

JEDO BOARD  
Joint Economic Development Organization  
Wednesday, May 22, 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, Lisa Stubbs, Harold Lane, Gary Price, and John Alcalá; City of Topeka Mayor Butch Felker. Go Topeka Members present: Kris A. Robbins; Doug Kinsinger; Dr. Jerry Farley; Linda Ramirez-Gonzales; Neil Fisher; J. Mark Wittenburg; Jack Porteous; Rick Jackson; Dean Ferrell. Also present: John Myers with the City of Topeka; Shawnee County Financial Administrator Harriet "Trinket" Harding; Shawnee County Counselor Rich Eckert; Deputy County Clerk Deb Childers; and Topeka Capital-Journal Reporter Alicia Henrikson.

Commissioner Miller made a request to add to the agenda sending thank you notes to the Shawnee County Legislative Delegation and the Congressional Delegation.

City Councilwoman Betty Dunn moved to **add a thank you note to the Shawnee County Legislative Delegation for their support of the Goodyear Incentive legislation as Item 4a; and, a thank you note to the Congressional Delegation for their work in retaining the V.A. Administrative Service Center as Item 4b,** seconded by Councilman Gary Price. The motion passed unanimously.

ITEM NO. 1: Approval of Minutes.

A motion was made by Commissioner Ted Ensley to **approve the JEDO Board Meeting minutes of March 28, 2002,** seconded by Councilwoman Betty Dunn. The motion passed unanimously.

ITEM NO. 2: Approval of the Commerce Park contract between Shawnee County/Go Topeka/JEDO Board

County Counselor Rich Eckert stated the intent of the agreement was for Shawnee County to loan \$2.2 million to Go Topeka to put together Commerce Park and for Shawnee County to be reimbursed those monies through the 2003 retailer's sale tax. Since, those funds would be taken from invested funds by Shawnee County, the County was charging three-percent interest.

Commissioner Vic Miller reported the proposed contract had been endorsed by the Go Topeka Executive Committee and would be on the agenda for consideration by the County Commission on Thursday, May 23, 2002. (*Shawnee County Contract No. C227-2002, approved by the Shawnee County Board of County Commissioners May 23, 2002.*)

After discussion, Councilwoman Betty Dunn made a motion to **approve the Commerce Park contract**, seconded by Councilwoman Lisa Stubbs.

The motion passed unanimously.

ITEM NO. 3: Target Market Study.

Mr. Doug Kinsinger with Go Topeka/Chamber of Commerce gave a synopsis of the Topeka Target Industry Selection, which is attached to this set of minutes.

After discussion of the material presented, Councilman Gary Price made a **motion to affirm the recommendation of The Wadley Donovan Group and for the JEDO Board to prioritize the top three (3) priority areas as: Business and Information Services; Mission Critical Technologies; and, Light Manufacturing**, seconded by Councilwoman Betty Dunn.

The motion passed unanimously.

ITEM NO. 4: Goodyear Update.

Mr. Doug Kinsinger updated the JEDO Board on how things were proceeding with the Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company incentive package. He asked to recognize the hard work of the Shawnee County Legislative Delegation for their support of the Goodyear Incentive legislation and the hard work of the Congressional Delegation in retaining the V.A. Administrative Service Center by sending each a "Thank You" note from the JEDO Board.

ITEM NO. 4a: Signing of a Thank You note to the Shawnee County Legislative Delegation. (A copy is attached to this set of minutes.)

Mr. Kinsinger read the "Thank You" note before circulating it for signatures of the JEDO Board.

ITEM NO. 4b. Signing of a "Thank You" note to the Congressional Delegation. (A copy is attached to this set of minutes.)

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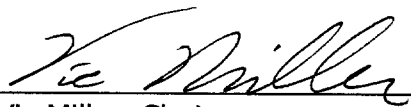
ITEM NO. 5: Go Topeka Report. (A copy of this report is attached to this set of minutes.)

Doug Kinsinger, President/CEO, Go Topeka, reported on the Status of Key Activities.

NEXT MEETING

Commissioner Miller stated the next meeting of the JEDO Board would not be scheduled at this time. They would now meet on an as needed basis.

The meeting was adjourned.

  
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Vic Miller, Chair