

FINAL MINUTES OF THE APRIL 26, 2017, SPECIAL CALL MEETING OF
THE MADISON COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
HELD AND CONDUCTED ON THE 26th DAY OF APRIL 2017,
AT 8:30 A.M.
IN THE MCEDA CONFERENCE ROOM
OF THE MCEDA OFFICES AT 135 MISSISSIPPI PARKWAY,
CANTON, MISSISSIPPI

A Special Call meeting of the Madison County Economic Development Authority was conducted on the 26th day of April 2017, at 8:30 a.m. in the MCEDA Office at 135 Mississippi Parkway, Canton, MS.

Members Present: Dwight Lockett, Sells Newman, Jim Smith, Calvin Harris, Ed Gardner, Doug Jones, Lanny Slaughter¹
Also present was MCEDA Board Attorney, Andy Clark and Interim Director, Ken Oilschlager²

Guests: Gray Swoope and Melissa Medley with Vision First Advisors
Sam Kelly, Chairman; Phil Buffington, Vice-Chairman; Brad Maley, Secretary-Treasurer; all of the Madison County Business League & Foundation

At 8:38 a.m., Vice-Chairman Lockett announced that the MCEDA Board members present constituted a quorum, declared the meeting duly convened and directed that the notice for the meeting be filed with the minutes.

Mr. Smith made a motion to amend the agenda to show that Vice-Chairman Lockett was presiding over the meeting in Chairman Slaughter's absence. After a second by Mr. Gardner, the motion was unanimously approved.

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

Vice-Chairman Lockett gave brief remarks regarding MCEDA's visioning process, and advised that MCEDA was moving the process forward in the search for an Executive-Director. He further announced that the purpose of the Special Call Meeting was to have a continuation of previous discussions facilitated by Vision First on potential collaborative efforts by the MCEDA Board and the Madison County Business League & Foundation in advancing economic development in Madison County. Vice-Chairman Lockett then turned the meeting over to Gray Swoope of Vision First Advisors.

Mr. Swoope gave a brief recap of the initial facilitated discussion between the MCEDA Board and the members of the Madison County Business League & Foundation on a common purpose, and potential collaborative efforts for both organizations to support each other. Mr. Swoope then turned the meeting over to Melissa Medley.

Melissa Medley then proceeded with a facilitated discussion among those present, which included general discussion of potential collaborative efforts, potential alignment of resources, and potentially another similar meeting of MCEDA, and the MCBL&F, to be set at a later date.


No formal action was taken, and the members of the MCBL&F excused themselves.

¹ Chairman Slaughter was late to the meeting. In his place, Vice-Chairman Lockett presided.

² Mr. Oilschlager excused himself before the meeting began, and came back in after the break, and when the MCEDA Board reconvened.

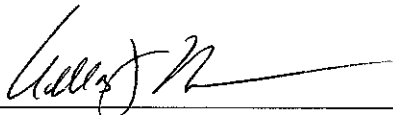
After a break, the MCEDA Board reconvened. Mr. Oilschlager advised that Vision First had prepared a proposal for executive director search. Gray Swoope presented the proposal to the MCEDA Board, a copy of which is attached to these minutes. No action was taken.

At 11:55 a.m., Mr. Smith made a motion to adjourn the meeting. After a second by Mr. Slaughter, the motion carried, and the meeting was adjourned.



Lanny Slaughter, Chairman

ATTEST:



Sells Newman, Secretary/Treasurer