

Hamilton County Community Development Board Meeting
P.O. Box 1167
Syracuse, KS 67878
Meeting Place - Hamilton County Jury Room
April 7, 2015
12:00 p.m.

Steve Phillips, Chairman
Michele Boy, Board Member
Mike Lewis, Board Member

Steve Schell, Board Member
Sarah Schwieterman, Board Member
Leslie Carlholm, Com. Dev. Director

Chairman Phillips, called the Meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. Present were Board Members Boy, Lewis, Phillips, Schwieterman and Schell. Also present was Community Development Director Carlholm.

AGENDA: Lewis moved to approve the agenda as presented. Schwieterman seconded the Motion. The vote was called and the motion was unanimously approved.

PRIOR MINUTES: Lewis moved to approve the minutes of the February 9, 2015 meeting as presented. Schell seconded the Motion. The vote was called and the motion was unanimously approved.

HOUSING RESOURCE MEETING: Lewis and Carlholm shared information regarding Great Plains Development Inc.'s offer to assist with coordinating a local housing resource meeting. The board discussed possible formats. The consensus of the board was to table this agenda item pending the results of the community survey.

NEXT COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP MEETING: The consensus of the board was to schedule the next community leadership meeting for June. There was discussion that the community leadership meeting might be a good forum for the housing resource meeting and sharing the results of the community survey.

E-COMMUNITIES: Carlholm shared her discussions with other communities about their E-Community experience. The E-communities were very positive about their experiences and encouraged Hamilton County to apply. Although there were some general concerns about the sale of the tax credits used to fund the program with the changes made by the State to income tax, the E-communities and tax accountant consulted felt there was still a market for the tax credits and Hamilton County would not have anything to lose by applying. Lewis moved to pursue application to the Network Kansas E-Community Program. Boy seconded the motion. The vote was called and the motion was unanimously approved.

HOTEL: The Board discussed the community's need for a hotel and possible avenues for meeting this need. No official action was taken.

PUBLIC CONCERNS AND REQUESTS: Boy shared Sheriff Garza's request for assistance in conducting a survey to see if there is community interest in taking ESL classes and Spanish classes. Carlholm will contact Garza to assist in setting up the online survey. Lewis and Carlholm shared there appears to be interest by the extension board to discuss the possibility of merging economic development into extension. The consensus of the Community Development Board was to invite the extension board to discuss this possibility after the Community Development Board has had an opportunity to review the results of the community survey.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Carlholm provided an overview of the current activities and projects being under taken.

As there was no more business to come before the Boar Lewis moved to adjourn the meeting. Boy seconded the motion. The vote was called and the motion was unanimously approved. Phillips adjourned the meeting at 1:16 p.m.

ATTEST:

Community Development Director

Board Chairman

Date