


MADISON COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
MINUTES
Special Meeting
August 8, 1994
Marie Perry's Kitchen; 7:00 P.M.

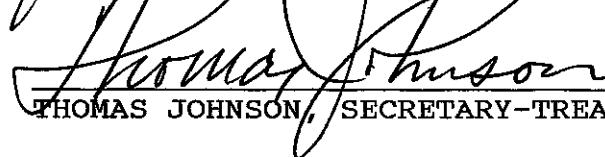
- PRESENT: Brance Beamon, Mary Hawkins, Thomas Johnson, Duke Loden, John Wallace, and Hite Wolcott
- ABSENT: Mark Bounds, Steve Duncan, Anne King, and Bob Montgomery
- GUESTS: Supervisors Karl Banks, Bob Dowdle, J.L. McCullough, David Richardson, and Marc Sharpe, and Dudley Wooley of Marketing Research Institute, Tom Wagner of W.T. Wagner Business Consultant, Dewey Hembree of Montgomery, Smith-Vaniz & McGraw, and, Joy Foy, MCEDA Administrative Assistant.
- I. DINNER: - A buffet meal at the newly opened Marie Perry's Kitchen was enjoyed at 6:00 p.m. by Board Members, Supervisors, and consultants in the dining area, before moving upstairs for the formal meeting beginning at 7:00 p.m.
 - II. WELCOME - President Wallace welcomed the Supervisors and gave a short introduction concerning the strategic plan to help continue Madison County's quality growth with a proactive role before turning the program over to the consultants for the official presentation.
 - III. STRATEGIC PLANNING STUDY REPORT - Mr. Wooley made his presentation first and explained that MRI's work on this project has been ongoing since December, 1992. The study had included research of Top 20 Growth counties in U.S., polling 400 Madison County voters, and interviews with 50 Madison County Leaders. Their conclusion was that MCEDA needs to 1) communicate and educate, 2) serve as a facilitator, and 3) to promote cooperation within the county. Mr. Wagner further encouraged MCEDA to focus, to expand, and to leverage to be able to realize strategic objectives. The floor was opened for any questions, and after a favorable response by Supervisors Board President Richardson, it was decided that the same presentation would be delivered to the municipal officials and then to business leaders.
 - IV. OPERATIONS PROPOSED BUDGET - Executive Vice President Loden presented the MCEDA Operation proposed budget for the 1994-95 year totaling \$449,400 and Vice President Johnson made a motion to accept which was seconded by Mr. Beamon and unanimously approved.
 - V. INTEREST AND SINKING FUND PROPOSED BUDGET - Executive Vice President Loden explained the Industrial Parks Interest and Sinking Fund proposed budget totaling \$885,000 and Ms Hawkins made motion to accept which was seconded by Mr. Wolcott and again passed with unanimous approval.
 - VI. ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW - Executive Vice President Loden spoke on the request of Dr. Donnie Vice of Dixie Equine to obtain a building permit for a stable to be built at his location on American Way. A consensus of concern was voiced about buildings being built to covenant standards on that side of the Interstate 55 such as those in effect on the east side of Interstate 55 in the Central Mississippi Industrial Center. Ms. Hawkins made a motion that a moratorium be enacted on the issuance of any further building permits for commercial or industrial buildings along the west side of Interstate 55 at Gluckstadt until an architectural or appearance ordinance is passed. All the members approved this motion after it was seconded by Mr. Beamon.

- VII. OTHER BUSINESS - Executive Vice President Loden made mention of the Gail Pittman expansion, Canton Industries financial bind, the theme park, a distribution building lease at Gluckstadt, Flora's meeting Thursday night about their industrial park, and Ridgeland's work session Monday night concerning the tax exemption issue.
- VIII. NEXT MEETINGS - The next regular meeting was set for Tuesday, August 23, 1994. Mention was also made of the Canton Aldermen's election.
- IX. ADJOURNMENT - There being no other business, a motion for adjournment was duly made, seconded, and approved by all.

WITNESS OUR SIGNATURES:



JOHN WALLACE, PRESIDENT



THOMAS JOHNSON, SECRETARY-TREASURER