

CITY OF HEARNE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION – TYPE B

TYPE B ANNUAL SUMMARY OF CORPORATE ACTIVITIES AND FISCAL SUMMARY 2016/2017

The Type B Economic Development Board will present, at this time, to the Hearne City Council and the City of Hearne the annual report as required by the Corporation Bylaws 3.02 paragraph (three) 3.

During this fiscal year the Type B Board recommended the following expenditures and all were approved by the city council.

1. October 2016 Hearne Depot Roof Cost share with Type A Board. Our half \$22,557.24.
2. January 2017 Chicken Express Cost share with Type A Board. Our half \$65,000.00.
3. February 2017 Hearne City Park Splash Pad Cost share with Type A Board. Our half \$40,000.00.
4. Approved in FY 2016 but not funded in FY 2016 is the Hearne Canopy Project for \$13,076.04 and the Moss Well repairs for \$70,000.00.

The total amount approved for the fiscal year was \$210,633.28 and \$127,557.24 was funded. No other projects were presented to the Type B Board during the Fiscal year and there were no other expenditures.

Paragraph three also requires a review of the accomplishments of the Type B Board.

The best place to start is with the complete replacement of the Board. This was accomplished with the help of the City Council and thru resignation of some members. The new members placed significant emphasis on establishing rules and procedures to better track all transactions and projects as recommended by the forensic audit. New Board members are Virgil Blankenship President, Erin Powell Vice President, Debra Powers Konczal Secretary, Nelda Trevino Treasurer, Paula Deal Director, Dawn Jeffersqñ Director and Pat Williams Director.

The Board established a policy, for the first year or until changed, the Board would hold its regular meetings on the second Tuesday of each month. This allowed the Board time to create and adopt procedures for the following:

Adoption of the Agenda request to track items sent to the council for approval/denial.

Adoption of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) detailing the process that must occur prior to funding any project including City projects.

Revision of the outdated Bylaws of the Type B Board bringing them in line with state rules and regulations. The revised bylaws included City Council amendments and was approved by the Hearne City Council.

The hiring of Floyd Akers as Board Attorney.

Preparation for the first time a Type B Board Budget which was approved by the City Council.

A tremendous amount of time has been spent working with Cathy Lazarus and the Type A Board to develop plans for downtown revitalization.

Preparation of Notice of Breach Letters to most of those in non-compliance with performance agreements. Action still pending attorney review and recommended course of action.

As board president I have met with numerous individuals from all over the state including Betty Russo from the Office of the Governor Economic Development & Tourism, Robert Peche Economic Development Representative U.S. Department of Commerce, Robin Ringwald Union Pacific Railroad to name a few.

I also met many times with corporate personnel from GATX to discuss their expansion and with other corporate personnel from companies like Magellan on their expansion.

It has been both challenging and rewarding and I truly believe together with the Type A Board, the Type B Board, the Chamber of Commerce, the City and the City Council all working together we can accomplish greater things in the future.

I am attaching a spread sheet that will give you a good picture of the financial status of the Type B Board.

Thanks for the opportunity to be a part of the Type B Board


Virgil Blankenship President Type B Board