

Frankston EDC board awards bid on air conditioner unit at museum

Directors of the Frankston Economic Development Corp. on Monday, April 18 awarded a bid for an air conditioner unit for the Kathleen Cook Fitzgerald Museum and decided to go out for bids on additional sidewalk in the downtown area, according to unofficial minutes reported by Secretary Kelli Casey Landreth-Smith.

The board had sought to install an alternative style of air conditioner, called a mini-split, and they accepted the bid of Damron Air Conditioning which bid \$2,500 to \$3,000, depending on the price at the time of purchase, since prices are expected to go up.

Directors also considered installing approximately 180 feet of sidewalk for 209 W. Main Street. President Jim Dwyer said the project is estimated to cost \$8,000 to \$10,000. Director Barbara Simpson noted that a portion of sidewalk along South Commerce Street needed repair and the board agreed to include that repair in a bid on the Main Street sidewalk. The board unanimously approved advertising for bids on the project.

A discussion on acquiring a bigger or additional storage unit revealed that the size unit needed was not available at this time. Board members decided to consult local storage companies to see which company could accommodate the need before taking further action. The board voted to table the issue pending further study.

Director Gigi Selman updated the board on marketing and arrangement of booths in the Town Square City Park for the Art Walk on the Square, set for April 30. She reported that she has more artists to display their work this year than ever.

Director Monica Atwood updated the board on progress for the June Music Festival. She reported that she had finished flyers for advertising the event, reserved the bands and is acquiring a tent. She also said she plans to block off Railroad Street and place the bands in the area between the museum and the library, south of the park.

Secretary Casey Landreth-Smith updated the board on where she was with the website implementation team. She said the website is expected to launch by June 1.

President Dwyer led a discussion on Playground Equipment and updated the board on the status of repairs on the playground sails.

Garrett and Carey Moynihan paid a return visit to the board meeting and updated the board on progress with a recycling center. According to the minutes, Carey spoke to the board about renting a trolley for the upcoming Art Walk or Music Festival through the East Texas Council of Governments (ETCOG). The minutes said that the couple said they would be willing to donate a few hours toward rent on the trolley which she said cost \$150 per hour.