

JEDO BOARD
Joint Economic Development Organization
Wednesday, September 11, 2002
3:00 p.m.

The JEDO Board met in the Chamber of Commerce Board Room. Those present being: Shawnee County Commissioners Vic Miller, Ted Ensley and Marice Kane. City of Topeka Council Members present: Betty Dunn, Gary Price, Harold Lane, John Alcala, and Lisa Stubbs. City of Topeka Mayor Butch Felker was present by speakerphone. Go Topeka Members present: Doug Kinsinger; Jo Beilman, Tony Augusto, Jack Ponteoous, Col. Rufus Forrest, Kris A. Robbins, Linda Ramirez Gonzalez, Mark Wittenburg, Edwardo Ramirez, Kathy Moellenberndt, and Dr. Jerry Farley. Also present: Brad owen, Alan Corbet, Trinket Harding, Shawnee County Financial Administrator, Nancy Allen with Callahan Creek, Vincent Frye and Michael Allen with Frye Allen, Inc., Rich Eckert, Shawnee County Counselor, Michael R. Brink, Neil Fisher, Ken Kelly, Topeka Capital-Journal Report Alicia Henrikson, Garry Ray, Brady Robb, John Myers, Ron Jones, and Deputy County Clerk Deb Childers.

ITEM NO. 1: Approval of Minutes.

A motion was made by County Commissioner Ted Ensley to **approve the minutes of the meeting May 22, 2002**, seconded by Councilwoman Betty Dunn. The motion passed unanimously.

ITEM NO. 2: A Status Report of Contract Performance Benchmarks was presented by Mr. Doug Kinsinger of GO Topeka. (A copy of the PowerPoint presentation is attached to this set of minutes.)

Commissioner Miller asked the members of the Board to review the contract with GO Topeka because they would be considering renewal in the near term. Speaking for himself, Commissioner Miller said he could not be happier with their performance.

ITEM NO. 3: Market Plan Update

Nancy Allen with Callahan Creek explained Frye Allen Inc., was the lead agency and Callahan Creek was the consultant. She advised both agencies had extensive economic development experience. Vincent Frye of Frye Allen Inc. said they had made this presentation to the GO Topeka Board. He noted they had created the past quarter-cent sales tax extension theme. Mr. Frye presented the Greater Topeka Chamber logo and the *Today. Tomorrow. Topeka.* advertisement. (These are attached to this set of minutes.)

ITEM NO. 4: Financial Report

Brad Owen gave a synopsis of the "Go Topeka JEDO Grant Activity Cash Basis". (This working draft is attached to this set of minutes.)

ITEM NO. 5: The authorized budget of GO Topeka was amended to allow for the exercise of land options.

Kathy Moellenberndt with the Chamber of Commerce reported on the acquisition of additional optioned property. She said they optioned 207 acres between 49th Street and 57th Street. Approximately 141 acres were deeded to Target and the balance would be developed. There were four parcels between 53rd Street and 49th Street under option. The option for three of those parcels would extend to year 2004. However, the option on one parcel with less than five acres would end the first of November. Ms. Moellenberndt stated they would like to acquire that parcel. Mr. Kinsinger advised that particular property was the only parcel with a residence and the landowner did not want to be held in limbo. He advised the remaining acreage was farmland.

After discussion of the information provided, Commissioner Kane made a motion **to amend GO Topeka's authorized budget to allow for the exercise of land options**. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Dunn. The motion passed unanimously.

ITEM NO. 6: Report on Congressional efforts for federal funding for economic development priorities.

Mr. Kinsinger recalled JEDO had determined their four congressional funding priorities to be the Topeka Boulevard Bridge, The Great Overland Station, Forbes Field and the Commerce Park infrastructure. He reported The Great Overland Station was the only project not to receive funding. He was optimistic there would be an allocation next year.

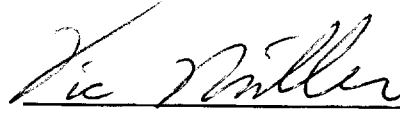
ITEM NO. 7: Inter-City visit to Springfield, Missouri, September 26, 27.

Commissioner Miller acknowledged Dean Ferrell was not present for this item.

Mr. Doug Kinsinger reported forty-six (46) people planned to visit Springfield, Missouri. He noted the bus was full, so no one else could attend unless there was a cancellation. He said there was a good cross-section of Commissioners, Council members, staff and private business leaders going. There would be high-level meetings planned with the

Mayor and staffs, etc., which would allow them to ask what mistakes were made by those communities.

The meeting was adjourned.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Vic Miller". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Vic Miller, Chair