



**CITY OF BANDERA
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
SPECIAL MEETING & WORKSHOP**

Bandera City Hall, 511 Main Street, Bandera, Texas

Thursday, January 13, 2022 at 6:00 PM

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MINUTES

1. Call to order.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm.

All board members were present, Laura Devenport, Lauren Ojeda, Jerad Wilcox, Kay Reese, Lindsay Barnett, and Donna Ross, with the exception of Alan Arterbury.

Also present is EDC attorney Monte Akers and his coworker, Doug Montgomery.

2. Pledge of Allegiance.

All stood for the pledge.

3. Announcements.

There were no announcements.

4. Discussion and possible action on the following items:

1. Purchasing a new conex box to replace the current one for the storage of the Christmas lights and decorations.

Laura Devenport explains the poor condition of the current conex storage unit. There was discussion over the price of a used conex depending on the size and condition.

Laura Devenport made a motion to purchase a 20ft conex for \$3,200.00, seconded by Donna Ross.

There was discussion about repairing and/or cleaning the current conex. There was also discussion about what do to with the current box if there is a new one purchased. There was also discussion about possible different solutions besides a conex box.

Favor: Jerad Wilcox, Laura Devenport, Donna Ross, Lindsay Barnett, Kay Reese

Opposed: Lauren Ojeda

Motion passed.

5. Workshop.

1. Presentation by EDC attorney on the board's abilities and ethics.

Attorney Monte Akers introduced Doug Montgomery as the new EDC lawyer but he stated will still be available if needed.

Mr. Akers gave a brief history of the economic development corporations as whole and the Bandera EDC.

He then went over the abilities and duties of EDCs including performance agreements, promotional expenditures, the three major rules for EDCs in towns with populations less than

20,000, land uses, buying and selling land to and from board members, and conflicts of interest. He also answered ethical questions about what can and can't be said in open session.

Recessed at 7:41 pm.

Meeting is called back to order at 7:47 pm.

2. Discussion on current EDC assets and plan for the year.

There was discussion about what the goals of the EDC are. Some of these included leaning toward the direction that Simplecity started with the new comprehensive master plan for the city, specifically a live/work space and using funds to promote job training for locals and kids. There was some discussion about affordable housing, infrastructure and how much money can be allocated to projects.

The board then talked about each property and how it could be best used.

10th and Maple: electronic vehicle charging station, over flow parking lot, food truck lot, multipurpose parking lot with 30 amp towers, lease

11th and Cedar: remain a parking lot, possible parking garage in the future

3rd and Hackberry: park land, wilderness area, heritage landmark, potential overflow parking, community stable/paddock area for horses

Buck Creek: there was extensive discussion about the current offers, intentions to sell or hold on to the property, what type of business would be most economically beneficial versus a huge community need.

6. Adjourn.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:02 pm.

/s/ Keely Hansen

Keely Hansen, *Administrative Assistant*