

FINAL MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 12<sup>th</sup>, 2017, REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF  
THE MADISON COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY  
HELD AND CONDUCTED ON THE 12<sup>th</sup> DAY OF OCTOBER 2017,  
AT 8:30 A.M.  
IN THE MCEDA CONFERENCE ROOM  
OF THE MCEDA OFFICES AT 135 MISSISSIPPI PARKWAY,  
CANTON, MISSISSIPPI

The regular meeting of the Madison County Economic Development Authority was conducted on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of October 2017, at 8:30 a.m. in the MCEDA Office at 135 Mississippi Parkway, Canton, MS.

Members Present: Sells Newman, Lanny Slaughter, Doug Jones, Jim Smith, Ed Gardner, Calvin Harris, Dwight Lockett

Staff: Joseph Deason, Ken Oilschlager, Taquana Mack, Danielle Winningham, Arthur Jernigan

Guests: Jan Collins, Cecil Harper, Phil Buffington

At 8:30 a.m., Chairman Slaughter announced that the members present constituted a quorum, declared the meeting duly convened and directed that the notice for the meeting be filed with the minutes.

Mr. Jones made a motion to adopt the agenda. After a second by Mr. Harris, the motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Newman made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 14, 2017, MCEDA Board meeting. After a second by Mr. Smith, the motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Newman reported that he had reviewed the monthly MCEDA financials and all was in order. He introduced Mr. Cecil Harper of Harper, Rains, Knight and stated that Mr. Harper would be attending the MCEDA board meetings as much as possible to give reports and work more closely with the MCEDA board. Mr. Smith made a motion to approve the MCEDA financial report as presented. After a second by Mr. Harris, the motion was unanimously approved.

Ms. Jan Collins provided an update for the Madison County Business League and Foundation. The 2017 Vision Celebration will be held on October 17<sup>th</sup> and the Youth Leadership orientation was a success. Ms. Collins introduced her new Milsaps College Intern and informed the board that 6 new members were elected to serve on the MCBL&F board. She introduced the new Chairman, Mr. Phil Buffington, to the board. Mr. Buffington addressed the board and stated that he would like to join MCEDA's monthly meetings and looks forward to working with everyone.

Attorney Jernigan gave an update on legal matters. He stated that the MS Film Studios has vacated the building and that he has sent letters to GTI and BFAC.com demanding they become current on lease payments. Attorney Jernigan completed MCEDA's submission to the EPA on the Canton property and should hear from them soon. Mr. Slaughter and Mr. Harris excused themselves from the room as Attorney Jernigan continued. He has sent a letter to Warnock and Associates and there has been no response regarding the airport study matter. He stated MCEDA will have to move forward with legal requests/demands for the monies to be returned.

Mr. Jones made a motion to proceed with all legal matters regarding Project Phoenix. After a second by Mr. Gardner, the motion was approved.

Mr. Newman made a motion authorizing Attorney Jernigan to request the Madison County Board of Supervisors to consider joining in any legal action involving Project Phoenix. After a second by Mr. Gardner, the motion was approved.

Mr. Slaughter and Mr. Harris returned to the room.

There was a motion by Mr. Smith, and a second by Mr. Harris to go into closed session for the purpose of discussing the transaction of business and discussion of personnel matters and legal matters pertaining to Project Phoenix and Parkway East. The motion passed unanimously. There was then a discussion of the need to go into Executive Session to discuss the aforementioned, at the conclusion of which there was a motion by Mr. Smith and a second by Mr. Harris to do so. This motion was unanimously adopted. Chairman Slaughter then opened the meeting to announce publicly that the Board was going into Executive Session to discuss the transaction of business and discussion of personnel matters and legal matters pertaining to Project Phoenix and Parkway East. Chairman Slaughter convened an Executive Session for this purpose.

Mr. Smith made a motion to adjourn Executive Session. After a second by Mr. Jones, there was a unanimous vote to adjourn the Executive Session, and reconvene the open session. The following actions were taken in Executive Session were then reported by the Chair:

There was no action taken.

Mr. Deason informed the board that Ms. Winningham's last day with MCEDA will be October 31<sup>st</sup>.

At 10:32 a.m., upon a motion made by Mr. Harris, seconded by Mr. Newman and unanimously adopted, the meeting was adjourned.

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Lanny Slaughter, Chairman

ATTEST:

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Sells Newman, Secretary/Treasurer