

**SPECIAL MEETING
CLINTON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 30, 2025**

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Trustees of the Clinton Economic Development Authority of the City of Clinton, Oklahoma, held at the CEDA Office in the Frisco Conference Center, Clinton, OK on Thursday, December 9, 2025, at 4:00 P.M. A notice of this meeting with agenda was posted on the bulletin board in the lobby of Clinton City Hall on December 26, 2025, at 9:30 a.m.

TRUSTEES PRESENT: Ken Baker, John Cornell, Liz Johnson, and Russ Meacham.

TRUSTEES ABSENT: Max McKinsey

EX OFFICIO: Mayor David Berrong

MANAGER: Robert Johnston

CITY ATTORNEY: Ryan Meacham (absent)

ED DIRECTOR: Vacant

TREASURER: Debra Blanchard

CLERK: Amy Jones

NEWS MEDIA: Shianne Dawson, Sean Stephens

OTHERS: Dan Tharp, Julie Caldwell, Erin Adams

AGENDA ITEMS

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Ken Baker called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m.

2. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Minutes of December 9, 2025, Regular Meeting

Motion was made by Trustee Russ Meacham and seconded by Trustee John Cornell to approve the consent agenda presented today.

Chairman put the motion to a roll call vote:

Aye: Cornell, Johnson, Meacham, Baker

Nay: None

Chairman declared the motion carried.

3. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING:

A. Economic Development Director Position

Chairman Baker presented for further direction the Authority would like to go with the possible hiring of a new director. Trustees discussed the options of an independent contractor versus an employee. The need for specific direction and outlined goal expectations for the position was discussed.

Additionally, the financial position of the Authority was discussed as well and how the Authority is funded. The Authority was reminded of its other financial obligations, including that upon the sale of "Tradewinds" property a portion of the funds go back to Clinton Public Schools per the Interlocal Agreement.

No Action taken.

B. Request for Executive Session Pursuant to Title 25, OK Statutes Section 307 (B) 2. Discussing The Purchase and Appraisal of Real Property.

Motion made by Trustee Russ Meacham and seconded by Trustee John Cornell to Request for Executive Session Pursuant to Title 25, OK Statutes Section 307 (B) 2. Discussing The Purchase and Appraisal of Real Property and invite Mayor Berrong and City Manager Johnston to join the discussion.

Chairman put the motion to a roll call vote:

Aye: Cornell, Johnson, Meacham, Baker

Nay: None

Chairman declared the motion carried.

C. Reconvene from Executive Session.

Motion was made by Trustee Russ Meacham and seconded by Trustee John Cornell to Reconvene from Executive Session with a report of no action at 4:17 P.M.

Chairman put the motion to a roll call vote:

Aye: Cornell, Johnson, Meacham, Baker

Nay: None

Chairman declared the motion carried.

D. Any Action(s) Arising Out of the Executive Session.

Motion was made by Russ Meacham and seconded by John Cornell to enter into the "Agreement to Purchase Easement" from Locke Supply at their location on S. 10th Street for the amount of \$305,817.50, subject to the City of Clinton providing the funds.

Chairman put the motion to a roll call vote:

Aye: Cornell, Johnson, Meacham, Baker

Nay: None

Chairman declared the motion carried.

4. NEW BUSINESS (If any, pursuant to section 311.9 of the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act.)

None

5. TRUSTEES' COMMENTS

6. DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS

None

&. ADJOURN

Motion was made by Trustee John Cornell and seconded by Trustee Russ Meacham to adjourn.

Chairman put the motion to a roll call vote:

Aye: Cornell, Johnson, Meacham, Baker

Nay: None

Chairman declared the motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 4:56 p.m.

Date Approved

Ken Baker, Chairman