

**Sumner County Joint Economic and Community Development Board**

**November 17, 2022 10:00 a.m.**

**Sumner County Administration Building, Room 112**

**355 N. Belvedere Dr., Gallatin, TN**

**AGENDA**

1. Call to order.
2. Approval of agenda.
3. Approval of minutes of May 19, 2022 meeting. (see attached)
4. Chairman's remarks.
5. Announcements from Cities and Community Reports.
6. Approval of 2023 Calendar
7. Adjourn.

**NEXT MEETING: Thursday, November 17th, 2022 at 10:30 a.m.**

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**Minutes of the meeting of Thursday, May 19, 2022**

**Present:** Denise Geminden, Richard Parrent, Barry Young, Gerald Herman, Jamie Clary, Jimmy Johnston, Jaime Muncy, Dana Ferguson, Joey Viola, Deanne Dewitt, Mike Fussell, Anthony Holt, Paige Brown, Lori McDole

**Call to Order:** Chairman Holt called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m. at the Sumner County Administration Building in Gallatin.

**Approval of Agenda:** *Motion to approve the agenda by Mike Fussell, seconded by Deanne Dewitt. All in favor, motion approved.*

**Approval of Minutes:** *Motion to approve the February 17, 2022 Minutes by Deanne Dewitt, seconded by Jimmy Johnston. All in favor, motion approved.*

**Chairman's Remarks:** Thank you all for the good work you are doing. There is a lot of things going on in Sumner County. He recognized his staff for all they do.

**Consideration of the Tennessee Central Economic Authority Grant Request:** Chairman Holt gave a little background. Tennessee Central was created because TVA came in to the county in the 70s to start nuclear plant in Hartsville area. Started building and then nuclear power became scary and there was concerns about it and shut it down. First authority created was Four Lake, now replaced by Tennessee Central. It's an economic development agency that basically encompasses 5 counties: Sumner, Wilson, Trousdale, Macon and Smith. It remedied the situation of them pulling out all of that investment midstream. Tried to make us whole by putting economic development board together and funding it and then turning the site into an industrial park. Made strides over the years. One of the big users of the industrial park is the Correction Corporation of America. A decision was made a few years ago that they needed to set up economic development fund for the different counties. Money put in every year to be used for economic development projects in the 5 counties that is separate from the park. The funds haven't been utilized. The first step would be approval through this committee and then Chairman Holt as Board Member would request the funds. Chairman Holt turn it over to Jimmy Johnston with Forward Sumner to explain what these funds would be used for. It has largely been set up to match other funds, for example ECD funds, ThreeStar funds, Community Development Infrastructure. A good example would be TVA funds when they did their land fund they looked for matching funds there. TVA just dropped their new grant application called Workforce Invest, maximum is \$100,000 but it comes with a 30% local match. Currently we have one, Forward Sumner is on the hook for \$30,000 and that is with Volunteer State Community College and TCAT Portland providing special industry training for heavy duty equipment operators. The Tennessee Central Board would have to approve whatever the grant was written for. Authorization would have to come through this committee. He would ask for a motion that would authorize to apply for the balance of funds in the Sumner County account for eligible activities under that Tennessee Central Economic Authority Grant program.

sunglass company) and on Memorial Day the Isaac's are holding a free concert in Veteran's Park. In June there are some baseball tournaments and early July a mega softball tournament.

**Mike Fussell** – First songwriter's night at Rock Castle will be May 28<sup>th</sup>. In 2019, prior to COVID, 50,000 people went through the gates at Rock Castle that year. The State has budgeted \$7.2 million to do some remarkable things at Rock Castle and build a year-round venue that will seat as many as 400 people. Egg Hunt in April, 100,000 eggs and 3,000 kids.

**White House - Gerald Herman:** A lot going on in the Robertson County side, industrial 300,000 square foot building, 200 acres of land to develop for future industrial. Several commercial sites in Robertson County side. Scooter's coffee shop under construction right across the street from the Sumner County side in the Dollar General/Tractor Supply area. A couple of housing developments that started in early 2000 that have come back to life. City authorized a bond for \$24 million to build a new rec. center that will complete the campus (library, splash pad, amphitheater, playground, city event building). The old White House High School will start coming down in a few months but will keep the gym, temporarily while the new rec center is being built.

**Hendersonville – Mayor Clary:** Several retail items happening. Costco going through permit process regarding drainage, expected to open mid-2023. Music City Studios continue to communicate with the planning department. A company interested in property near Center Point Road South. A new car dealership (Jeep/Chrysler/Dodge Ram) is going in down there and there is a car dealership (Hyundai) across the street that will be expanding there.

**Sumner County – Mayor Holt:** We have our budget in proper form and hopes to pass it first part of June. Pretty comprehensive budget. Pay study completed and trying to get the lowest tier up to something respectable. A lot of capital projects built in to it. Regarding two schools that have not been contracted yet, Liberty Creek Middle School and believes the school board will contract that out first and then the middle/elementary school White House area will be contracted out right after that. Both schools have been funded already but the County Commission. First phase of Highway 386 is set to begin construction around 2024; comes off I-65 to approximately New Shackle Island. Governor's Budget passed an \$80 million supplement for the "final section" where the traffic light shuts everything down at Long Hollow Pike. There is a 20% match (\$20 million). The County Commission has been on board with the \$10 million match throwing the other portion on the city of Gallatin and Hendersonville.

**Volunteer State Community College - Dr. Rick Parrent:** Adult education at Vol State is June 23<sup>rd</sup> and expecting approximately 70 graduates. Enrollment was down this previous enrollment period. Expecting 8,000 students for the fall which is significant. Adult education is growing and expanding. Hopeful to hire a new full-time career coach and legal professor. Looking at offering ESL night classes in the near future at Northfield Church. Hoping to offer virtual classes in Sumner County at the jail – these would be high school equivalency courses.

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**2023 Meeting Schedule**

Thursday, February 16, 2023

Thursday, May 18, 2023

Thursday, August 17, 2023

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