

FINAL MINUTES OF THE APRIL 12, 2018, REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF  
MADISON COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY  
HELD AND CONDUCTED ON THE 12TH DAY OF APRIL 2018,  
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 12TH day of April 2018, at 8:30 a.m. in the MCEDA Office at 135 Mississippi Parkway, Canton, MS.

Members Present: Sells Newman, Jim Smith, Doug Jones, Calvin Harris, Ed Gardner

Staff: Joseph Deason, Attorney Arthur Jernigan, Taquana Mack, Danielle Winningham,  
Lauren Scheel

Guests: Jan Collins

At 8:30 a.m., Vice-Chairman Newman 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. Jim Smith opened the meeting with a prayer.

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

Mr. Smith made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 8, 2018, MCEDA Board meeting and the March 19, 2018 Special Board meeting. After a second by Mr. Harris, the motion was unanimously approved.

Secretary/Treasurer Gardner made a motion to approve the financial reports as presented. After a second by Mr. Smith, the motion was unanimously approved.

Ms. Jan Collins provided an update for the Madison County Business League and Foundation and upcoming dates and events.

There was a motion by Mr. Smith and a second by Mr. Jones to go into closed session for the purpose of discussing the need for an Executive Session to address legal matters with Project Phoenix, Parkway East, the MS Film Studio and the transaction of business and discussions or negotiations regarding the location, relocation, or expansion of a business or industry. The motion passed unanimously. There was then discussion of the need to go into Executive Session to consider the aforementioned, at the conclusion of which there was a motion by Mr. Jones and a second by Mr. Smith to do so. This motion was unanimously adopted. Vice-Chairman Newman then opened the meeting to announce publicly that the Board was going into Executive Session to discuss the legal matters with Project Phoenix, Parkway East, the MS Film Studio and the transaction of business and discussions or negotiations regarding the location, relocation, or expansion of a business or industry. Vice-Chairman Newman convened an Executive Session for this purpose. Mr. Jones made a motion to adjourn Executive Session. After a second by Mr. Harris, there was a unanimous vote to adjourn the Executive Session, and reconvene the open session. The following actions were taken in Executive Session and were then reported by the Vice-Chair:

There was no action taken.

Ms. Lauren Scheel provided an update on existing industry visits stating that she has visited with several suppliers and companies and will be updating the board as she receives updates.

Ms. Winningham has been working on the ACT Work Ready Community goals for Madison County along with Ms. Darby and Ms. Collins, MCBL&F. Madison County is now at 67% towards its goals.

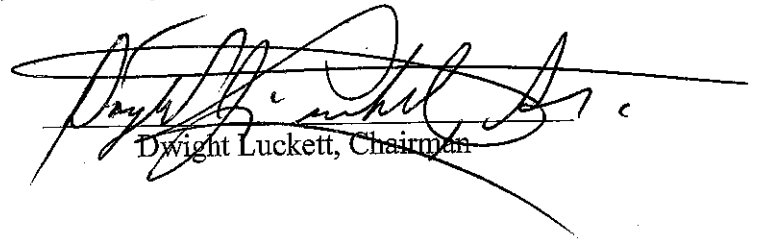
Mr. Deason presented a MCEDA personnel organizational chart and will go into details at the next board meeting.


MCEDA has applied for an Entergy grant to conduct environmental studies and will update the board on the awarding once it is released.

Ms. Winningham updated the board on the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017 establishing Opportunity Zones. This is a new community development program aimed to encourage long term investments in low-income and rural communities and Madison County received three awards; two in Canton and one in Ridgeland.

Ms. Mack and Ms. Scheel will be traveling to the Economic Development Institute in Fort Worth Texas in April and Ms. Winningham and Mr. Deason will be attending the Entergy Excited Event in May.

At 10:53 a.m., upon a motion made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Harris and unanimously adopted, the meeting was adjourned.

  
Dwight Lockett, Chairman

Attest:   
Ed Gardner, Secretary/Treasurer