

**GROVE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY  
REGULAR MEETING  
MONDAY, JUNE 21, 2021  
4:00 PM  
MINUTES**

The Grove Economic Development Authority met in regular session on Monday, June 21, 2021 at 4:00 PM with Chairman, Ron Lay presiding. Members present were Ivan Devitt, Keith Martin, David Adzigian and Mike Lewandowski. Also present was General Manager, Bill Keefer, Assistant General Manager, Debbie Bottoroff; City Treasurer, Lisa Allred and City Clerk, Bonnie Buzzard.

Devitt made the motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Seconded by Adzigian. AYE: Devitt, Martin, Adzigian, Lewandowski and Lay. NAY: None. Motion carried.

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

Lay opened the floor for discussion with respect to a proposal from Air Evac EMS, Inc. to lease City/GEDA property for an air ambulance facility. Keefer reported that Air Evac has expressed an interest in the property owned by GEDA/City of Grove adjacent to the ambulance barn to the North. The property consist of approximately two (2) acres. Air Evac has previously provided a draft lease agreement for the Board / City to review and comment. The City Attorney and Staff has reviewed the document, and returned a copy indicating the City comments and revisions for their consideration. Keefer reported that the company representatives has respectfully requested attendance before the GEDA Board to seek their support to the project prior to moving forward with the lease agreement, site plan approval and plans to extend utilities to the proposed site. Lay turned the floor over to the Air Evac team for their presentation of the project, and detail on their reasoning for the site selection and the concerns to its close proximity to the Sports and Recreation Complex. Presentation was made from:

- Ronnie Flemming – Regional Director Flight Operations
- Johnathan Dunn – Senior Program Director, and
- Jamie Roberts – Operation Specialist

Their presentations lasted for approximately one (1) hour. The Air Evac representatives then entertained questions, comments and concerns from the Board and Staff and the following individuals:

- Berwin Kock
- Jeff Dozier

Bottoroff reported that the project site plan would need to be presented to the Planning and Zoning Board for consideration. The Board all expressed their support for the proposal as presented from the Air Evac EMS representatives. The Board however requested more data information pertaining to the following project concerns:

- Flight platform
- Flight plan & profiles
- Noise decimal
- Demonstration of helicopter operation

- Other location options

Lay then authorize Mike Lewandowski to act on behalf of the GEDA Board upon addressing the Integris Health Authority on seeking authorization / lease options for the Air Evac EMS facility to locate this proposed project adjacent to the Grove Hospital site. Devitt made the motion for the Board to support this project for possible formation upon the above-mentioned data discussion. Seconded by Adzigian. AYE: Devitt, Martin, Adzigian, Lewandowski and Lay. NAY: None. Motion carried.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STAFF REPORT:**

Grove Area Chamber of Commerce - Executive Director, Donnie Crain addressed the Board with an update on the continuing efforts in line with adopted Economic Development Strategy and focus on five (5) primary target areas:

- Aerospace
- Tourism
- Retirement/Relocation
- Retail, and
- Healthcare

Crain then reported that the he has received word of a new distribution center prospect interested in existing building in Grove will be opening. Crain added that he is working with them currently on opportunity to find employees.

Crain then commented on the reporting article that was recently released naming Delaware County, Oklahoma as one top vacation home market.

At 5:55 PM Devitt made the motion to adjourn. Seconded by Adzigian. AYE: Devitt, Martin, Adzigian, Lewandowski and Lay. NAY: None. Motion carried.