

the Town of Luther



**BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR
THE LUTHER ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
TUESDAY, MAY 9, 2023
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND
LUTHER PUBLIC WORKS AUTHORITY MEETINGS AT 7:00 PM
LUTHER TOWN HALL
108 SOUTH MAIN STREET, LUTHER, OKLAHOMA 73054**

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

Official action can only be taken on items which appear on the agenda. The Trustees may adopt, approve, ratify, deny, defer, recommend, amend, strike, or continue any agenda item. When more information is needed to act on an item, the Trustees may refer the matter to the Chairman or the Town Attorney, or back to a committee or recommending body. Under certain circumstances, items may be deferred to a specific later date or stricken from the agenda entirely.

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Determination of a quorum
4. Approval of the Board Minutes from the meetings of April 11 and 27, 2023.
5. Trustee Comments
6. Update from Dawn Shelton and discussion of upcoming events.

Trustee One (Terry Arps)

7. Consideration, discussion, and possible action to approve "Christmas in Whoville," as a project led by the Luther Economic Development Authority to create an attraction for visitors with a theme of "Whoville," from the Dr. Seuss book, "The Grinch Who Stole Christmas," and associated costs to be raised through sponsorships.

Trustee Two (Jerrod Davis)

Trustee Three (Carla Caruthers)

Trustee Four (Jeff Schwarzmeier)

Trustee Five (Joshua Rowton)

8. New Business: In accordance with the Open Meeting Act, Title 25 O.S. 311.A.9 of the Oklahoma Statutes, new business is defined as any matter not known about or which could not have been reasonably foreseen prior to the time of posting the agenda.

9. Citizen participation: Citizens may address the Board during open meetings on any matter on the agenda prior to the Board taking action on the matter. On any item not on the current agenda, citizens may address the Board under the agenda item Citizen Participation. Citizens should fill out a Citizen's Participation Request form and give it to the Mayor. Citizen Participation is for information purposes only, and the Board cannot discuss, act or make any decisions on matters presented under Citizens Participation. Citizens are requested to limit their comments to two minutes.

10. Adjourn.



Scherrie Pidcock, Town Clerk

Agenda Posted Monday, May 8, 2023, at Luther Town Hall, on Facebook at The Town of Luther, and on our website at www.townoflutherok.com, prior to 7:00 pm.

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**BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR
THE LUTHER ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
TUESDAY, APRIL 11, 2023, 7:00 PM
LUTHER TOWN HALL
108 SOUTH MAIN STREET, LUTHER, OKLAHOMA 73054**

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

1. Call to Order by **Terry Arps.**
2. Roll Call by **Terry Arps.** Present were **Terry Arps, Brian Hall, Carla Caruthrs and Jeff Schwarzmeier.** **Joshua Rowton** was absent.
3. Determination of a quorum was **made by Terry Arps.**
4. Approval of the Board Minutes from the meeting of March 14, 2023. – **Terry Arps made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, 2nd by Jeff Schwarzmeier. The Vote: All (4) Yes.**
5. Trustee Comments – **None.**
6. Founders' Day activities report – Dawn Shelton. – **Dawn Shelton gave a report on the Founders' Day Parade and Rt 66 DiscGolfPark Ribbon Cutting activities. She also presented a graph with comparisons of sales tax between surrounding Eastern Oklahoma Cities and Towns.**

Trustee One (Terry Arps)

7. Open discussion of long-term future development goals. – **Terry Arps reported that a meeting with a group of property owners was held regarding growth and annexation into the Town. He admonished the Board to continue looking ahead toward planning for the future growth of the Town. – No Action.**

Trustee Two (Brian Hall)

Trustee Three (Carla Caruthers)

Trustee Four (Jeff Schwarzmeier)

Trustee Five (Joshua Rowton)

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Participation Request form and give it to the Mayor. Citizen Participation is for information purposes only, and the Board cannot discuss, act or make any decisions on matters presented under Citizens Participation. Citizens are requested to limit their comments to two minutes. – **None.**

10. Adjourn. – **Terry Arps made a motion to adjourn, 2nd by Jeff Schwarzmeier. The Vote: All (4) Yes.**



Minutes transcribed by Scherrie Pidcock, Town Clerk

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**MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING
BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR
THE LUTHER ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
THURSDAY, APRIL 27, 2023, 6:30 P.M.
LUTHER TOWN HALL
108 SOUTH MAIN STREET, LUTHER, OKLAHOMA 73054**

1. Call to Order by Terry Arps.
2. Roll Call by Terry Arps. Present were Terry Arps, Brian Hall, Carla Caruthers, Jeff Schwarzmeier. Josuha Rowton was absent.
3. Determination of a quorum was made by Terry Arps.
4. Trustee Comments – None.
5. Update on economic development activities and events in and around Luther. – Dawn Shelton advised the Board that we have completed our application and been approved for the Oklahoma Department of Commerce Main Street Program. She shared that a group of business owners and town officials along Route 66 between Sapulpa and Arcadia are meeting to discuss business development and tourism. The group is called 66 Midpoint Corridor. Dawn stated that plans for this year's Luther Pecan Festival are underway. She also reported that the Luther Historical Society will be honoring Dolph Grolock for his many years of service to the Historical Society on Monday, May 1, 2023.

Trustee One (Terry Arps)

6. Consideration and discussion on future development of businesses and infrastructure along Route 66 in Luther and including infrastructure and connections with businesses on the north side of Route 66 in Luther, discussion with Ed Gochenour regarding development and infrastructure, and possible direction or other action. – Ed Gochenour was present. Discussion was had regarding economic development and infrastructure possibilities in the area of Route 66 and Luther Road. Discussion was held about hiring an engineering firm to conduct a flood plain feasibility study. No Action.

Trustee Two (Brian Hall)

Trustee Three (Carla Caruthers)

Trustee Four (Jeff Schwarzmeier)

Trustee Five (Joshua Rowton)

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8. Adjourn. – **Terry Arps made a motion to adjourn, 2nd by Jeff Schwarzmeier. The Vote: All (4) Yes.**



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Luther Economic Development Authority

REPORT - MAY 2023 5.9.23

TO: Luther Board of Trustees
 FROM: Dawn Shelton, office assistant, Town of Luther

ROUTE 66 ASSOCIATION TRIP GUIDE

Luther has a full-page ad in Route 66 Trip Guide. The guide features an updated description of Luther, and maps and points of interest to visit. Copies are available in the lobby of Town Hall.

MIDPOINT CORRIDOR

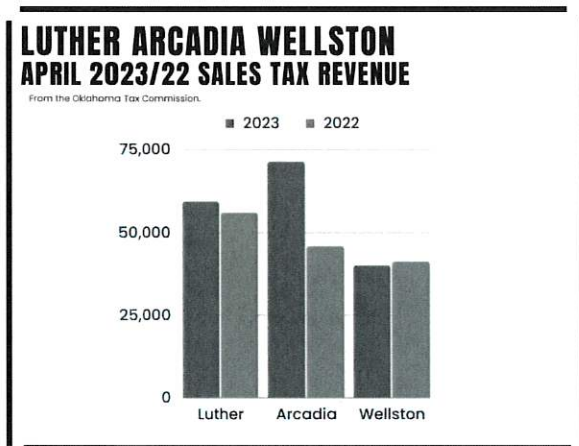


Luther was well-represented at the Midpoint Corridor kickoff luncheon at The Chicken Shack. Lt. Gov. Matt Pinnell posed with Town leadership and business owners. The meeting introduced a new effort to unify Route 66 towns between Arcadia and Sapulpa for tourism before the 2026 Centennial of Route 66. The first effort will be for each town to have a Christmas theme to attract visitors in conjunction with the successful Sapulpa

Christmas Chute!

LUTHER PECAN FESTIVAL & “WHOVILLE” CHRISTMAS Organizational meeting May 16 at 6 pm, 108 S Main. Business owners, volunteers, and leaders are invited to the kickoff meeting to organize Pecan Fest & built interest in Whoville.

SALES TAX REVIEW



*They all joined
hands and sang
joyfully to
welcome the
holidays.*



Luther Pecan Festival & Whoville
Christmas Organizational Meeting
Tuesday, May 16, 6 pm
108 S Main

Nov - Dec 2023

In conjunction with Route 66 Midpoint Corridor

Needs:

- Volunteers for Pecan Festival Organizational Committee.
- Volunteers for Whoville Marketing Team
- Organizations, businesses, and groups to decorate Whoville.
- Sponsorship Team
- Activities for weekend evenings in Nov.-Dec.

Luther!

- Main Square: The center of Whoville, Luther Main Street, one-quarter mile from America's Favorite Highway, Route 66.
- Mount Crumpit: Located just north of Whoville, its primary inhabitants are the Grinch and his dog Max. LUTHER: Pecan Orchard.

Key Dates:

- May 16 KICKOFF MEETING
- June Meeting - TBA
- July Meeting - TBA
- August Meeting - TBA
- September Meeting - TBA
- October Meeting - TBA
- Nov. 3-4 SETUP
- Nov. 10-11 SETUP
- Nov. 17 Whoville Lighting
- Nov. 18 - 19 Pecan Festival
- Nov. 19 Luther 5K
- Nov. 23 Thanksgiving
- Nov. 24 Black Friday
- Nov. 25 Small Business Saturday
- Dec. 1 Parks Commission Christmas

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- Volunteers for Whoville
- Organizations, businesses, and groups to decorate Whoville.
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NOVEMBER 20 23



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Good ideas and notes:

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				WhoVile Lighting	Pecan Fest	Pecan Fest 5K

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Thanksgiving

Small Biz Sat

WhoVile Evening Event

WhoVile Evening Event

27	28	29	30
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DECEMBER
20
23



MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	SUN
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