

**Vision 2020
Governmental Foundation Committee
April 9, 2008**

The Government Foundation Committee met at Memorial Hospital on April 9, 2008 at 12:00 noon. In attendance were: Trey Henderson, Jerry Huffman, Judge Paul White, Dorothy Wilson, and Susie Cardwell with Craig Walker presiding.

Craig Walker welcomed attendees and reviewed agenda.

It was discussed and generally agreed that the Government Foundation was not interested in duplicating other organizational efforts. In fact, the Government Foundation would serve to facilitate discussions with other organizations and their common objectives as they relate to the common interest of the Vision 2020 Government Foundation.

Items discussed are as follows:

MSA Strategy:

- Need to heighten awareness of organization in legislative arena, and increase community group involvement with legislative groups.
- Need to synchronize efforts between various community groups, to increase effectiveness
- Opportunities (grants) need to be identified and utilized for community benefit
- Local area needs to develop stronger resources, rather than relying on external resources.
- Workforce should be developed from local youth. Involvement in school programs, at an elementary school level, would benefit community in many areas, including:
 - Providing opportunities to youths that may otherwise not receive appropriate career counseling/motivation/opportunity.
 - Develop skilled workforce that has grown up in the area and is more likely to remain in the area

Next Steps:

- Need to involve other committees, get representation from other committees on this committee
- Need to redefine college to youth, to identify college as a vocational option, not just scholarly option.

- Need to adopt elementary schools, to foster community/industry involvement with youth
- Committee needs to focus on one or two major tasks, such as information distribution.
- Need to clarify mission statement. Proposed mission is to serve as a clearinghouse, to create synergy between various groups and agencies for the betterment of the community.

Next Meeting:

The committee will meet again on Thursday, May 15th at noon at Memorial Hospital.