



**Oak Grove Economic Development Committee
Special Session Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, June 11, 2025
Oak Grove Council Chambers**

CALL TO ORDER

The Special Session of the Oak Grove Economic Development Committee (EDC) was called to order by Chairperson Richard Baker at 8:48 a.m. on Wednesday, June 11, 2025, in the Oak Grove Council Chambers located at 8505 Pembroke Oak Grove Road, Oak Grove, Kentucky.

ROLL CALL

The following members were present:

- Chairperson/Committee Member Richard Baker
 - Vice Chairperson/Committee Member Isaiah Spencer
 - Public Works Director/Committee Member Brian Ahart
 - Committee Member Janet Edwards
 - Committee Member Traci Cunningham
 - Also present was City Clerk Lorelynn Fisher. Special Guest were Taylor Hayes with Christian County Chamber of Commerce and Tony Prim with Southwestern Kentucky Economic Development Council. Mayor Oliver was also in attendance.
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- **REVIEW OF MINUTES**

Vice Chairperson/Committee Member Isaiah Spencer moved to approve the minutes from the March 25, 2025, meeting, seconded by Public Works Director/Committee Member Brian Ahart. No discussion followed, and the motion passed by voice vote.

AGENDA ITEMS

- **Collaboration with the Chamber of Commerce/South Western Kentucky Economic Development:** The committee discussed their concerns regarding the level of support

from the Chamber of Commerce and South Western Kentucky Economic Development. Hayes and Prim both expressed strong interest and commitment to Oak Grove. Hayes highlighted the Chamber's advocacy for several Oak Grove projects, including the expansion of 911 and 115, Oak Grove Racing and Gaming, among others. Prim showcased support by presenting Oak Grove properties to potential investors and developers to attract businesses. Both Hayes and Prim emphasized the importance of Oak Grove remaining a member and pledged increased support, affirming that unity strengthens our community.

- **Updates from the Vegas Trip:** Vegas Trip Highlights: Ahart, Cunningham, and Mayor Oliver emphasized the trip's significant benefit to Oak Grove, noting successful promotion of the city. As a result, several potential developers have already contacted Oak Grove.
- **Outreach Letters to Prospective Developers:** Ahart informed the committee that he has reached out to multiple businesses, some of which have expressed interest in Oak Grove. These include Panda Express and Rural King.
- **Discussion on New Businesses in Oak Grove:** Ahart stated that there are several new businesses coming to Oak Grove including an Auto Auction, Cannabis and Hotel.
- **Discussion of Ribbon Cutting:** The committee agreed to move this to the Steering Committee.
- **Discussion on Residential Development Plans:** Ahart noted that residential development in Oak Grove is steadily increasing. He highlighted several major projects, including the \$45 million Echo Ridge development, the \$7 million Rose Edd project, the \$13 million Stateline Road housing project, and the \$60 million Buc-ee's investment. Council Members Edwards and Spencer expressed interest in seeing more upscale housing options in Oak Grove.

ADJOURNMENT

Committee Member Traci Cunningham moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Vice Chairperson/Committee Member Isaiah Spencer. No discussion followed, and the motion passed by voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:15 a.m.

APPROVED:

Chairperson/Committee Member Richard Baker

DATE

ATTEST:

Lorelynn Fisher, MMC, CKMC, City Clerk

DATE