

WOOD COUNTY INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION

August 3, 2017

Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes
Gabby's Grill in Golden, Texas

Members Present:

Theresa Margos	Dana Donahue	Ken Donahue	Richard Pearce
JR Simpson	Dan Kirk	Allene Doggett	Martha Scroggins
Sam Scroggins	Gerald Elliott	Lowe Ann Elliott	Neal Duncan
Robby Fair	Ben Hudman	Shelly Ogle	Janna Castloo
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Members Not Present:

Gary Edwards

Others Present: Executive Director Kiki Bettis; guests, Larry Tucker, News Writer for the Wood County Monitor.

- 1. Call To Order/Welcomes:** Chairman Dan Kirk called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The invocation was led by Gerald Elliott. Chairman Kirk welcomed and introduced Shelly Ogle of Yantis to the board.
- 2. Consent Agenda:** A motion was made by Ken Donahue and seconded by Allene Doggett to approve the minutes from the regular meeting held June 1, 2017. Motion carried- unanimously. A motion was made by Neal Duncan and seconded by Richard Pearce to accept the financials for the month ending July 31, 2017 as presented. Motion carried-unanimously.
- 3. Proposed HOT Fund Projects for FY 2017-18:** Members of the HOT Fund committee met in June to review the applications as well as heard presentations on each of the projects. There were a total of 30 applications received with a combined total of \$184,836 in funding requests. The total amount budgeted for such projects were \$80,000. The list of projects and requested amounts to be considered for funding for the upcoming 2017-2018 fiscal year included Winnsboro Center of the Arts, \$950; Lake Fork Sportsman's Association, \$5,000; East Texas API, \$2,500; Bass Champs, \$10,000; Lake Fork Chamber of Commerce, \$4,300 (boat shows); Seal Outdoors, \$8,500; Autumn Trail Association, \$2,500; Winnsboro Rodeo Association, \$1,000; Patriot Sporting Challenge, \$1,000; Dominic Ayala Jamboree, \$1,000; Lake Fork Chamber, \$2,500 (Carp & Buffalo tournament); Winnsboro Chamber of Commerce, \$500; Lake Fork Chamber, \$4,500 (High School tournament); Lake Fork Chamber, \$1,500 (firework show); Mineola Chamber of Commerce, \$1,000 (visitor center); Mineola Chamber, \$2,500 (Iron Horse festival); Yantis Catfish Classic, \$5,000; Mineola Economic Development Corp., \$1,000; Wood County Old Settlers Association, \$3,000; Hawkins Chamber of Commerce, \$500; Winnsboro Art & Wine Festival, \$2,500; APET SPCA, \$1,000; and Legends of Lake Fork, \$5,000. A motion was made by Neal Duncan and seconded Ken Donahue to accept the list as presented. Motion carried-unanimously.
- 4. Proposed HOT Fund Budget for FY 2017-18:** Bettis presented the board with a copy of the proposed Hotel Occupancy Tax (HOT) Fund budget for the fiscal year 2017-2018 and gave a quick overview. The overall total of the HOT Fund budget is set at \$114,000 which is \$9,600 less than last year's amount. Bettis explained that in the past four years the HOT Fund account has went over budget because revenues did not come in as estimated. Bettis believes the WCIC will come in under budget this year which will help fund next year's budget not to mention the past due (uncollected) hotel/motel tax monies the County has been receiving thus far. A motion was made by JR Simpson and seconded by Richard Pearce to approve the Proposed HOT Fund Budget for Fiscal Year 2017-18. Motion carried-unanimously. The proposed HOT budget will be submitted to the County Judge and Commissioners Court for final approval.
- 5. Proposed General Fund Budget for FY 2017-18:** Bettis presented the board with a copy of the proposed General Fund budget for the fiscal year 2017-2018 and gave a quick overview. The overall total of the General Fund budget is set at \$173,603 which is the same amount as last year's however there were a couple of changes made to particular line items in order to increase the amount allotted for print material, advertising and Association dues. A motion was made by

Gerald Elliott and seconded by JR Simpson to approve the Proposed General Fund Budget for Fiscal Year 2017-18. Motion carried-unanimously. The proposed budget will be submitted to the County Judge and Commissioners Court for final approval.

6. **Community Reports:**

Alba- The 5th annual Youth Bass Camp was held last weekend at Lake Fork Marina with roughly 40 kids attended the event. The city welcomed a new business, Robin's Nest which held its Grand Opening on last Friday. The First Baptist Church of Alba completed its annual Vacation Bible School last week with a host of children in attendance.

Hawkins- The Rotary Club will be handing out school supplies to students in grades kindergarten through fifth grade next week, just in time for school to begin.

Mineola- The hit movie "Dunkirk" will be showing at the Select Theater this weekend. The Kiwanis Club will be handing out school supplies on Saturday to Mineola area students. The Wood County Republican Women will host the "Taste of East Texas" on Saturday, August 26 at the Mineola Civic Center. Tickets are \$12 each.

Quitman- The Wood County Old Settlers Reunion kicked off this week and will run through Saturday, August 5 at the Governor Jim Hogg City Park. The Speakeasy Coffee Shop held its official Grand Opening last weekend and it was a huge success. The Speakeasy has already branched out as they opened a kiosk inside of East Texas Medical Center-Quitman. A new steak house, "The Den" will be opening on the downtown square. Construction on the restaurant has begun and applications for all positions are being accepted as well. The city is also working the construction of the Pocket Park which will also be located on the square. The EDC has been receiving several inquires about opening shops in the downtown area. The annual Tips for Tots fundraiser is scheduled for Monday, August 7 at AJ's Fish House in Alba.

Winnsboro: The annual Car Show will be held Labor Day weekend followed by Gun Show. The first weekend in October hundreds of volunteers will be packaging more than 100,000 meals to send to third-world countries in an effect to help feed starving children.

Yantis: The city will soon welcome a new café to town, "Dew Drop".

7. **Next Meeting** The next meeting will be held Thursday, September 7, 2017 in Quitman. Location of the meeting will be determined at a later time.

Meeting adjourned: A motion was made by JR Simpson and seconded by Richard Pearce to adjourn the meeting at 8:06 p.m. Motion carried-unanimously.



Kiki Bettis, Executive Director