

Proposed Reorganization of Economic Development Partnership

Purpose of Partnership

The purpose of the partnership is to facilitate primary job creation and retention. Primary jobs are those jobs for which a majority of the products or services are ultimately exported to regional, stateside, national or international markets, infusing new dollars into the local economy. Examples of jobs created in this type of business enterprise include, but are not limited to: manufacturing, transportation and warehousing, financial services, scientific research and development, and corporate headquarters.

Joint Economic Development Council Responsibilities

1. Supervision of budget, including approval of budget requests to Chamber Board, City Commission and County Commission. (The expenditure of any public funds must be approved by the governing body that provides the public funds to be spent, consistent with the policies of the respective local government.)
2. Recommend policies for economic development initiatives.
3. Review of policies with regard to promotional strategies, benchmarks and performance measures, as appropriate.

Joint Economic Development Council

President/CEO of Chamber

Chair of Chamber Board

Vice Chair of EcoDevo Committee of Chamber (Ex Officio)

Lawrence City Commissioner

City Manager (Ex Officio)

County Commissioner

County Administrator (Ex Officio)

KU Chancellor or designee

Executive Chair of BTBC or designee

City Admin of Eudora or designee (Ex Officio)

City Admin of Baldwin or designee (Ex Officio)

Two representatives from the business community appointed by the Chamber President

Two community representatives appointed by City Commission

Two community representatives appointed by the County Commission

Representatives from the Chamber, City and County will be appointed for three-year terms on a staggered basis