

MARCH 13, 2025 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
HEARNE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION  
306 W Third Street, Hearne, Texas 77859  
HEARNE PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

**Action/Discussion:** Meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Virgil Blankenship, Type B President. All members in attendance are listed as follows: Virgil Blankenship, Paula Deal, Karen McDade, Travis LaCox and Charlie Shear. Also in attendance were Board Attorney Floyd Akers and Executive Secretary Rebecca Gordon. Board members Nelda Trevino and Latonya Darnell were 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:** APPROVE MINUTES FROM TYPE B BOARD MEETINGS OF APRIL 08, 2025 AND APRIL 30, 2025

**Action/Discussion:** Paula Deal made a motion to approve minutes as presented from the Type B Board meeting of April 08, 2025 and special meeting and workshop on April 30, 2025. Charlie Shear seconded the motion. ***Motion passed unanimously.***

**Item 2:** BOARD FINANCIAL INFORMATION SHEET, MONTHLY EXPENDITURES, BOARD SIGNATURE CARDS FOR BANK ACCOUNTS, BY BOARD PRESIDENT

**Action/Discussion:** Virgil Blankenship reviewed the monthly financials. It was previously approved to add all current members to all bank accounts at SouthStar Bank. Members were provided another copy of a bank authorized signer page to either be personally turned directly into the bank or given to Rebecca Gordon to have those signature available at the next meeting to sign. Travis LaCox made a motion to move the balance from 2024 of \$134,521.58. Paula Deal seconded the motion. ***Motion passed unanimously.***

**Item 3:** PRESENTATION/DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION ON LISA BAKER PROJECT.

**Action/Discussion:** Mrs. Lisa Baker answered questions the board had after last month's presentation and reviewing her application. Paula Deal asked what she will be collecting sales tax on and what days she plans to be open, her reply on supplies bought and classes offered and six days a week. Travis LaCox wanted clarification on the numbers given. ***Further discussed in the Executive Session.***

**Item 4:** PRESENTATION/DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION BRAD ELY (EDWARD JONES) PROJECT

**Action/Discussion:** Mr. Bradley Ely presented his project to the board by beginning with a little history on his business. Mr. Ely has been with Edward Jones since 1999 and will be joining another agent from Franklin t move his business into the old Palmus & Russ building and will be looking to hire another full-time personnel. There they will need to do extensive remodeling including the remodel of a Estes with hopes to be completed by the end of the year. ***Further discussed in the Executive Session.***

**Item 5:** PRESENTATION/DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION ON TNT REQUEST TO CHANGE OPERATIONAL DATES ON PERFORMANCE AGREEMENT

**Action/Discussion:** Travis LaCox, with TNT Security Solutions, LLC, requests a 2 month extension, from March 31st to May 31, 2025, to be able to successfully meet requirements set in the Performance Agreement.

Many obstacles have arisen leading to a delay in the remodel completion. Charlie Shear made a motion to move TNT'S performance deadlines from March 31, 2025 to June 30, 2025. Paula Deal seconded the motion. ***Motion passed with 4 in favor, 1 abstaining.***

**Item 6:** DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION ON BOB FARLEY'S CONTRACT

**Action/Discussion:** ***Discussed in the Executive Session.***

Regular Meeting adjourned at 6:15 pm.

The Executive Session was called to order at 6:16 pm.

**Item 7:** EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS:

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

The Executive session adjourned at 6:43 pm

The Regular meeting was called to order at 6:45 pm

**Item 8:** OPEN SESSION ITEMS:

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

**Action/Discussion:**

- ***Travis LaCox made a motion to match the Type A Board's proposal of \$14,000.00, split between each board. Paula Deal seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.***
- ***Travis LaCox made a motion to match the Type A Board's proposal of \$50,000.00, split between each board. Karen McDade seconded the motion. Motion passed with 4 in favor and 1 no.***

**Item 9:** PRESIDENT'S UPDATE

**Action/Discussion:**

- i) DR. PAVAN - Received future payments and will be depositing each payment accordingly.
- ii) FUTURE APPLICATIONS - Applications are available on the website.
- iii) NEW AGENDA ITEMS
- iv) OTHER BUSINESS

**Item 10:** PUBLIC COMMENTS - NON-AGENDA ITEMS

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:02 pm.