

**MINUTES**  
**MERIDIAN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION**  
**MEETING**

Monday, March 15, 2010  
6:00 p.m.

President Mike Vanecek called the meeting to order, Garland read the proof of posting notice and a quorum was present. Members present were Mike Vanecek, Stephen Barnett, Marie Garland, Claiborne Phillips, Larry Lawson and Don McMahon. Also present were David Duke – EDC Coordinator, Dan Markman, and Buddy Brantley.

**Public Forum** – No one wished to speak at public forum.

**Minutes** – A motion was made by McMahon, seconded by Phillips and carried to approve the minutes of the February meeting.

**Financial Statement Review** – Claiborne Phillips presented the financial statement for the month of February 2010. A motion was made by Garland, seconded by McMahon and carried to approve the financial statement as presented.

**Expenditures** – Staff payroll to David Duke was presented for payment which included 72.5 hours at \$12.00 per hour for an amount of \$870.00. A motion was made by Garland, seconded by Phillips and carried to approve the expenditure as presented.

**Old Business** – No old business was presented.

**New Business**

4. Members reviewed and discussed the Economic Development Sales Tax Workshop and David Duke urged the members to attend. He stated that both he and the City Administrator, Marie Garland, were required to attend the workshops every two years. He included information on the workshops in each members packets.

5. Members briefly discussed the costs for the EDC property's infrastructure. David Duke stated that Atmos Energy stated that there was sufficient gas for the Law Enforcement Center, but that if the sited needed additional capacity in

the future, the upgrading of the line would be \$56,000. The cost of getting the water and sewer lines under Highway 174 would cost approximately \$40,000. He also stated that it was a good indication that the cost of utilities and roads in the entire site like this would cost twice the amount of the land cost, which would be approximately \$350,000. President Vanacek asked that David Duke check into grants for Industrial sites.

Council moved into **Executive** session pursuant to the Texas Open Meetings Act, Sections 551.072, Deliberations Regarding Real Property and Section 551.087, Deliberations Regarding Economic Development Negotiations.

1. Discussion concerning the Bosque County Law Enforcement Center (LEC).
2. Discussion concerning the sale of property for the County LEC site.
3. Discussion concerning the request from Double B Foods for financial assistance.

Council moved back into **Open** session at 7:21 p.m.

1. Members reviewed the Bosque County Law Enforcement Center plans. No action was taken.
2. Members discussed the sale of the property for the county LEC site. A motion was made to sell the property to Bosque County for the location of the Bosque County Law Enforcement Center at the corner of Hwy 174 and CR 2600. The price of the land would be \$60,000, MEDC would pay 25% of cost to extend the utilities under Hwy 174 and the MEDC would pay the cost of extending water to other areas of the MEDC property for future development from the LEC property line. A motion was made by Garland, seconded by McMahon and carried to recommend to the City Council the negotiated sale of the MEDC property of seven acres to Bosque County for the location of the Law Enforcement Center.
3. Members discussed possible negotiations with Double B Foods for financial assistance with the lease of manufacturing equipment for another line of food products. Members reviewed the proposed contract terms and asked that it be presented to both the City Attorney and Double B Foods. A motion was made by Lawson, seconded by McMahon and carried to approve with the contract negotiations.

## **Reports**

1. MEDC Business Survey – it was reported that approximately 20 surveys were out in the business owner's hands and were slowly being turned back in.

2. David Duke also reported that he would like to attend the Regional HOTCOG Economic Development Forum on April 21, 2010 in Marlin. David was encouraged to attend by the members.

Adjourn – A motion was made by Garland, seconded by Phillips and carried to adjourn the meeting.

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President

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Secretary