

**GROVE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, JUNE 20, 2016
4:00 PM**

The Grove Economic Development Authority met in regular session on Monday, June 20, 2016 at 4:00 PM with Chairman Ron Lay presiding. Members present were Ivan Devitt, and Mike Lewandowski. Member(s) Keith Martin and David Adzigian was absent. Also present was General Manager, Bill Keefer; Assistant General Manager, Debbie Bottoroff; City Treasurer, Lisa Allred and City Clerk, Bonnie Buzzard.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Ms. Judith Read expressed her sympathy to the Adzigian family.

Lewandowski made the motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Seconded by Devitt. AYE: Lewandowski and Lay. NAY: None. Devitt abstained. Motion failed due to lack of $\frac{3}{4}$ of the voting members present.

Devitt made the motion to approve the purchase order register. Seconded by Lewandowski. AYE: Devitt, Lewandowski and Lay. NAY: None. Motion carried.

Lay opened the floor for discussion with respect to proposal from Wesley Devero of Devero Consulting to serve as a Special Projects/Programs Consultant to GEDA. Keefer reported that over the past few months, Staff has had several discussions with different individuals and groups regarding the city's economic development tools, resources, organizations, etc. Keefer noted that neither the City of Grove nor our community has a solid process or procedure or a defined group to address and respond to economic development opportunities. Keefer added that the Staff was introduced to Mr. Wes Devero, with whom has sat down with the Staff, and had a lengthy discussion on a number of economic development topics, and ways he felt he could assist the City of Grove. After much discussion, Keefer respectfully requested Devero to submit a draft proposal of services outlining a starting point for discussion to gauge the Board's interest in his services and if so, define the scope topics where the city could maximize the resources that is available to us. Keefer detailed on the 'Outline of Services' proposal from Devero, and entertained questions, comments and concerns from the Board. The Board agreed to continue the negotiations with Devero to narrow down the scope of service, and the cost per hour.

GENERAL MANAGERS REPORT:

Keefer reported that the Staff has been visiting with another relocation prospective out at the Industrial Park. The Staff has given them information regarding the various State of Oklahoma programs and policies that might assist them. Keefer noted that he would keep the Board updated.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 4:38 Devitt made the motion to recess into Executive Session to discuss the purchase or appraisal of real property, pursuant to Title 25 O.S. Section 307.B.3; discussion of land acquisition. Seconded by Lewandowski. AYE: Devitt, Lewandowski and Lay. NAY: None. Motion carried.

At 05:20 PM Devitt made the motion for the Board to come out of Executive Session with no action taken. Seconded by Lewandowski. AYE: Devitt, Lewandowski and Lay. NAY: None. Motion carried.

Lay opened the floor for discussion regarding the above-mentioned agenda item. Devitt made the motion to authorize the Chairman to work with the Staff to meet with the property owner(s) to investigate opportunities of land purchase and bring any offer(s) back before the Board. Seconded by Lewandowski. AYE: Devitt, Lewandowski and Lay. NAY: None. Motion carried.

At 5:23 PM Devitt made the motion to adjourn. Seconded by Lewandowski. AYE: Devitt, Lewandowski and Lay. NAY: None. Motion carried.