

State of Texas \*  
City of Junction \* **Regular Meeting – March 1, 2016**  
Economic Development Corporation \*

*The Junction Texas Economic Development Corporation met for its regular monthly meeting at 5:15 p.m. on Tuesday, March 1, 2016, in the City Hall Meeting Room with the following Board members present:*

**President:** Polly Robinson

**Vice President:** Mindy Supak

**Secretary:** Carol Neiman

**Directors:** Nicholas Lumbley and Michael Townsend. Ron Fuquay and Jean Jacoby were absent.

Also present: Janice and Robert Johnson, Kristi Bannowsky, Russell Hammonds, Kerry Sutton, *Junction Eagle* reporter James Murr.

President Robinson called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m., and Russell Hammonds gave the invocation.

**Public Forum:** No one wished to speak during the time allotted for the Public Forum.

**Consent Items - Minutes, Payment of the Bills, and Financial Reports:** Director Supak moved to accept the consent items as presented, seconded by Lumbley. Motion passed unanimously.

**Advertising & Promotion Program Application-Johnson's Pest Control:** Janice and Robert Johnson were present to answer questions about their application for a grant to Johnson's Pest control for construction and installation of a sign at their new building on Main Street. Following a brief discussion, Director Townsend moved to approve granting \$2500 under the terms of the advertising and promotion grant program toward the cost of this signage. Supak seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

**Transfer of Funds from USDA-Designated Account to General Fund:** Robinson provided the board with a history of this account, which was set up in the mistaken belief that USDA Revolving Loan Fund monies had been received by the JTEDC. After some discussion, Neiman moved that the FSB Account #243634 be closed and its current balance (\$78,005.55 as of 2/29/16) be restored to FSB Account #243543. Motion seconded by Supak and passed unanimously.

**State Legislation Possibly Affecting EDC Operations:** A general discussion was held regarding the potential implications for the EDC of H.B. 157 signed into law by Texas Governor Abbott on June 20, 2015. This new law allows cities more flexibility in making use of city sales tax revenues and could – if City Council decided to initiate action under this new law – result in (1) a decrease in the amount of such tax revenues allocated to the JTEDC or even (2) dissolution of the JTEDC altogether. A special ballot item would have to be placed before the voters in order for this to happen. No action was taken.

**EDC Office Employee (follow-up from February 17 called meeting):** The board was presented with revised job descriptions for an Executive Director and for a permanent part-time office employee. Following considerable discussion, especially about the salary range and expectations of the employee, it was the consensus of the board to advertise an opening for a permanent part-time office employee, 25–30 hours per week at an hourly rate from \$11.50 – \$15.00 depending on qualifications and experience. Supak moved to place an advertisement in the *Junction Eagle* for this position, and the motion was seconded by Lumbley. It passed unanimously.

**Junction Tourism Board Update:** Robinson presented a brief report on the February meeting of the Junction Texas Tourism Board, which was mostly devoted to digital marketing. No action was taken.

**Meeting adjourned 6:40pm.**

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Carol Neiman, Secretary