



Keene Economic Development Corporation (Type A) Board Special Meeting Minutes

July 06, 2026 at 5:00 PM

Keene City Hall - Robert G. Cooper Council Chamber 1000 N.
Old Betsy Rd., Cleburne, Texas 76031

Recorded Live Stream Available at <https://www.youtube.com/@cityofkeenetexas>

Members Present: Rolando Colindres-Bran, President, and Cody Thornton, Vice President; and Board Members Gwen Beeson, Efrain Castellanos, and Samantha Gillin. President Colindres arrived at 5:08 p.m.

Members Absent: none

Staff Present: Jonathan Seitz, Don Martin, Holly Russell, and Cari Warwick

1. Call to Order, Invocation, Pledge of Allegiance

Vice President Thornton called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m. Board Member Beeson gave the invocation.

2. President's Remarks

No remarks were made.

3. City Administration Remarks

Administration thanked the Board for taking time out of their scheduled or with family to attend this special meeting.

4. Public Comments

There were no public comments made.

5. Public Hearing

There is no public hearing scheduled for this meeting.

6. General

A. *Review, discuss, and take action to approve a resolution awarding the CR 317 Reconstruction/Improvement project, to be sent to City Council for final approval.*

Vice President Thornton asked past construction materials used on County Road (CR) 317, especially if it had been asphalt. Mr. Martin answered that the new surface will be concrete. The portion the City will be working to improve will be the adding acceleration and deceleration lanes on US Hwy 67 at CR 317 to help with the safety and flow of traffic, improving the culverts for better water drainage from the roadway, and laying asphalt from US Hwy 67 down to the Buel Baptist Church property line. After that, Johnson County is already working on the road improvements. It was asked for all of the improvements will go, and it was noted that CR 317 will join to loop with CR 318 and the entrance to the industrial Park will also see improvements. It was asked if the Church Members had been informed of this project, to which Mr. Seitz said he has been in contact with a Church member and keeping them informed of the project. The Church Members are very pleased to see the improvements take place. Vice President Thornton asked about citizen concern that tax payer money is funding this project. Mr. Martin and Mr. Seitz both clarified that the funds for this project are the EDC-A Board money they received from the sale of property in the Industrial Park, and no taxpayer funds are being used. Vice President Thornton asked if there was anymore discussion, to which there was none. Ms. Russell,

explained that there was not a resolution yet prepared for this meeting and that they Board may select a contractor and the resolution can be formally approved at the July 15 regular meeting. A motion was made to select McMahaon Contracting, LP, for the project, and seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Gillin, Seconded by Castellanos.

Voting Yea: President Colindres-Bran, Vice President Thornton, Beeson, Castellanos, Gillin

7. Executive Session

There was no recess to Executive Session for this meeting.

8. Reconvene into Open Session

There were no items needing action.

9. Requests for Future Agenda Items

This item was skipped.

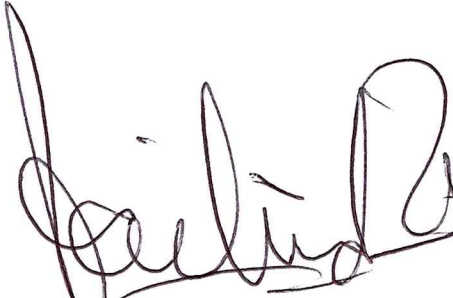
10. Adjourn

There being no further business to discuss, Vice President Thornton adjourned the meeting at 5:22 p.m.

Approved this the 15th day of July 2026.



Holly Russell, City Secretary



Presiding Member