

APRIL 30, 2025 SPECIAL MEETING & WORKSHOP MINUTES  
HEARNE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION  
206 W Third Street, Hearne, Texas 77859  
MARY'S EL ALAMO

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

**Action/Discussion:** Meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm by Emmett Aguirre, Type A President. All members in attendance are listed as follows: Emmett Aguirre, Sharon Cortemelia, LaToya Wafford and Rick Shear. Also in attendance was Executive Secretary Rebecca Gordon. Board member Ronda Jackson was not in attendance.

DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

**Action/Discussion:** Determination of a quorum was met with members listed above being present.

PUBLIC COMMENT

**Action/Discussion:** No Public Comments.

***No action required.***

**Item 1:** DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION ON LISA BAKER PROJECT

**Action/Discussion:** This project was discussed amongst board members with clarifying specifics from the application and will be brought to the next board meeting for action. ***No action required.***

**Item 2:** DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION ON BRAD ELY (EDWARD JONES) PROJECT

**Action/Discussion:** Board members were presented with Mr. Ely's application packet and they thoroughly discussed his plans for moving his established business from Hwy 6 to downtown. In this process, he intends to renovate the old Palmos, Russ and McCullough building and relocate the Franklin location and hire a new employee. ***No action required.***

**Item 3:** DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION ON NEW APPLICATION PACKAGES

**Action/Discussion:** Board members finely combed through the guidelines and application packet again for a final review alongside Type A board members. They made great progress in editing and clarifying certain situations. Rick Shear made a motion to accept the new guidelines and application packet with the accepted changes. LaToya Wafford seconded the motion. ***Motion passed unanimously.***

**Item 4:** EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS:

- i) DISCUSSION ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT NEGOTIATIONS SUBJECT TO THE TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 551.087.

**The board did not meet in Executive Session.**

**Item 4:** OPEN SESSION ITEMS:

- i) DISCUSSION ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT NEGOTIATIONS SUBJECT TO THE TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 551.087.

**Item 5:** PRESIDENT'S UPDATE

**Action/Discussion:**

**Item 6:** PUBLIC COMMENTS - NON-AGENDA ITEMS

**Action/Discussion:** No Public Comments.

Meeting adjourned at 7:22 pm.