

**NORTHEAST ARKANSAS INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT  
COMMISSION BOARD MEMBERS**

| <b>Name</b>                | <b>Appointed on</b> | <b>End of Term</b> | <b>Appointed By</b> |
|----------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| John Troutt (Chair)        | 1987                | ?                  | County Judge        |
| Eugene Smith (Vice-Chair)  | 1987                | ?                  | County Judge        |
| Brent Stidman (Treasurer)* | 7/12/04             | ?                  | County Judge        |
| Wallace Fowler**           | 11/4/99             | ?                  | County Judge        |
| Robin Nix                  | 1987                | ?                  | Jonesboro Mayor     |
| Steve Orr                  | 1987                | ?                  | County Judge        |
| Ben Overman                | 1987                | ?                  | County Judge        |
| Bill Roddy                 | 1987                | ?                  | County Judge        |
| Hugh Atwood***             | 1987                | 11-27-96           | County Judge        |
| Eddie Burris****           | 1987                | ?                  | County Judge        |

\*Brent Stidman was appointed to replace Gene Clayton.

\*\*Wallace Fowler was appointed to replace Neil Stallings.

\*\*\*Hugh Atwood resigned and was not replaced.

\*\*\*\*Eddie Burris verbally resigned but never formally did so. He is still listed as a member of the board.

Donna Holt, of the Chamber of Commerce, maintains the records for the board. They are located at 1709 East Nettleton, Jonesboro. Jonesboro City Code 2.80 concerns this board with section 2.80.03 specifically concerning members and terms. It is listed below with the entire Jonesboro Code 2.80 attached behind. County Ordinance 1986-16 also lists guidelines for the establishment and maintenance of the commission.

2.80.03 Commission. The Commission shall be comprised of seven (7) commissioners, each to be appointed for three (3) year terms commencing December 1, 1986; two (2) commissioners to be appointed by the Craighead County Judge; two (2) commissioners to be appointed by the Mayor of the City of Jonesboro and approved by the City Council; one (1) commissioner to be the Chairman of the Board or similarly designated and elected representative or Greater Jonesboro Chamber of Commerce; one (1) to be the Chairman of the Jonesboro Unlimited; and one to be President of the Jonesboro Industrial Development Corporation. (Ord. No. 1999, Sec. 3)

According to City Code, there should only be 7 members with 2 appointed by the mayor. The Craighead County Ordinance states there should be 10 members with 2 appointed by the Mayor. Both the City Code and county ordinance state the terms are to be for 3 years. At the moment, only one member of the board is a mayoral appointment. County Ordinance 1986-16 is attached.

## Chapter 2.80

### NORTHEAST ARKANSAS INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

#### Sections:

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2.80.01 Established. The City of Jonesboro, Arkansas, herewith agrees to the establishment of an entity to coordinate and allocate the expenditures of moneys appropriated by the City of Jonesboro and Craighead County for industrial development, said organization being necessary and appropriate to produce the optimum use of personnel, equipment and efficiencies of scale in industrial recruitment and development. (Ord. No. 1999, Sec. 1)

2.80.02 Purpose. The organization herewith authorized to be formed shall be named Northeast Arkansas Industrial Development Commission which shall be an unincorporated entity designated to receive and disburse funds to appropriate affiliated organizations, both public and non-public for industrial development. (Ord. No. 1999, Sec.2)

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2.80.04 Contribution. The City of Jonesboro shall commencing in 1989, contribute to said Commission, in monthly installments or as otherwise agreed to by the city, a sum of no less than Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) per year. (Ord. No. 1999, Sec. 4)

2.80.05 Participation. Participation by incorporated cities other than Jonesboro, Arkansas, or organizations other than those designated in Section 2.80.03 shall be permitted, provided that said cities or organizations provide and remit contributions as designated by the Commission in order to establish affiliation with the Commission. (Ord.No. 1999, Sec. 5)

2.80.06 Disbursement of funds. The Commission will annually or at more frequent intervals as determined by it, disburse all funds received by it based on the needs and requirements of the following organizations to accomplish the purposes herein stated: Greater Jonesboro Chamber of Commerce; Jonesboro Unlimited; Jonesboro Industrial Development Commission; and any other active industrial development entities in Craighead County. (Ord. No. 1999,Sec. 6)

2.80.07 Reports. The organization designated in Section 2.80.06 will provide to the Commission a quarterly annual report and analysis regarding utilization and expenditure of Commission-distributed funds and the progress of all industrial development efforts. (Ord. No. 1999, Sec. 7)

2.80.08 Chairman. The Commission will on an annual basis designate a Chairman who shall be elected by a majority vote of its members. (Ord. No. 1999, Sec. 8)

2.80.09 Annual meeting. The Commission will meet at least annually for the specified purpose of establishing the following:

1. Amounts to disburse to each participating organization.
2. A program to inform all county residents of the need and benefits of industrial development, and
3. Guidelines for each organization to prevent inefficiencies and duplication of effort. (Ord. No. 1999, Sec. 9)

2.80.10 Communication. The Commission will annually communicate information regarding its activities to all participating cities and organizations in Craighead County and to the Jonesboro City Council and Quorum Court regarding fund disbursements. (Ord. No. 1999, Sec. 10)

2.80.11 Job production. All industrial development activities sponsored and funded hereunder must be related to anticipated new-job production. (Ord. No. 1999, Sec. 11)

2.80.12 Audits. The Commission shall be empowered to request audited financial statements on fund utilization by any participating organizations. (Ord. No. 1999, Sec. 12)

2.80.13 Filings. A copy of this ordinance duly certified by the City Clerk shall be filed in the office of the City Clerk of Jonesboro and filed in the office of the County Clerk of Craighead County and recorded. (Ord. No. 1999,Sec. 13)