



**CITY OF BLUE SPRINGS, MISSOURI
MINUTES OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL MEETING
Wednesday, February 24, 2021**

A State of Emergency for Jackson County, Missouri was declared on March 12, 2020 and subsequent amendments by Jackson County Executive Order requiring residents to stay at home and limiting public gatherings to reduce the spread of the COVID-19 virus. As provided in Sections 610.020(1) and 610.020(4) RSMo., the Economic Development Council participated in this meeting via tele-conference to ensure safe social distancing measures were taken. The public was able to attend as well via tele-conference.

A meeting of the Blue Springs Economic Development Council was held at 8:00 a.m. on Wednesday, February 24, 2021, via tele-conference. The following members, guest and staff were in attendance with Chair Becky Nace presiding.

COUNCILMEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Becky Nace, Chair	Erika Lucas
Justin Beal	Dave Meyer
Jeff Grote	Lara Vermillion
Taylor Warwick	Michael Scott
Joey Zarrillo, Vice Chair	Lyle Shaver

COUNCILMEMBERS ABSENT

Drew Grossman
James McCullough
Brett Miller
Kirk Sampson

STAFF & OTHER ATTENDEES

City Council Liaison Jerry Kaylor
District 3 City Councilmember Susan Culpepper
Director of Community Development Mike Mallon
Economic Development Manager Brandon Keller
Blue Springs School District Representative Kim Poertner

CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM

Chair Becky Nace confirmed a quorum of the Council was present.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Economic Development Manager Brandon Keller called the Economic Development Council meeting to order at 8:13 a.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilmember Meyer moved to approve the minutes of the November 18, 2020 Economic Development Council meeting. Motion seconded by Councilmember Grote and carried with the following votes:

Beal – Aye

Shaver – ABSENT

Grossman – ABSENT
 Grote - Aye
 McCullough - ABSENT
 Warwick – Aye
 Vice Chair Zarrillo – Aye
 Chair Nace - Aye

Lucas - ABSENT
 Sampson – ABSENT
 Vermillion – Aye
 Meyer – Aye
 Scott – Aye
 Miller – ABSENT

MEMBER UPDATE Brandon Keller informed the board that Drew Grossman has left St. Mary’s Hospital and accepted a new job in Florida, and that a new member will be appointed to replace Drew.

EDC ANNUAL REPORT Brandon Keller presented the Annual Report and Goals attached to the Agenda. Becky informed the Board she would attend the March 3rd City Council meeting.

PERSONAL GOALS Brandon Keller discussed personal goals in addition to what was already discussed.

OTHER BUSINESS Chair Becky Nace discussed the need to continue business outreach and attraction and the need for workforce housing.

Vice Chair Joey Zarrillo spoke on the issues of limited access to workforce housing and what he has seen contributing to that.

Councilmember Grote gave an update on the upcoming April election that the Central Jackson County Fire District has two ballot measures for the public to vote on.

Brandon Keller informed the board that non-disclosure agreements are not allowed for EDC members. Councilmembers questioned what the document they signed when they joined the EDC and what the point of the EDC is. They also asked if the Sunshine Law training will still be required.

VISITORS City Councilmember Culpepper gave an update on the Park’s Department ballot measure also on the April ballot.

ADJOURNMENT At 8:59 a.m. there was no further business to come before the Economic Development Council, Councilmember Scott moved the meeting be adjourned. Motion seconded by Vice Chair Zarrillo.



 Becky Nace, Chair

ATTEST:

February 24, 2021

Economic Development Council

Page 3



Brandon Keller, Manager – Economic Development