

M A D E R A C O U N T Y
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
COMMISSION

E x e c u t i v e C o m m i t t e e

March 20, 2020

MINUTES

PRESENT: *Brad Ditton, Rob Poythress, Andy Medellin, Waseem Ahmed, Brett Frazier*

ABSENT:

STAFF: *Bobby Kahn, Lois Leonard*

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 12:07 p.m. by Chair Poythress.

2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

3.0 INTRODUCTIONS & RECOGNITION

None.

4.0 CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA

No changes.

5.0 CONSENT CALENDAR

**5.1 Madera County Economic Development Commission
Executive Committee Minutes- February 19, 2020**

**5.2 Madera County Economic Development Commission
Financial Report- February 2020**

*On motion by Commissioner Frazier and seconded by Commissioner Ahmed
the consent calendar is approved as presented. Motion carried.*

6.0 ACTION ITEMS

None.

7.0 INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

7.1 State of the County

Bobby reported the State of the County event has been postponed and will be rescheduled most likely in June or July.

8.0 WRITTEN COMMUNICATION

None.

9.0 OPEN DISCUSSION/REPORTS/INFORMATION

9.1 Executive Committee Members

Commissioner Poythress (Madera Chamber)- *Reported the chamber is sharing corona virus information with their members and are working on a plan for their office hours.*

Commissioner Medellin (City of Madera)- *reported the city is scrambling in dealing with public assess for city hall, especially when paying their utility bills. They are focusing on business as usual, working 6 feet apart, and using part time employees to help in other departments. The Police Dept. has said that crime and calls are down and they are focusing on the areas in the city where business has shut down. They are thinking ahead to what the economic impact will be in the future. He asked about any funding for low or no interest loans to businesses or deferred payments. He is looking to the EDC to share information with businesses during this time.*

Commissioner Frazier (Board of Supervisors)- *Reported the county is celebrating social services week. It is all hands on deck at the county. He hopes that the community will be patient with the flow of information and check the public health department website for updates so that everyone will stay on the same page. The county has a new interim director of public health. They had a public health update this morning with all the department heads.*

Commissioner Ditton (Bass Lake Chamber)- *reported they've had snow and rain in the mountain areas. He is busy with several projects and real estate transactions. The rental business is taking hit right now. Work continues on the sewer systems. He is taking his project on Road 200 and Hwy 41 to the planning commission after Caltrans approved his parcel map. He will be donating land for fire, and sheriff.*

Commissioner Ahmed (City of Chowchilla)- *reported they are working daily on how to handle business, including how to handle their council meetings and staying within no more than 10 people limit.*

9.2 **Executive Director-** *reported the City of Madera has approved the budget and Department of Social Services has approved their number. He will be going to the City of Chowchilla meeting next week. He reviewed the numbers stating the numbers are very close to last year's number with Chowchilla's number up about \$300. Many conferences have been cancelled but he did attend a legislative trip with CCVEDC this week, where the Capital halls were pretty empty. He's been working with Vallarta and issues they've had with the city recently. Plus issues with the homeless breaking into their construction equipment area and destroying their property. Madera PD will be making extra drive-bys to hopefully keep that under control.*

9.3 **Manager of Business Development and Marketing-** *As presented.*

9.4 **Business Assistance/Office Manager-** *has received many calls regarding help for small business because of forced shut downs caused by CO-VID 19.*

10.0 NEXT MEETING -

The next meeting will be held on April 8th with the Board of Commissioners.

11.0 ADJOURNMENT- *The meeting was adjourned at 1:09 p.m.*

Respectfully submitted, Lois Leonard, Recording Secretary