

**Clark County Strategic Plan  
Co-Chair Steering Committee  
May 6, 2008**

The co-chairs of the Clark County Strategic Plan met briefly prior to the community meeting on Tuesday, May 6, 2008 at Ouachita Baptist University. The following members were present: Diane Owens, Linda Eaves, Lewis Shepherd, Ronnie Echols, Mark Manning, Franklin Bass, Tom Calhoon, Bill Wright, Fred Phillips, Billy Tarpley, Wesley Kluck, Shelley Loe and Carrie Roberson.

Wesley Kluck suggested that the co-chairs consider quarterly sub committee meetings. The quarterly meeting schedule will be posted on the website.

The committee discussed the new Arkadelphia Regional Economic Development Alliance. This new alliance combines the Arkadelphia Chamber of Commerce, the Clark County Industrial Council, the Gurdon Chamber of Commerce and the Economic Development Corporation of Clark County. Paul Harvel, the newly appointed CEO of the Economic Development Corporation of Clark County will oversee the Alliance. The Alliance will have a steering committee. Wesley Kluck and Phil Baldwin will serve on the steering committee.

Shelley Loe reported the Economic Development sub-committee has reviewed a grant proposal submitted by Ouachita Baptist University. The sub-committee voted to forward the proposal to the finance committee for consideration. The committee is also seeking input for highway projects. The projects will be forwarded to the Highway Commission as priorities identified by Clark County citizens.

Billy Tarpley reported Clark Easter, former Leadership Co-Chairman currently serving in Iraq, communicated that he is using the same planning process in Iraq to assist communities with strategic planning. Clark is keeping up with the CCSP progress through the internet.

Finance Committee Chairman Franklin Bass reported his committee will research obtaining a 501 (c) 3 for the Clark County Strategic Plan.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by:

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