

March 27, 2025

Cyndra Kastens
City Clerk/Administrator
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Cyndra:

The Wayne Dennis Committee met March 26, 2025, to consider a request from the Anthony Chamber of Commerce in the amount of \$10,000.00 for the Annual Sunflower Balloon Fest.

It is our belief that they qualify for funds based on the Wayne Dennis will. Therefore we approved their request in full and are submitting it to the City for consideration.

Thank you.

Alfreda Myers
Chairperson
Wayne Dennis Committee

WAYNE DENNIS FUND COMMITTEE MEETING

March 26, 2025

Bank of the Plains Hospitality Room

11:45 am

Present: Chairperson/Alfreda Myers, Susan Croft, Brad Davis, Ryan Cashier, Megan McCaslin, Veronica Larcom and Linda Francis

Items for discussion:

- 1) Clarification of the Wayne Dennis Committee guidelines
- 2) Request by Anthony Theatre for \$3475 for a new pop cooler
- 3) Report on available funds
- 4) Anthony Chamber of Commerce request for \$10,000 for annual Sunflower Balloon Fest

Alfreda called the meeting to order. She reported on her efforts to obtain clarity on the guidelines for issuing funds based on the wishes set forth in Wayne Dennis' will. She visited with Cyndra Kastens, the City Administrator, who had discussed this with the City Commissioners and the City Attorney. They were all in agreement that no funds should go to any charitable entity and that the current Wayne Dennis Committee had a good understanding of how the funds could be used. She also inquired why money had been moved to an account with Edward Jones and was being overseen by the Harper County Community Foundation. The Commission has looked into this and are taking action to move the funds back into the control of the City. Members of the Wayne Dennis Committee expressed their gratitude to Alfreda for her diligence to get the committee back in alliance with the wishes of Wayne Dennis.

Alfreda reported the current available funds are \$38,857.31.

Discussion was held on the request by the Anthony Chamber of Commerce for \$10,000 to help with expenses for the annual Sunflower Balloon Fest. It was decided that the request fell within the guidelines and benefited the Anthony community by bringing visitors and revenue into town. Susan Croft moved to approve the request and Megan McCaslin seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously with Brad Davis abstaining due to being a member of the Chamber.

With no other business, meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted 03/26/2025 by Linda K Francis, Secretary.

March 05, 2025

Dear Members of the Wayne Dennis Board,

The Anthony Chamber of Commerce is gearing up for our Annual Sunflower Balloon Fest on May 9th-10th this year. Thank you for your generous contribution last year, which played a pivotal role in sustaining this Anthony tradition. We couldn't have done it without you.

Each year, hundreds visit Harper County for this event, which fosters local pride and unity. As we plan this year's event, we request a grant of \$10,000 to help offset the expenses associated with hosting the fest, which easily exceeds more than \$25,000. This funding will be allocated primarily toward compensating the balloonists and covering the logistics of their visit to Anthony. Additionally, we are excited to enhance the festivities by incorporating new entertainment segments and children's events at the airport prior to the Saturday evening balloon lift-off.

Thank you for your continued support of community initiatives, including the balloon fest. We look forward to the possibility of partnering with you once again and I am happy to discuss any other details regarding this request. We look forward to hearing from you!

Sincerely,

Shelly Hansel, President

The Anthony Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors