

REAP Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Wichita Workforce Center
2021 N. Amidon, Suite 1100, Wichita
May 14, 2020 ~ 11:30 a.m.

1. **Welcome and Introductions:** Mayor Tom Brown, Chair
REAP Chair, Mayor Brown called the meeting to order at 11:35 a.m.

2. **Approval of Minutes**
Approval of Minutes from Executive Committee Meeting from April 16, 2020.

ACTION TAKEN: Mayor Terry Somers (Mount Hope) moved to APPROVE the minutes from April 16, 2020 Executive Committee meeting. Seconded by Vice Mayor Cindy Claycomb (Wichita). Motion carried 13-0.

3. **Covid-19 Response Updates**

A. Federal: Mike Zamrzla, Deputy State Director, Office of Senator Jerry Moran

- Legislation introduced to create a private-public partnership to reserve jobs in aviation manufacturing
- Help prevent further layoffs and furloughs
- Federal government would provide up to 50 percent of total compensation for at-risk employee groups so long as a company commits to continuing their employment
- Employees remain on the job and fully compensated for their work
- Defense Community Infrastructure Program – Funds to support local infrastructure projects, create new business partnerships and support military families and veterans
- Department's Economic Development Administration (EDA) is now accepting applications from eligible grantees for the Phase III Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act supplemental funds (EDA CARES Act Recovery Assistance) intended to help communities prevent, prepare for and respond to coronavirus
- PPE needs – 100,000 surgical masks delivered to Kansas from Taiwan

B. State: Senator Carolyn McGinn

- Need to provide services as safe as we can
- Continually monitor hospital bed availability
- Need to be prepared with stockpile of PPE
- Governor is creating a business taskforce with representatives from a cross-section of businesses
- \$1.25 billion in CARES distribution to cities and counties, not including Johnson County and Sedgwick County
- Ike Transportation Plan projects announcement made today – 40 highway modernization and expansion projects, including North Junction and K-96, Greenwich to Hillside

C. Sedgwick County: Chairman Pete Meitzner, Sedgwick County Commission

- \$99 million received on April 23, 2020
- Support necessary COVID-19 related expenses
- Purchases made from 3/1/2020 through 12/31/2020
- Federal Stimulus Review Team created
 - (Chair) Finance Deputy CFO – Brent Shelton
 - Finance Accounting Director – Hope Hernandez
 - City of Wichita Treasurer – Mark Manning
 - City of Derby Deputy City Manager (class 2/3 Cities) – Kiel Mangus
 - CPA – Jane McHugh (retired)
 - President/CEO Millers Inc. – Melody McCray-Miller
 - WSU Interim Director, Hugo Wall School – Dr. Melissa Walker
 - Staff:
 - Finance: CFO Lindsay Poe Rousseau, Internal Financial Auditors Shannon Kingsley and Cassandra Roland, Revenue Manager Mandy Estes, and others as needed
 - Assistant County Counselor - Kevin Stamper
- Requests will be approved by the Board of County Commissioners
- County's guidelines /best practices for business re-openings. The direct link to the document is <https://www.sedgwickcounty.org/media/57158/schne-recoveryplan.pdf>

D. Eisenhower National Airport: Valerie Wise, Air Services & Business Development Manager

- About 14 daily flights (down from 35)
- Airlines maintaining minimal service
- Lost non-stop service to Minneapolis, Las Vegas and Phoenix
- Leisure destinations taking biggest hit
- 96% less travel
- 100 passengers per day
- Airlines using short-term schedules
- CARES Act requires airlines to offer minimum amount of service through Sept. 30
- Need to know what positive business developments and economic growth is happening across the region
- \$11.5 million from Cares Act – Carries us through end of 2020
- Must maintain 90% of staffing and tenants
- Furloughed part-time staff
- Consumer confidence is key
- Messaging/media – It is safe to travel

E. Economic & Employment Forecast: Jeremy Hill, Center for Economic Development & Business Research

- Employment – Could decline by 35% - heavy because of manufacturing
- 107,000 jobs lost
- Demand has changed – more people will be laid off this summer

- By year end: 44,500 jobs lost, residential building permits will be low, and tax on retail down 27.6% for MSA
- Much opportunity for creativity and innovation
- Unemployment: For the week of May 2, 2020: 16,416 new unemployment insurance claims were received and there were 117,555 ongoing claims; 92,171 individuals received payments, averaging \$351.39 in state benefits. Additionally, approximately \$70 million of Federal Pandemic Unemployment Payments have been issued in the last three weeks.

4. Cooperative Purchasing: Laura Rainwater

Responses to three-question survey sent to city managers/administrators regarding cooperative purchasing were summarized

- Question #1: Of the 15 responses received, 10 members said they would purchase from Wichita dealership if the cost was below the state contracted price. Four members would not purchase a Ford vehicle through a Wichita dealership due to the established relationships with local dealers in their own communities. These dealerships are valuable to their communities and the amount they invest in their communities outweighs the cost of savings.
- Question #2: Five of the 15 respondents were self-insured. Six would consider a lower cost health insurance plan if it saved their City/County, as well as their employees, money. Three are satisfied with the relationship they have with their insurance provider and are not interested in ending those established relationships. One city administrator needed more information before he could respond.
- Question #3: Five of the 15 respondents have used group purchasing organizations. A few of those being used include Houston-based HGAC, OMNIA, and MARC/KCRPC. Several have also made purchases under the State of Kansas contract.

Action Taken: Due the need for further discussion and input from more members, this agenda item was deferred to June meeting of the Executive Committee.

6. Meeting adjourned at 1:06 p.m.

Attendees:

Mayor Tom Brown, Chair	Mike Zamrzla
Council Member Cindy Claycomb, Vice Chair	Senator Carolyn McGinn
Council Member Tom Jones, Treasurer	Chairman Pete Meitzner, Sedwick County
Mayor Terry Somers	Commissioner Rod Kreie, Newton
Mayor Rex Satterthwaite	Anthony Swartzendruber, Harvey County
Mayor Donna Clasen, Maize	Jeremy Hill
Mayor Jade Piros de Carvalho	John Waltner
Mayor Gary Schmidt	Brett Letkowski, Transystems
Commissioner Chip Westfall	Kurt Yowell, MKEC
Council Member Troy Tabor	Bruce Pinkall, Pratt
Kelly McElroy	Andrew Wiens, Wichita Regional Chamber
Kim McCormick	John Waltner, Harvey County
Ty Lasher	Valerie Wise, Eisenhower Airport
	Keith Lawing, Workforce Alliance & REAP
	Laura Rainwater, REAP

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