

**Bastrop Economic Development Corporation  
Board of Directors - Special Meeting Agenda  
Bastrop City Hall City Council Chambers  
1311 Chestnut Street  
Bastrop, TX 78602  
(512) 332-8870**



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**Monday, March 09, 2026  
5:00 PM**

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

**2. PUBLIC COMMENT(S)**

*At this time, three (3) minute comments will be taken from the audience on any topic. Anyone in attendance wishing to address the BEDC Board must complete a citizen comment form prior to the start of the meeting. In accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, if a citizen discusses any item not on the agenda, the BEDC Board cannot discuss issues raised or make any decision at this time. Instead, the Board is limited to making a statement of specific factual information or a recitation of existing policy in response to the inquiry.*

**3. REGULAR BUSINESS**

**3.A** Consider and act to approve BEDC Resolution 2026-04 expressing the BEDC's support for the development of a strategic plan funded by Bastrop County to evaluate the feasibility, organizational structure, and potential responsibilities of a regional economic development corporation that could serve multiple jurisdictions, including the City of Bastrop, City of Elgin, and City of Smithville, and to support the potential formation of the Bastrop County Economic Development Partners as a regional economic development nonprofit organization.

Submitted by: Sylvia Carrillo-Trevino, ICMA-CM, CPM, Interim Director of the BEDC and City Manager

**4. ADJOURNMENT**

## **CERTIFICATE**

I, the undersigned authority, do hereby certify that this Notice of Meeting as posted in accordance with the regulations of the Texas Open Meetings Act on the bulletin board located at the entrance to the City of Bastrop City Hall, a place convenient and readily accessible to the general public, as well as to the BEDC's website, [www.bastropedc.org/about/board-materials](http://www.bastropedc.org/about/board-materials), and said Notice was posted on the following date and time: March 3, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. and remained posted for at least two hours after said meeting was convened.

/s/ Angela Ryan  
Angela Ryan, Operations Manager



# STAFF REPORT

**MEETING DATE:** March 9, 2026

**TITLE:**

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**AGENDA ITEM SUBMITTED BY:**

Sylvia Carrillo-Trevino, ICMA-CM, CPM, Interim Executive Director and City Manager

**BACKGROUND/HISTORY:**

Regional economic development collaboration has been discussed among Bastrop County and its municipalities as a strategy to strengthen job creation, business retention, workforce development, and long-term economic growth.

The proposed strategic plan would be funded by Bastrop County and prepared by a qualified consultant or planning entity. The purpose of the plan is to analyze:

- Feasibility of forming a regional economic development corporation
- Governance and organizational structure options
- Potential services and responsibilities
- Funding models and sustainability
- Benefits and impacts to participating jurisdictions

The plan would provide data-driven analysis and recommendations to assist participating local governments in determining whether to move forward with a regional entity and what form such an organization might take.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

N/A

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Consider and act to approve BEDC Resolution 2026-04 expressing the BEDC's support for the development of a strategic plan funded by Bastrop County to evaluate the feasibility, organizational structure, and potential responsibilities of a regional economic development corporation that could serve multiple jurisdictions, including the City of Bastrop, City of Elgin, and

City of Smithville, and to support the potential formation of the Bastrop County Economic Development Partners as a regional economic development nonprofit organization.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. Proposed Resolution

## BASTROP ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

## RESOLUTION 2026-04

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BASTROP ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (BEDC) SUPPORTING THE DEVELOPMENT OF A STRATEGIC PLAN, FUNDED BY BASTROP COUNTY, TO EVALUATE THE FEASIBILITY, STRUCTURE, AND POTENTIAL DUTIES OF A REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE CITY OF ELGIN AND THE CITY OF SMITHVILLE; AND PROVIDING FOR RELATED MATTERS.**

**WHEREAS**, the Bastrop Economic Development Corporation (“BEDC”) is a public instrumentality and non-profit industrial development corporation duly established and operating under Texas Local Government Code, Chapters 501 and 505, *et seq.*, as amended, known as the Development Corporation Act of 1979 (the “Act”); and

**WHEREAS**, the BEDC is committed to the development and stimulation of business as part of an overall effort to increase job availability and improve the quality of life for residents; and

**WHEREAS**, the BEDC is committed to promoting economic vitality, encouraging job creation and preservation, attracting and recruiting new companies and industries, and supporting the retention and expansion of existing businesses; and

**WHEREAS**, regional collaboration among local governments and stakeholders is essential to effectively evaluate economic development opportunities and coordinate strategies that benefit residents and businesses across Bastrop County; and

**WHEREAS**, Bastrop County has proposed funding the preparation of a comprehensive strategic plan to analyze the feasibility, governance structure, funding mechanisms, scope of services, and potential responsibilities of a regional economic development corporation serving Bastrop County and participating municipalities; and

**WHEREAS**, the BEDC Board of Directors find that participation in the strategic planning process will allow the BEDC and City of Bastrop to contribute input, assess potential benefits and impacts, and make informed future decisions regarding regional economic development initiatives.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE BASTROP ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION THAT:**

**SECTION 1.** The Board hereby expresses its support for the development of a county-funded strategic plan to evaluate the feasibility, structure, and duties of a regional economic development corporation serving Bastrop County and participating municipalities.

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**SECTION 2.** The BEDC Board of Directors authorizes the Interim Executive Director, Board Chair, or their designee to participate in meetings, discussions, and planning activities related to the preparation of the strategic plan and to collaborate with Bastrop County and partner cities during the evaluation process.

**SECTION 3.** The BEDC’s support of the strategic planning effort does not obligate the BEDC or City of Bastrop to participate in or fund any future regional organization. Any such participation would require separate BEDC Board and City Council consideration and approval.

**SECTION 4.** This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

**PASSED AND APPROVED** on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of March 2026 by the Board of Directors of the Bastrop Economic Development Corporation.

BASTROP ECONOMIC  
DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

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Gary Blake, Board Chair

ATTEST:

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Chris McCool, Board Vice Chair

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Denton, Navarro, Rodriguez, Bernal, Santee, & Zech