



## **Bluegrass Economic Development Advisory Committee (BEDAC) September 3, 2020 Meeting Minutes**

The September 3, 2020 meeting of the Bluegrass Economic Development Advisory Committee (BEDAC) was held at 10am via “Zoom” video conference call. The meeting was made public through advertisement on the BGADD website and a meeting recording is available.

In attendance were:

David West (Committee Co-Chair), Jessamine Co Judge Executive  
Reagan Taylor (Committee Co-Chair), Madison Co Judge Executive

Bob Casher, BGADD  
Greyson Evans, BGADD  
William Henderson, BGADD  
Amy Glasscock, BGADD  
George Leamon, BGADD

Shane New, BGADD  
Janice Westlund, BGADD  
Logan Hart, BGADD  
Rolando Thacker, BGADD

Craig Dawson, Powell County  
Sheree Gilliam, Lincoln County  
Chris Davis, Clark County  
Pam Brough, Anderson County  
Gordon Wilson, Bourbon County  
Tom Calkins, Jessamine County  
Jody Lassiter, Boyle County  
Joe Crawford, Estill County

Craig McAnelly, Jessamine County  
Jack Conner, Scott County  
Terri Bradshaw, Franklin County  
Mike Willand, Mercer County  
Ken Parsons, Garrard County  
Bert Thomas, Madison County  
Colleen Chaney, Madison County  
Garnett Furnish, Harrison County

Judge David West, Committee Co-chair, called the meeting to order at 10:02am, and asked Greyson Evans to conduct roll call. Each Committee member and BGADD Staff member present introduced him/herself.

- **Goals/Objectives/Purpose**

Greyson Evans gave a description of the ADD’s three goals for the Committee: 1- a forum for economic development directors, commerce directors, and stakeholders to network and exchange ideas; 2- development of the ADD’s CEDS plan for the EDA, which will also be used by Economic Development Authorities around the region; and 3- Input from regional economic development leaders to incorporate into the ADD’s COVID-19 economic resiliency plan.

Shane New also mentioned that BGADD staff would like to hear from the committee members about additional goals or initiative that the committee should incorporate into future meetings, and also wanted to hear about professional services that each county would like to receive from

the ADD. Craig McAnelly (Jessamine Co) asked about where to find the most recent version of the CEDS plan. It is downloadable on BGADD's website (Colleen Chaney shared the CEDS link with the group). Judge West mentioned additional common economic development goals that the committee should work together on, including transportation. Terri Bradshaw (Franklin Co) asked for clarification on how the original CEDS plan was developed, and Shane New gave a brief overview. Chris Davis from Clark County emphasized the regionwide importance of infrastructure for new business and housing developments.

- Intro to the CEDS Plan

Greyson Evans gave a short description of the mandatory sections of the CEDS plan, and then mentioned that BGADD would like to hear from our committee members about additional sections and data that they'd like to see incorporated into the plan in order to ensure that it is useful.

Janice Westlund, BGADD land use planner, gave an overview of Census data and statistics that would be necessary to complete one and five-year CEDS updates. Shane New reminded the committee that although the meeting today has been largely about how BGADD needs input for planning documents, the committee's main purpose is to benefit the local economies represented by the membership, and emphasized that the CEDS plan belongs to the region as a whole, not to BGADD. Shane also emphasized the importance of Broadband expansion.

Terri Bradshaw (Franklin Co) discussed unemployment insurance data and how it relates to unemployment rates and occupational taxes. Discussion ensued about the importance of accurate data related to unemployment, and how unemployment insurance data can lead to inaccurate tax revenue projections. Jody Lassiter (Boyle Co) and George Leamon (BGADD) indicated that they saw the same trend in unemployment data that they have seen.

- Regional Press Review/Updates

Judge West asked for an update from Craig McAnelly regarding Jessamine County. Craig mentioned that Jessamine County has been constructing an industrial park and that the county is expanding broadband fiber and mentioned hotel developments at Brannon Crossing. Judge West then asked for other updates. Jack Conners (Scott Co) discussed open properties at the Scott Co industrial park and the impact of COVID-19. Judge West asked for other updates, and then moved the meeting along.

- KIRP's

The committee voted unanimously to approve the five KIRP's that were up for committee review and approval. (Motion by Craig McAnelly, second by Chris Davis, unanimous vote by a show of hands).

- By-Law Discussion

Greyson Evans gave a description of proposed by-law changes for the committee. Questions came from Judge Reagan Taylor about representation based upon population, from Jack Conners regarding the committee being called an "Economic Planning Unit," Craig McAnelly pointed out that the committee's decisions are not statutorily binding and do not have authority. Bob Casher (BGADD) noted that committee decisions are subject to review and approval by the Bluegrass ADD executive board. Pam Brough asked for clarification on when new by-laws and appointments would go into effect. The group discussed and decided to table further by-law discussions until the December BEDAC meeting. Judge Reagan Taylor requested that BGADD distribute a more finalized by-law draft to the committee, and all members are encouraged to discuss the by-laws in detail with BGADD staff, or with committee chairs Judge Taylor and Judge West.

- Next Meeting: Thursday, December 3, 2020 at 10:00.

Judge West asked the committee if any further discussion was warranted and informed the group that the committee would convene again on December 3<sup>rd</sup>, with location to be determined (likely via Zoom).

The meeting was adjourned at around 11:10am.

Respectfully Submitted,

Greyson Evans  
Bluegrass ADD