

JEDO BOARD
Joint Economic Development Organization
Wednesday, January 23, 2002
3:00 p.m.

The JEDO Board met in the auditorium of the Shawnee County Health Agency. Those JEDO Members present being Shawnee County Commissioners Ted Ensley and Vic Miller; City of Topeka Council Members Betty Dunn, Vanessa Hill, Lisa Stubbs. Also present were City Councilman Harold Lane; Chamber of Commerce and Go Topeka President Doug Kinsinger, Kathy Moellenberndt with the Chamber of Commerce and Go Topeka; Kris Robbins with Go Topeka; Shawnee County Financial Administrator Trinket Harding; Topeka Chamber of Commerce Director Christy Caldwell; Harold Stone with Senator Pat Roberts office; John Glassman, the Great Overland Station; Mark Kelly and Michelle Butler with State Representative Jim Ryun's office; George Stafford, Ann Emerson and Jon Hummell with Senator Sam Brownback's office; Colonel Rufus Forrest with the 190th Air Refueling Wing of the Kansas Air National Guard; Dave Stremming, Metropolitan Topeka Airport Authority; Shawnee County Counselor Rich Eckert and Deputy County Clerk Deb Childers.

Correspondence requesting support of a military construction project

Commissioner Vic Miller read a letter from Rufus L. Forrest, Jr., Colonel, Kansas Air National Guard requesting active support for a military construction project. Colonel Forrest felt this project would help insure the permanence of a military presence in northeast Kansas.

After a brief discussion with Colonel Forrest, Councilwoman Vanessa Hill made a motion, **to add the JEDO Board's endorsement of the project and the Board's continuing position of advocacy in its support**, seconded by Commissioner Ted Ensley. Motion passed unanimously. Commissioner Miller suggested this endorsement be tendered to each of the respective bodies for additional action.

ITEM NO. 1: Approval of minutes.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Betty Dunn to **approve the JEDO Board Meeting minutes of January 16, 2002**, seconded by Councilwoman Vanessa Hill. Motion passed unanimously.

ITEM NO. 2: Approval of agreement for services for year 2002 between JEDO and Go Topeka.

Mr. Doug Kinsinger said the proposed contract was modeled after the City's contract. Commissioner Miller asked how this agreement blended with the City's agreement. Mr. Kinsinger said they had signed an interim funding agreement with the City for \$325,000 of the \$800,000 and their proposal was for the remainder of those funds to be funneled through JEDO. Commissioner Miller clarified the County's 1-mill referred to in the proposed contract equaled \$1,192,113.

After discussion of the performance standards for Go Topeka, a motion was made by Commissioner Ensley **to add language indicating the intent for Go Topeka to raise private funds to augment the project funding**, seconded by Councilwoman Stubbs. Motion passed unanimously.

— Commissioner Miller proposed the following amendments:

- On page 4, paragraph 9, beginning, "It is understood and agreed that either party may terminate this agreement." He offered the addition of the following language: "at either party's sole discretion." Also, in paragraph 9, dealing with the 120-day period of cancellation, he offered the addition of "all cash and real property shall revert to JEDO upon termination. During the 120-day termination period any purchase in excess of \$1,000 shall first be approved by JEDO."
- On page 8(b), "Go Topeka shall, and at such time and in such form as the JEDO may require, furnish to the JEDO" Commissioner Miller offered the additional language ", any individual member of JEDO, the City Attorney, the City Administrator, and the County the Counselor".
- On page 9 where it reads "to the JEDO", Commissioner Miller offered the additional language "individual members of JEDO, the City Attorney, the City Administrator, and the County Counselor." On the line, "accounting firm selected by Go Topeka", Commissioner Miller suggested substituting Go Topeka with JEDO.
- Commissioner Miller suggested an additional paragraph, "Go Topeka agrees that 10-percent of the funds referenced in paragraph 3 shall be dedicated to economic development for racial minorities, with a goal of 20-percent of the funds to support economic development for women and racial minorities." Mr. Kinsinger expressed his agreement to the addition of this paragraph.
- X • Commissioner Miller suggested one additional paragraph addressing inventory, "Go Topeka shall maintain an inventory of all expendable supplies and fixed assets in accordance with the standard fixed asset policies and procedures as approved by the JEDO and shall annually provide a signed copy to JEDO." Mr. Kinsinger clarified inventory would include furnishings and equipment, and not so much as disposables, i.e., office supplies.

After discussion of the proposed Agreement For Services for year 2002, a motion was made by Commissioner Miller **to include all amendments as presented**, seconded by Councilwoman Betty Dunn. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was then made by Councilwoman Vanessa Hill **to adopt the agreement as amended**, seconded by Councilwoman Dunn. Motion passed unanimously.

County Counselor Rich Eckert advised the Chair would be able to sign the contract after the amendments were incorporated into the document.

TEM NO. 3: Project Priorities.

— Commissioner Miller asked Mr. Kinsinger to give a brief outline on the direction Go Topeka needed from JEDO. Mr. Kinsinger said it had been determined there were 8 to 15 different projects, including, but not limited to, the Topeka Boulevard Bridge, the Great Overland Station the 190th, infra-structure projects, etc.

Mr. John Glassman, speaking for The Great Overland Station, NTOMA (North Topeka On The Move Association) and the North Topeka Business Alliance reported receiving documents from Planning indicating the riverfront development was their number one priority. Commissioner Miller asked Mr. Glassman to consider if or how the Washington D.C. representation could be of assistance to their project. He reported that according to the Parks Service Pappan's Ferry was the most needed, undeveloped site in the Nation for the Oregon Trail piece. That opened a new venue when considering the historical perspective, tourism, etc.

Mr. Dave Stremming with the Metropolitan Topeka Airport Authority said he was present to be supportive of Go Topeka and the agreement being considered today.

Commissioner Ensley asked Mr. Harold Stone if the dollars received from the federal government would come in a lump sum and they would then have to prioritize. Mr. Harold Stone with Senator Pat Roberts's office said he currently did not know the limitations. He felt it was important for senators and representatives to hear a unified message.

Commissioner Miller explained his top priority would be those items affecting jobs.

Commissioner Miller opened the floor to discuss prioritization of projects.

Mr. Kinsinger agreed with Commissioner Miller's comments that the emphasis should be sensitive to job retention and creation. He felt the senators and representatives needed to know what was most important to the local elected officials in order to divert more resources and time to those priorities.

Councilwoman Dunn asked Mr. Kinsinger if he felt job retention and grant writing for expansion were equally important. Mr. Kinsinger agreed. He believed the consultant would do a fair amount toward that effort. He added the Delegation staff of those offices were already providing assistance.

Mr. Mark Kelly with Representative Jim Ryun's office cautioned that they generally made appropriations requests beginning in March. The more time that passed after March, the more difficult it was for them to get those projects into the appropriate year.

Mr. Kinsinger suggested it could be important to hear a strong consensus of how the four projects were prioritized. Commissioner Miller said he had not heard any project he was comfortable saying was at the bottom of his list. He felt their consultant was important in terms of outlining the potential for funds. He did not care which project was funded, but some projects could be more likely to have access to certain funding. Commissioner Miller felt they needed professional advice on how to get funding from Washington.

Commissioner Miller stated items with major community investments were the Topeka Boulevard Bridge, The Great Overland Station, Forbes Field and the Oakland Expressway. Councilwoman Stubbs indicated her agreement to the four projects listed by Commissioner Miller.

Councilman Harold Lane noted there could be a need to seek federal funding for the rebuilding of the area around the Monroe National Park site before it's opening in 2004. He noted the building was fully funded, but there was much work around the area that was not funded.

Commissioner Ensley asked Mr. Kinsinger to keep the JEDO Chair aware of any telephone calls or reports received from the consultant.

Item No 4: Discussion of proxy voting.

Commissioner Miller advised that proxy voting was on the agenda at the request of Commissioner Marice Kane. After discussion of proxy voting, it was the consensus that the Board had accepted Robert's Rules of Order. Therefore there was nothing to be done with this item.

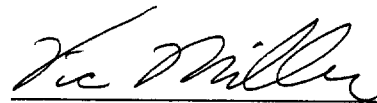
NEXT MEETING

Commissioner Miller suggested the subject matter for the next meeting would be group discussion of the concept of shovel-ready and site-development for the benefit of Go Topeka. He added it would also be an education on the part of JEDO by some professionals as to current assets available in the community. He wanted to get on a same-page approach to land and site development. He wanted to included some presentation by the Planning Department and Go Topeka. Mr. Kinsinger suggested they schedule the next meeting at a time Go Topeka's site consultant could also be present.

After discussion of potential meeting times, the next JEDO Board meeting was scheduled for 3:00 p.m., February 13, 2002, to be held in the Chamber of Commerce Board Room.

Meeting adjourned.

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Vic Miller, Chair