  
Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Board, motion to adjourn was made by Allene Schmitt and seconded by Jim Freeman. The meeting was adjourned at 5:50p.m.

*Carolyn Gibson* for Allene Schmitt, Secretary