



ECONOMIC GROWTH & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

AGENDA

Thursday, July 8, 2021 – 12 PM | Council Chambers, City Hall

1. **Call meeting to order**
2. **Approval of Minutes**
 - a. June 3, 2021
3. **Public Comment** – Limit to three minutes per person
4. **Continued Business:**
 - a. N. Gateway Sign – CAO Green
 - b. Tourism Grant – CAO Green
 - c. Successful Deer Lodge – CAO Green
5. **New Business:**
 - a. Annexation – CAO Green
 - b. Big Sky Rail Funding – CAO Green
 - c. ARPA Discussion – CAO Green
6. **Committee Comments or Concerns**
7. **Announcement of the next meeting**
 - a. August 5, 2021, at 12:00pm
8. **Adjournment**

Economic Growth & Development Committee

Members

Mary Hathaway(Chair) | Amanda Bohrer | John Henderson

CITY OF DEER LODGE ECONOMIC GROWTH & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

MINUTES

Meeting: Thursday, June 3, 2021 at 12pm | Council Chambers, City Hall.

Members Present: Mary Hathaway, Amanda Bohrer, John Henderson

Members Absent: None

Mayor: Diana Solle

CAO: Jordan Green

Council Members: None

Staff: Trent Freeman, Cyndi Thompson

Guests: None

1. Call Meeting to Order

Chairperson Hathaway called the meeting to order at 12:00pm

2. Approval of Minutes – May 6, 2021

Passed with unanimous consent.

3. Public Comment - None

4. Continued Business:

a. 100 Year Anniversary

- i. Vinyl decals – per CAO Green, decals have been ordered and waiting on them to arrive.
- ii. Brochure – Per CAO Green, Cyndi has started the brochure and I will get with her when she gets back.
- iii. Tours – Chairperson Hathaway, Chamber wanted an update on City Hall Tours. Per Mayor Solle, Amanda Bohrer's kids will be here, and the city hall tours will be from 12pm to 6pm. Video of the clock tower will be available for viewing.

- iv. Governor in Parade -The Governor will not be able to make it.
- v. Other – CAO Green, the city will be working on a float for the parade.
- b. North Gateway Sign- CAO Green, not much of an update on the sign, it is still being constructed. Sent the close out information to the people that funded the project, and they are good with it.
- c. Tourism Grant- CAO Green, currently waiting on a finalized contract from the Department of Commerce from the Tourism Grant Association. They have all our information they need. The grant is specifically for the Kiosk.
- d. Successful Deer Lodge: CAO Green, no current update.
- e. TIF/Housing – CAO Green, the general consensus at the housing conference was, we do what we can. I have not been able to research this further due to time constraints. I will research this further and prepare information to present at the next meeting.

5. New Business:

- a. Establish Committee Chair – Chairperson Hathaway, I would be happy to continue being Chairperson for this committee. Member Bohrer motioned to approve Mary Hathaway as EG&D Chairperson; Member Henderson seconded the motion.

6. Committee Comments or Concerns:

Member Bohrer the golf tournament for state is next year is in Fairmont. If we could make some flyers, work with the Rialto to do some shows to draw some people from Fairmont our direction.

Music Festival will be hosted here next year. No actual date yet. This is information I wanted to pass on. CAO Green suggested to pass this information onto the Chamber of Commerce.

7. Announcement of the next meeting:

July 8, 2021, at 12pm

8. Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned at 12:33pm

Prepared by: Cyndi Thompson, City Clerk

Mary Hathaway, Committee Chairperson

Date

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BSPRA Members

Broadwater
Darrel Folkvord

Butte-Silver Bow
Shawn Fredrickson

Carbon
Scott Miller

Dawson
Jason Stuart

Gallatin
Scott MacFarla

Granite
Elena Gagliano

Jefferson
Mary Hensleigh

Missoula
Dave Strohmaier

Park
Bill Berg

Powell
Terry Jennings

Prairie
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May 24, 2021

Dear Director Jennings:

This week the Big Sky Passenger Rail Authority (BSPRA) is launching into our first ever budget resolution to be submitted to the Montana Department of Revenue. Because of Board foresight we have been able to generate a budget proposal that spreads voluntary contributions equitably across member counties. The purpose of this letter is to make formal requests of financial support well in advance of final budget resolutions of member counties. We need to get an informal response to this request by May 27, 2021. Hopefully counties will have room in their budgets to afford the full amount of the proportional contributions, but, if not, it will be helpful to know what level of support might be feasible.

Recently Montana counties have received distributions from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021. For your convenience we have estimated the amount Powell County has received from the ARPA program that can be contributed to the Authority per US Treasury rules.

After careful examination of the operations requirements for the Authority, we have projected the upcoming fiscal year expenditures to be \$103,923, which included a Board approved \$65,000 for a socioeconomic study which will be very helpful in our appeal for federal dollars. The remaining \$38,328 funds normal operations. Per the proportional contribution the Board agreed to, we are asking Powell County to contribute \$2,045.

In its current state the budget reflects not to exceed estimates. A final FY22 budget will be resolved by the full Board of Directors.

Attached is the FY22 Budget Detail page of the Authority's Draft Budget Resolution. In this detail are anticipated appropriations by line item. I am setting up time to explain the budget in its current state and the requested amount with each Authority Director and, if they wish, representatives of their respective County Boards. I appreciate your cooperation and patience as we work to complete this vital task.

With best regards,

Jerry McDonald
Treasurer Big Sky Passenger Rail Authority