
WAYNE DENNIS FOUNDATION COMMITTEE MEETING

April 08, 2026

Bank of the Plans Hospitality Room

11:45 am

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

Item for consideration: Request by the Anthony Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors for \$10,000 to help offset the expenses associated with hosting the annual Sunflower Balloon Fest.

Alfreda Myers called the meeting to order. Discussion was held on appointment of future committee members. Alfreda, Linda, Susan, Megan and Veronica will all go off the committee this year. Alfreda has been in contact with the City Office and City Administrator Melinda Ewertz to find out whether the city makes the appointments or whether the Committee is required to find the replacements. Alfreda will keep everyone posted on what she finds out.

Alfreda announced that the current balance available to distribute is \$20,733.21. This is before the addition of any March interest.

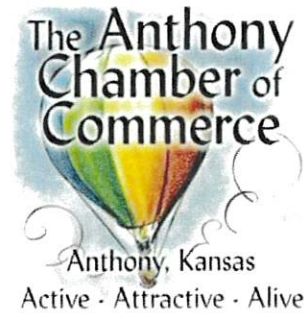
Discussion was held about the request by the Anthony Chamber. All agreed that the Sunflower Balloon Fest benefits the citizens of Anthony more than any other activity. After discussion, Megan McCaslin motioned to approve the request. Susan Croft seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Discussion about the bathroom project at Anthony Lake was held. Alfreda is in contact with Commissioner Howard Hatfield and will gather additional information.

No other business. Meeting adjourned at 12:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted 04/08/2026 by Linda Francis, Secretary

March 09, 2026



Dear Members of the Wayne Dennis Board,

First, I would like to thank you for your generous contribution last year, which played a pivotal role in sustaining the annual Sunflower Balloon Fest put on by the Anthony Chamber of Commerce. It would not have happened without your tremendous support. This year's Sunflower Balloon Fest is on May 15-17 this year which is back to the weekend after Mother's Day and hopefully we can keep that weekend and tradition going.

As we plan this year's event, we once again request a grant of \$10,000 to help offset the expenses associated with hosting this beloved community event which attracts hundreds of visitors to Anthony every year. The funding will be allocated primarily toward the coordination of their visit to Anthony, which will go back into the community for hotel accommodations and propane for the balloon rides and tethering. 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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Shelly Hansel'. The signature is written in a cursive style.

Shelly Hansel, Past-President

Anthony Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors