

**SPECIAL MEETING
CLINTON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
TUESDAY, MARCH 4, 2026**

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 Tuesday, March 4, 2026, at 3:00 P.M. A notice of this meeting with agenda was posted on the bulletin board in the lobby of Clinton City Hall on February 28, 2026, at 3:00 p.m.

TRUSTEES PRESENT: Ken Baker, Liz Johnson, Russ Meacham, and Max McKinsey

TRUSTEES ABSENT: John Cornell

EX OFFICIO: Mayor David Berrong

MANAGER: Robert Johnston

CITY ATTORNEY: Ryan Meacham (absent)

ED DIRECTOR: Position Open

TREASURER: Debra Blanchard

CLERK: Amy Jones

NEWS MEDIA: Sean Stephens

OTHERS: Dan Tharp, Erin Adams, Julie Caldwell and others.

AGENDA ITEMS

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Ken Baker called the meeting to order at 3:03 p.m.

2. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Minutes of January 13, 2026, Regular Meeting

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

Chairman put the motion to a roll call vote:

Aye: Johnson, Meacham, McKinsey, Baker

Nay: None

Chairman declared the motion carried.

3. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING:

A. Economic Development Director Position

Chairman Baker presented the topic of Economic Development Director Position to the Trustees. Discussion was held regarding position and what is needed to meet the needs

of the Community. The Authority will need to identify the role of the position and how the structure of the position will best fit the community moving forward. Discussion was held regarding if the position would be a City of Clinton employee or structured the same way as before. The Authority is looking for the best oversight.

City Manager Johnston stated he had drafted a job description for the position and that we could advertise the position. The job description draft was provided for review to the Trustees. He stated that the job description will help in finding a viable candidate if the Authority chooses to make the position a City employee position. Johnston stated that the city receives calls almost daily answering questions regarding economic development. The move to a city employee may require a budget amendment to the salary item for the position.

Motion was made by Trustee Ken Baker and seconded by Trustee Max McKinsey to move forward with the City employing the Economic Development Director Position and City Manager having the oversight of the employee; the Economic Development Authority will work closely with both moving forward.

Chairman put the motion to a roll call vote:

Aye: Johnson, Meacham, McKinsey, Baker

Nay: None

Chairman declared the motion carried.

B. Sales Tax Agreement Program

The Sales Tax Agreement Program resolution EDA20-01 was provided for review and discussion by the Authority. Chairman Baker stated that he and Robert had taken a potential new business owner around the community, and they had asked what kind of programs the city had. Trustee Meacham stated that it is not unheard of to have a program like we have, many communities have similar programs.

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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 Russ Meacham and seconded by Trustee Max McKinsey to adjourn.

Chairman put the motion to a roll call vote:

Aye: Johnson, Meacham, MCKinsey, Baker

Nay: None

Chairman declared the motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 3:46 p.m.

Date Approved

Ken Baker, Chairman