

COMMUNITY RELATIONS AND TOURISM COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, March 14, 2019

The Community Relations and Tourism Committee met at the Arthur Municipal Building on Thursday, March 14, 2019. Jenni Marner called the meeting to order at 7:00p.m. Roll call was answered by Christy Miller and Jenni Marner. Dave Tiffan was absent. Paul Pearce, Rod Randall and Stephanie Wierman were also in attendance. There was no public comment.

The new business items discussed are as follows:

Discussion took place concerning the planned welcome center improvements for the upcoming budget year. Christy presented information and approximate costs for the trim/wainscoating and doors to be replaced; the tile to be removed, new tile bought and installed; and for new partitions to be purchased and installed from three local contractors. The approximate total of the needed improvements is \$25,000.

Discussion took place concerning the Economic Development Assistance Funding process. Since the Board passed the application process for providing this Assistance, we need to create a method for this in the budget for the next fiscal year. The current line items impacted are:

EXISTING LINE ITEMS:	2018-2019 BUDGET
ADM ECONOMIC DEVELOP/CONSULT	\$30,000
ADM DONATIONS	\$ 2,500

These two line items should be combined into a new item called ADM ECONOMIC DEVELOP ASSIST in the amount of \$40,000 for 2019-2020. The Board will consider applications for these funds as soon as any are completed.

Discussion about the 2019-2020 budget centered on the previous two items.

The ADM WELCOME CENTER line item should be increased to \$40,000 (\$25,000 planned improvements plus the \$15,000 to cover standard expenses).

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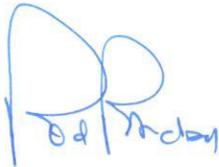
The ADM ECONOMIC DEVELOP ASSIST line item should have an amount of \$40,000. The line items of ADM ECONOMIC DEVELOP/CONSULT and ADM DONATIONS should be removed.

General Discussion took place concerning several previously discussed items:

- 1) Mayor Randall recently met with MSA to discuss the Welcome Center project and possible next steps including possible creation of drawings and renderings.
- 2) LED Sign. Grant has received a bid for upgrading the electric in the grass aisle where the sign would be placed. Mayor Randall would like us to consider developing a sign use ordinance for the electronic sign prior to bringing it before the Board.
- 3) Paul Pearce has heard several comments about the need for an electric charging station in downtown and mentioned if we are upgrading electricity in the parking lot, it might be worthwhile to consider this request at this time too.

NO ACTION WAS TAKEN IN THE MEETING. The budget items will be recommended to the Board for approval or denial.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35pm.



Rod Randall