

City of Murchison
Economic Development Corporation
June 2, 2026, 6:00 p.m. Minutes
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.

Meeting is called to order and starting at 6pm, all members present. JoAnn Swain lead with the prayer and Bradley Gray the pledge.

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)

Consent Items:

1. Approve May 5, 2026 Minutes
 - a. Bobette Bandy motions to accept May 5, 2026 minutes, JoAnn Swain seconds this and it passes.
2. Approve May 2026 Financials
 - a. Motion was moved over to build interest; the amount was \$20,000.00.
 - i. Bobette Bandy motions to accept May 2026 Financials, JoAnn Swain seconds this and it passes.

Community Update:

1. Farmers Market May 24, 2026 -Canceled
 - a. The weather was not good and numerous vendors pulled out by the morning because of the rain.
2. Farmers Market June 13th and 27th 9-12pm
 - a. Have quite a few signed up to participate, still room for others to sign up.
3. Vinland Meads opened May 3, 2026
 - a. They had their opening and it is for families to enjoy, seems like they are doing very well so far.

Old Business:

1. Discuss and consider Mural on the Water tank- updates if any
 - a. Met with Kerian Massey in April, she was concerned with the height of the mural but she said to give her a couple weeks to come up with something and haven't heard from her. Skylier reached to her by email and got no response. Mayor reached out and she did text back that she wasn't able to do it as it turns out. Skylier started reaching out to some that have been brought up, searched online for etc. Johnny Valdez is here and has done work for Malakoff, Trinidad, Tyler and other areas. A lift of some sort would be needed to be able to reach high enough. His spray paint used is European and is high quality to last longer. Mayor shows him pictures of historical spots in town.
2. Update on Water Plant Demolition
 - a. Terry Davis started on the work as you can see most of the materials at the old Well are gone. There was a line found 2 feet under ground when he was digging at debris and hit so Jeremys crew did have to come out and help stop the line break and will be back after the water dissolves more to fix.

New Business:

1. Discuss and consider updating business grant program
 - a. It is discussed for existing or new business coming to town as a incentive. It would still have 6 months to complete the project that is applied for at the time.
 - i. JoAnn Swain motions to use the New Grant Program for new & existing businesses, would go until August with correct timeframe, Bobette Bandy seconds this and passes.
2. Discuss possible bidding on tax sale for Property at 9428 3rd St with guidance from Attorney
 - a. Property on 3rd St is in probate taxes and owed, judgement was made by the courts and will come up on tax sells. Appraisal shows they owe \$2,843.24 for court costs and fees which might make it closer to \$5,000.00 online and courthouse. Gary Don Thorton is the owner of property still and valued at \$44,000.00, could ask the city attorney about the process of it. Dana Joslin asks how long is the timeframe for them to pay the taxes? Bradley Gray states they have until the day of the auction to pay what is owed. Its not posted for auction for June or July yet.
 - i. Dana Joslin motions to get in touch with the city attorney for guidance on the property 9824 3rd st, JoAnn Swain seconds this and passes.

Mr. Cotter needs to leave, 5 members still present. Walked to the water well to take a look at it with Johnny Valdez for him to be able to view the area where it would be painted. Discussed being able to find a scaffolding or lift to use. Skylier will look around and get some information.

Adjournment: Next meeting will be July 7, 2026 at 6pm. June McLean motions to adjourn, JoAnn Swain seconds this and meeting was called at 7:08pm.

Skylier Murrell 7-15-26
Skylier Murrell City Secretary



Bradley Gray
Bradley Gray Mayor

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 May 27, 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

Bradley Gray EDC President