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PUBLIC NOTICE

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JOINT ECONOMIC & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
WILL MEET

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2026

AT 12:00 P.M. (NOON)

THE MEETING WILL BE HELD IN THE
MAYOR'S OFFICE CONFERENCE ROOM

AT THE

CPL WILLIAM C. MOSIER MEMORIAL BUILDING

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AGENDA

Monday, November 9, 2026

12:00pm

TO: Johnson County Joint Economic & Community Development: Jeff Fritts, Dick Grayson, Mayor Larry Potter, Angie Stout, Kody Norris, Honorable Mayor Jerry Jordan, Gena Meade, Danny Rengering.

FROM: Mayor Larry Potter

LOCATION: County Mayor Office | CPL William C. Mosier Memorial Building

AGENDA:

1. Public Comments
2. Roll Call
3. Minutes - Approve from April 27, 2026
4. Update on CPL William C. Mosier Memorial Building and Meat Processing Facility - Mayor Potter
5. Update on EAA European American Armory, Parkdale and other industries - Mayor Potter
6. Transfer Station - Equipment Grant update and Recycling Grant update - Mayor Potter
7. Tourism Update - Mayor Potter
8. Mountain City update - Mayor Jordan
9. Any other matters which may duly come before the committee for official action.

MINUTES OF THE JOHNSON COUNTY JOINT ECONOMIC & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT MEETING

DATE: Monday, April 27, 2026

TIME: 12:00 PM

LOCATION: County Mayor Office | Johnson County Courthouse

PRESIDING: Mayor Larry Potter

I. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

Mayor Larry Potter called the meeting to order. A roll call was conducted to establish a quorum.

- **Committee Members Present:** Dick Grayson, Gina Meade, Kody Norris, Angie Stout, Mayor Jerry Jordan and Mayor Larry Potter
- **Guest Attendance:** Chad Greever, Courtney Pleasant, Angel Snyder, Jerry Gentry, Police Chief Joey Norris, Jamie Meade, Amanda Hall, Daniel Rengerin, Realty), and Sheila Caldwell (Tourism).
- **Media Attendance:** The Tomahawk, Macy Muller (News 11), and Natalea Hillen (WCYB News 5).

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from the **February 09, 2026** meeting were presented for review.

- **Action:** Minutes approved as written.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS: FIREARMS MANUFACTURING PROJECT

Special Guests: Keith Bernkrant (EAA/Handgun Producer), Jeremy Hammons, and Drew Markel (One Horse).

- **Project Overview:** A proposal to establish a 100% "Made in the USA" firearms production facility in Johnson County. This project fills an industry void left by Anderson Corp.
- **Operational Details:** Relocating equipment from 5 states to a centralized ITAR Certified Precision Machine Shop in Mountain City. The operation will run 24/7.
- **Economic Impact:** \$25M investment over 10 years; 80–110 jobs; wage range of \$20–\$40/hr.
- **Facility:** Primary focus is 4667 Hwy 91. Plans include building rehab and potential future expansion.

- **Requests for Support:** Assistance with state "fast track" equipment grants, building acquisition, and workforce training.
- **Timeline:** Full assembly in 9–12 months, though partial operations could begin sooner.
- **Strategic Goals:** Seeking "Defense Ready" infrastructure certification and looking to connect with local night vision manufacturers.

IV. PROJECT UPDATES (MAYOR POTTER)

- **Sink Mountain:** Project remains wide open with additional components being added.
- **National Guard Armory:** Officially renamed the “CPL William C. Mosier Memorial Building.” Completion set for April 29, 2026. A vote is scheduled for May 5, with keys to follow. The cosmetology program with the school system will begin next year.
- **Meat Processing Facility:** Brief status update provided on the ongoing project.
- **Transfer Station:** Working on a \$500k equipment and recycling grant. Funds will be used for a new concrete attendant building.
- **Hotel/Motel Recruitment:** A meeting was held last week; negotiations are in the preliminary "foot in the door" stage.

V. INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT

- **Parkdale / EAA:** Closing on a building this Wednesday.
- **Parkdale Building:** A prospect recently chose a location in Kentucky instead. The committee is awaiting feedback from the realtor regarding new leads.

VI. TOURISM & THREESTAR UPDATES (SHEILA CALDWELL)

- **Tourism:** Update provided on "America 250" projects.
- **ThreeStar:** Awaiting "2 Star" documentation. Update provided on Roundtable Workshops and the Younger Associates analysis.

VII. DISASTER RECOVERY (MAYOR JORDAN & MAYOR POTTER)

- **FEMA/Roads:** Weekly Friday meetings continue. The long-term goal is full fund recovery by 2029. The City expects \$470k in reimbursements next month. FEMA recently denied one claim, though an appeal/reversal is anticipated.

- **Parks:** Construction has begun on a new bathroom facility at Ralph Stout Park, with a completion deadline of June 30.

VIII. OTHER BUSINESS & ADJOURNMENT

No other matters were brought before the committee. The meeting was adjourned.
