

**Lawton Economic Development Corporation
Board Meeting Minutes
Cameron University, CETES Room 207
2800 W Gore Blvd • Lawton, Oklahoma 73501
March 12, 2018 @ 4:00pm**

Members Present: Phil Kennedy, Ron Nance, Paul Ellwanger, Mark Brace, Clarence Fortney, Albert Johnson, Jr., Dr. John McArthur, Mayor Fred Fitch, Arthur Patrick, and Joe Gallagher

Members Absent: Jamie Southerland (interim), Jerry Ihler, and Barry Ezerski

Guests: Keith Bridges

Call to Order/Roll Call

I. Introduction of Guests

II. Consider approval of February 12, 2018 Minutes

ACTION: Mayor Fred Fitch moved to approve the February 12, 2018 Minutes; Arthur Patrick seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

III. Consider approval of January and February 2018 Financials

ACTION: Arthur Patrick moved to approve January 2018 financials; Mayor Fred Fitch seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

V. Reports:

President's Report

New Jobs – Mr. Cooksey stated BMT has added 4 new jobs.

Launch Lawton – The Launch Lawton Luncheon will be held March 21st from 11:30-1:00pm at the Hilton Garden Inn.

Job Search– Mr. Cooksey stated second interviews have taken place today. There are some promising candidates.

Digital Disruption- LED was very pleased with the way this went and have really gotten a great response.

RFP Chart- Mr. Cooksey has created a chart detailing the RFPs received from ODOC.

Strategic Plan 2018- Mr. Cooksey has created a plan of action for 2018. This plan includes efforts towards ODOC, Site Selectors, Real Estate Executives, proactive prospects, existing business, and innovation. The strategic plan will be on the agenda next month as a voting item.

Website Update- Bill Tennis is currently working on updating the LED website.

Chairman's Report

Annual Luncheon Award Recipients- The Annual Luncheon will be held May 2nd and the LED awards committee will be deciding on award recipients.

CCIDA Meeting- The CCIDA meeting will be held April 3rd at 9:00am. Dr. Tom will be presenting the Garver findings.

Partner Updates

Albert Johnson- The Chamber Board retreat was last week and went well. There have been 21 applications received for the Chamber position, and interviews will begin Friday this week.

Clarence Fortney- Elections will be held April 3rd. Millage elections generate \$790,000 additional dollars. Therefore, voting is imperative. April 2nd will be the collective teacher walk out date.

Mayor Fred Fitch- City Council meeting tomorrow. City manager Jerry Ihler's position is on this agenda.

VI. Business:

A. Consider approval the monthly activity Report.

ACTION: Dr. John McArthur moved to approve the monthly activity report; Clarence Fortney seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

B. Consider approval of convening into Executive Session to discuss the following:

1. **The purchase or appraisal of real property as allowed by the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act Laws 1977, c. 214, § 1, eff. October 1, 1977; 25 O.S. 307.B.3**
2. **Economic Development as allowed by the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act Laws 1977, c. 214 § 1, eff. Oct. 1, 1977; 25 O.S. 307.C.10**

ACTION: Arthur Patrick moved to convene into Executive Session to discuss matters referenced above; Clarence Fortney seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

No action was taken in Executive Session; the meeting returned to Open Session.

VII. New Business – No new business.

VIII. Adjourn

ACTION: Mark Brace moved to approve adjourning the meeting; Mayor Fitch seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.