

City of Murchison  
Economic Development Corporation Minutes  
February 3, 2026, 6:00 p.m.  
9540 FM 773 Murchison, TX  
City Hall 903-469-3710

City of Murchison Economic Development Corporation meets in regular session on the first Tuesday of every month

\*Opening prayer, Pledge of Allegiance-call to order.

Public Recognition (Citizen Comment(s):

HB 2840 – Any citizen wishing to address the EDC Board on an agenda item may do so during the Citizen Comment section of the meeting, or when the item is being considered by the EDC Board. Sign in sheet (5 minutes)

Meeting called to order at 6pm, all members present except for James Hardin. Opening prayer by JoAnn Swain, Pledge by Bradley Gray.

**Consent Items:**

1. Approve November 2025 Financials and November 4, 2025 Minutes
2. Approve December 2025 Financials
3. Approve January 2026 Financials
  - a. Bobette Bandy motions to accept the November 2025 Financials, November 4, 2025 Minutes, December 2025 Financials and the January 2026 Financials, Lawerence Cotter seconds this and passes unanimously.

**Old Business:**

1. No Old Business

**New Business:**

1. Welcome 2 new members to EDC, June Mclean and JoAnn Swain
  - a. 2 new members who were interested in being part of the EDC board, City council appointed them and are here for the meeting also. Bradley Gray shows Texas Comptroller website that will allow you to view Economic Development, go down to Economic Development Corporation, it will take you to information to read for it and Murchison is a type B. How the EDC works, what rules we abide by, grants available can be looked at there. Chapter 504 will take you to the type A and some does pertain to type B. The EDC Council book can also be printed there as well.
2. Appoint a President, Vice President
  - a. Both positions are open every 2 years, Bradley Gray is president, Lawerence Cotter is VP currently.
    - i. June Mclean motions for Bradley Gray to re elect President and Dana Joslin seconds it and passes. Dana Joslin motions to re elect Lawerence Cotter for Vice President and second by June Mclean, passes.
3. Discuss and consider renewing agreement with the city for secretary duties for 2026
  - a. EDC has had an agreement with the city to utilize the secretary and use of equipment , paying the secretary \$200.00 monthly out of the EDC funds. Skylier keeps up with finances, all the agenda and minutes, if Grants are done she has to make sure those are done. Dana Joslin asks how much does that equal? It is \$2400.00 yearly, broken down to \$50 a week for work done.

- i. Dana Joslin motions to renew City Secretary duties for 2026 and to increase from \$200.00 to \$250.00 a month. June McLean seconds this and passes.
- 4. Discuss goals or objectives for 2026, take action if needed.
  - a. James Hardin had brought up in 2025 cleaning up the old water well with well number 1. City is currently installing generators, power to the well will be supplied thru a bore that was done across the street and rewire and then the plant will run it all. The old building still has electricity, and we have been waiting to see if they were going to keep pulling power from there or have it all on one side. Bradley Gray just wants to know if there are any ideas anyone has or leave it open to discussion. JoAnn Swain asks about the Business Grant and he states he has posted it on Facebook and our website to show its open, Will be open for several months because we close it with enough time to be able to use the grant. JoAnn Swain asks about another set of bleachers at the ball field and Mayor explained the field hasn't been used for a game yet, only practices and if the need comes up it can be addressed then. Dana Joslin also agreed it was accommodating for the time. June McLean asks about maybe even a pavilion. JoAnn Swain motions to table it til the next meeting to think of any ideas, Lawrence Cotter seconds this motion and passes.
- 5. Discuss and possibly take action on MEDC Business Improvement Grant for 2026.
  - a. Murchison EDC Grant explains the process and what all is needed for you to be able to apply such as what can be requested, If the building is leased vs owned then signature of owner also, funds would be for a 50/50 split now if approved. The city will provide half of the funds, the business pays the other half and once completed and verified then the city will reimburse the business. The application process just shows what business the person has, activity you have in it, what business improvements they might have and allowing the 60 days waiting then will be the funding time and outline of what is required of the business as an agreement between them and Murchison EDC. No timeframe on how long the business needs to exist as long as its open. The budget is for \$20,000.00 and split up between businesses. It is advertised on social media and website also. A business start up Grant can be discussed but we don't have something for a business that isn't existing. We will let it accept applications til about July 2026 to allow the timeframe for it all to be completed.
    - i. Bradley Gray motions to open up the Business Grant now til July, Lawrence Cotter seconds this and passes.

**Adjournment:** Next EDC meeting will be March 3, 2026 at 6pm. Lawrence Cotter motions to adjourn, Bobette Bandy seconds and meetings is over at 6:56pm.

*Skyler Murrell 3-3-2026*  
 Skyler Murrell City Secretary



*Bradley Gray*  
 Bradley Gray President

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I, the undersigned authority, do hereby certify that the attached agenda of the regular monthly meeting of the Murchison EDC is a true and correct copy and that I posted a true and correct copy of said notice on the front glass window, facing forward on the glass to be visible from the street of the City Hall building located at 9540 FM 773, a place readily accessible to the general public at all times, and said Notice was posted by January 28, 2026 and will remain so posted for at least 3 business days preceding the scheduled time of said meeting in accordance with chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code

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Bradley Gray EDC President