

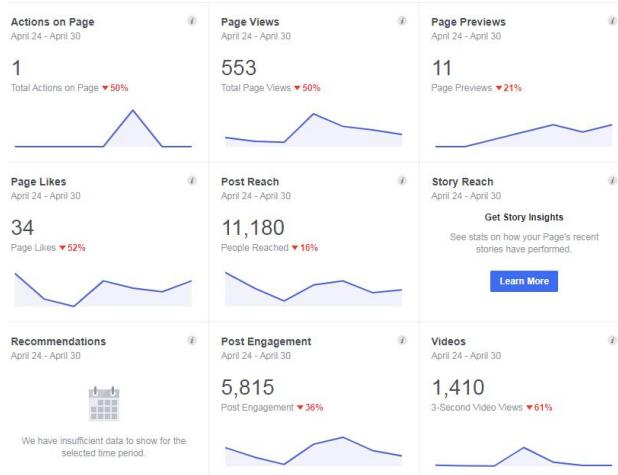
# ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION



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NEWSLETTER

## FB Live

For the past 6 weeks the City of Hondo has been going live for council meetings. We have had a tremendous outpour of support from the community. Through FaceBook live we have been able to receive feedback and answer questions. Below is a screenshot of our views and interactions from the City of Hondo Facebook page.



## Playing it Safe

Due to an abundance of caution and care, in light of the novel Coronavirus COVID 19 virus, all City of Hondo lobbies and offices have been closed to outside visitors. The drive through and drop box at City Hall will remain available for service for utility billing, cemetery business and municipal court. We encourage everyone to take advantage of our other resources to paying your bill. We have both online and phone options to pay. As previously stated we want to protect our service team and our valued customers. We have made this decision based on CDC guidelines. As of right now there has been no set date when all offices will reopen.

## 3 Request For Bid's closed on 4/14/20

RFB #20-011 United States Post Office located at 1108 17th Street, did not receive any bids. We will relaunch RFB at a later date; Minimum: Bid: \$468,750.00 Bid Received: \$0

RFB #20-012 City of Hondo Utility Yard located at 1705 Avenue I, was issued. COH received one (1) bid in the amount of \$191,251.00. COH has accepted bid and will move forward with the closing process. Minimum Bid: \$181,250.00 Bid Received: \$191,251.00; The Bid Received is \$10,001 above minimum bid.

RFB #20-013 City of Hondo Utility Yard located at 1705 Avenue I, (northeast Center of 19th Street and Avenue I) was issued. COH received one (1) bid in the amount of \$85,001. COH has accepted bid and will move forward with the closing process. Minimum Bid: \$75,000.00 Bid Received: \$85,000.01; The Bid Received is \$10,001 above minimum bid.

## SWTJC

Southwest Texas Junior College, has launched a FAQ session on their home page and it is constantly being updated with current information. A virtual town hall meeting was held on April 23 and another is scheduled for May 7 at noon via Facebook Live.

Summer 1 is officially via online and summer 2 not decided but most likely will be online as well. The Fall semester is still being evaluated. SWTJC has offered students flexibility in choosing a "W" until after they receive their final grade, in an effort to encourage them to finish the term with no penalty. There should be an announcement soon on virtual commencement ceremony in July. The staff is developing, assessing and reviewing reopen plan that are specific to programs and departments once we can get authorization from the Governor to proceed. Our plan is to open in phases with programs that could not finish the spring term first. The college has begun processing the student aid payments from the CARES Act, a simple application is available via the SWTJC home page.

## #GoOnABearHunt

The City of Hondo has been promoting the #GoOnABearHunt program that GoMedina has started with the hope of encouraging members of our community to go out for a walk or a drive as a family. The goal is to spot the bears, take a picture and share them in the comment section. We currently have 8 bears located at the Police Department, City Hall, Library, Golf Course, Recreation Center, Public Works, Airport and STRTC.



*Happy Hunting!*



## COME JOIN THE FUN FUN FOR EVERYONE



## Wash YOUR Hands



## WSA

Workforce Solutions Alamo in order to comply with the ongoing public health emergency orders, Workforce Solutions Alamo is temporarily closed Career Centers in Accordance with COVID-19.

ALL WORKFORCE SOLUTIONS ALAMO EVENTS & JOB FAIRS CANCELLED DUE TO COVID-19.

Having trouble filing an unemployment claim online? TWC's Unemployment Benefit System online portal is available 24 hours a day but is experiencing a high volume of visitors. TWC is seeing lower volume on the online portal between 10:00p.m. and 8 a.m. You may want to try back during those hours to file your claim or check the status of your claim.

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