

Asst. Manager Asked To Pursue Private Development Corp.

In answer to complaints from the Polk County Economic Development Commission that things are moving too slowly, the Polk County Board of Commissioners on Monday decided to speed up.

They asked newly hired Assistant County Manager Lane Bailey to establish a private economic development corporation for the county. This is an economic development tool used in many other locations.

A private corporation, although owned by the county, could make investments in land and buildings which the county could not make.

Bailey's report Monday detailed his initiation into Polk County politics. While attending his first meeting of the EDC last month, Bailey and EDC board chairman Glenn Rhodes were presented a letter asking the commissioners to clarify their position on several economic development issues.

Bailey told the county board members that the EDC wanted formal statements on county policy regarding:

- * zoning for industrial, commercial and residential areas;
- * the acquisition of land for industrial sites;
- * water and sewer extensions;
- * and incentives the county can promise to industrial prospects.

Bailey said he had told the EDC that he believed Polk County had been working on all those issues, with the exception of zoning.

"Before we could responsibly do that (zoning), we would have to have a land use plan," he said. A land use plan is being prepared. Even so, Bailey said traditional zoning may never suit a rural county like Polk.

Bailey said he urged the EDC to be patient yet awhile longer and that he expected his efforts to begin to bear fruit in six months' time.

Board chairman Jeannie Martin agreed with Bailey.

"This board has done more planning than anybody ever has in Polk County," she said.

But Martin conceded that the EDC may not have been made aware of the county's efforts. She said one hindrance was the too frequent turnover in the assistant county manager's

position.

But Martin also said the EDC should be giving advice, rather than seeking advice.

"We appoint them to advise us, not the other way around," she said.

Commissioner Tim McCormack asked County Attorney R. Jay Foster to check whether state law prohibits a commissioner from also sitting on the EDC board. Currently no member of the county board serves on the EDC.



Crafts Spring Show At Fine Arts Center

The Annual Craft Exhibit now going on in the Mural Room of Tryon Fine Arts Center is very much a part of Tryon's beautiful springtime and well worth a visit while enjoying the spectacular color of the plantings along Melrose Ave., Tryon.

The collection represents outstanding examples of the variety of handicrafts created this year by participants in classes at Tryon Crafts and reflects the high quality of the work being done in our community. Some of the articles are for sale.

The exhibit this spring is dedicated to Lucy Cate, beloved friend of Tryon Crafts and its founder in 1960. Mrs. Cate was a talented weaver who continued her teaching until shortly before her death this past year. Several articles she wove are being shown here.

The exhibit will continue through April 22, Monday, through Friday 10-12 and 2-4. All visitors are welcome.

-Community Reporter

Five To Head Up Coon Dog Day

Five local members of the community were appointed by the Saluda Town Council Monday to organize Coon dog Day. They include Larry Pace, Larry Holmes, Charlotte Sullivan, Ceri Dando and Sue Ward.

Mayor Nolan Pace noted that Coon Dog Day is a home coming day for many friends and residents. He said he hopes the event will involve more clubs this year and that every one will have a fun day.

Ruth Anderson, representing the Community Club, noted that the Saluda recycling center is

not being cleaned out when the bins are full. Commissioner Jim Boyle advised the meeting that the city has to depend on local help to load the bins on to the city truck. However he is talking to Burgess Refuse for a possible solution.

The Community Club also wished the town would place a trash container behind the school entrance and Anderson said the club would pay for a trash can.

Homer Bessent asked the City for a water tap to property he has purchased on Pacolet Street. The council requested a letter from Mr. Bessent confirming his plans.

Mayor Pace identified April 27-May 1 as city clean-up days. A letter will be sent out to the local organizations asking them to participate. The city will haul away light trash free of charge.

A letter was read from city resident Ceri Dando concerning junk or abandoned cars/trucks. Mayor Pace indicated that there did not appear to be an ordinance on the books at this time.

However after discussion it was agreed that the City would approach residents with abandoned vehicles and request that they be removed, with the possible help of the city and or community as needed.

City employee Charlotte Sullivan presented information that suggests that the local government reimbursements are subjected to cuts from the General Assembly. Mary Pace urged residents to contact their local representative and protest the cuts. A form letter will be typed and copies circulated to local clubs. Saluda is now in House District 50, represented by Larry Justus of Hendersonville.

Martha Ashley from the Planning Board reported that talks with the county regarding annexation of property along Ozone Drive confirmed that the location was zoned commercial. The city needs to write to the commissioners confirming its interest.

Commissioner Boyle reported that a trash renewal contract for two years could be signed with Burgess Refuse reflecting a 3% increase. The motion was approved.

Mayor Pace reported continued satisfactory reports from Ms. Deborah Gibbs who oversees the water treatment plant. -Ceri Dando

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