

FINAL MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 21st, 2017, SPECIAL BOARD MEETING OF
THE MADISON COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
HELD AND CONDUCTED ON THE 21st DAY OF AUGUST 2017,
AT 4:00 P.M.
IN THE MCEDA CONFERENCE ROOM
OF THE MCEDA OFFICES AT 135 MISSISSIPPI PARKWAY,
CANTON, MISSISSIPPI

The special meeting of the Madison County Economic Development Authority was conducted on the 21st day of August 2017, at 4:00 p.m. in the MCEDA Office at 135 Mississippi Parkway, Canton, MS.

Members Present: Sells Newman, Lanny Slaughter, Doug Jones (phone), Jim Smith, Dwight Luckett, Ed Gardner

Absent: Calvin Harris

Staff: Ken Oilschlager, Taquana Mack, Andy Clark

Guests: Sheila Jones, Skipper Jernigan, David Mockbee

At 4:00 p.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. Newman made a motion to adopt the agenda. After a second by Mr. Luckett, the motion was unanimously approved.

Note: Doug Jones' telephone connection dropped on and off until he sought a land line and re-joined the meeting during the executive session.

Mr. Oilschlager stated that he became aware of a material event concerning the 2013 contract with Warnock and Associates and MCEDA on the evening of August 10, 2017. The following Monday, August 14, 2017, the MCEDA board was notified. He suggested the hiring of Arthur "Skipper" Jernigan to serve as outside counsel to MCEDA regarding the matter. Mr. Newman made a motion to hire Attorney Arthur (Skipper) Jernigan, Jernigan, Copeland Attorneys. After a second by Mr. Luckett, the motion was unanimously approved.

There was a motion by Mr. Newman, and a second by Mr. Smith to go into closed session for the purpose of discussing the investigative procedure by any public body regarding allegations of misconduct. The motion passed unanimously.

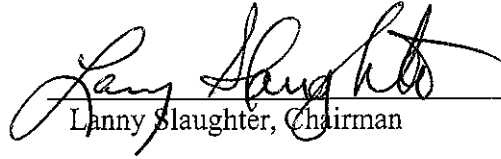
Attorney Andy Clark recused himself

There was then a discussion of the need to go into Executive Session to discuss the investigative procedure by any public body regarding allegations of misconduct, at the conclusion of which there was a motion by Mr. Newman and a second by Mr. Luckett 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 investigative procedure by any public body regarding allegations of misconduct. Chairman Slaughter convened an Executive Session for this purpose.

Mr. Smith made a motion to adjourn Executive Session. After a second by Mr. Gardner, 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:

Mr. Luckett made a motion that the MCEDA board employ Arthur "Skipper" Jernigan, Jernigan, Copeland Attorneys as counsel to MCEDA for all legal matters going forward including, but not limited to, the Warnock and Associates contract. After a second by Mr. Newman, the motion was unanimously approved.

At 5:06 p.m., upon a motion made by Mr. Harris, seconded by Mr. Newman and unanimously adopted, the meeting was adjourned.



Lanny Slaughter, Chairman

ATTEST:



Sells Newman, Secretary/Treasurer