

FINAL MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 8TH, 2016, MEETING OF
THE MADISON COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
HELD AND CONDUCTED ON THE 8TH DAY OF DECEMBER 2016,
AT 8:30 A.M.
IN THE MCEDA CONFERENCE ROOM
OF THE MCEDA OFFICES AT 135 MISSISSIPPI PARKWAY,
CANTON, MISSISSIPPI

The meeting of the Madison County Economic Development Authority was conducted on the 8TH day of December 2016, at 8:30 a.m. in the MCEDA Office at 135 Mississippi Parkway, Canton, MS.

Members Present: Ed Gardner, Doug Jones, Calvin Harris, Lanny Slaughter, Jim Smith
Also present were Ken Oilschlager, Taquana Mack, Danielle Winningham, and Attorney Andy Clark.

Guests: Jan Collins, Gray Swoope, Gerald Steen, David Bishop, Lisa Williams,
Timothy Jenkins

At 8:33 a.m., Chairman Harris 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 as presented. After a second by Mr. Slaughter, the motion was unanimously approved.

Chairman Harris introduced Madison County Supervisors Gerald Steen and David Bishop. Supervisor Steen addressed the board regarding a potential Madison County traffic project. He provided maps of the proposed Reunion Parkway Interchange and preliminary cost estimates. Supervisor Bishop continued the presentation stating that the Board of Supervisors seeks MCEDA's support through a resolution since the interchange will not only help with traffic control but will assist with economic development. There were discussions and questions after the presentation. Chairman Harris informed the Supervisors that the MCEDA board would discuss the matter and consider a resolution of support.

Mr. Gardner requested that VisionFirst Advisors and Mr. Gray Swoope be moved to the top of the agenda.

Mr. Gray Swoope with VisionFirst Advisors provided the MCEDA board with a progress report on the ongoing visioning process. He revisited their previously-presented scope of work, the ongoing operational assessment of MCEDA, and presented a PowerPoint presentation. Mr. Swoope also stated that there have been 50 in-person meetings to date as well as ongoing community survey. VisionFirst anticipates that it will deliver their report to MCEDA at the February 2017 board meeting.

Mr. Slaughter made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 10, 2016 MCEDA Board Meeting. After a second by Mr. Jones, the motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Smith made a motion to approve the MCEDA financial report as presented. After a second by Mr. Slaughter, the motion was unanimously approved.

Ms. Jan Collins provided an update for the Madison County Business League and Foundation (MCBL&F). The Legislative Breakfast on December 14th held at Butler Snow was a success. Ms. Collins stated that the Vision Celebration's pictures are available. She reminded the board of the upcoming Adult Leadership class.

Mr. Oilschlager stated that he met with Mr. Trey Dellinger, Chairman of the Madison County Business League & Foundation's Governmental Relations Committee, and informed him of MCEDA's continued support of the Board of Supervisors' legislative priorities.

Mr. Oilschlager updated the board on the American Tower lease buy-out offer and recommended that the board deny the offer after obtaining more information that the offer was unsolicited from a third party outside of American Tower.

Mr. Smith made a motion to reject the proposal of the lease buy-out offer. After a second by Mr. Jones, the motion was unanimously approved.

Attorney Andy Clark provided a legal update stating that MCEDA has received the annual Parkway East PID assessment and that he would send a letter to the Madison County Tax Collector, along with a resolution acknowledging receipt, but denying payment based on a previously-obtained Attorney General opinion that assessments are treated as ad valorem taxes, and MCEDA does not pay ad valorem taxes.

Mr. Slaughter made a motion to authorize Attorney Clark to send a letter to the Madison County Tax Collector, along with a resolution acknowledging receipt, but denying payment based on a previously-obtained Attorney General opinion that assessments are treated as ad valorem taxes, and MCEDA does not pay ad valorem taxes. After a second by Mr. Smith, the motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Smith made a motion authorizing Mr. Oilschlager or designated MCEDA officer the ability to sign documents pertaining to the Terra Property sale. After a second by Mr. Slaughter, the motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Oilschlager stated that he attended the North Madison County Economic Development Council's meeting and that it was a great success.

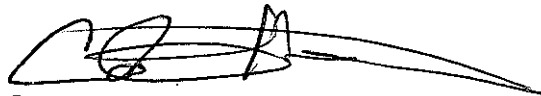
He also mentioned the 60 Minutes link on the Golden Triangle Economic Development Council and how it was a great segment.

Ms. Winningham provided a report and update on projects and existing industries stating that Project CK1 is still active and she's just waiting on an update. There should be a decision on Project Teeball by Christmas. Ms. Winningham stated that a new project was presented on December 2nd and she is working on the RFP.

She has also been working on the annual report and will place it on the website as well as mail them out once it is complete. She's been assisting Holmes Community College with finding funding resources for new training programs and equipment. She concluded her report by reminding the board that new maps were placed in the back of their board books.

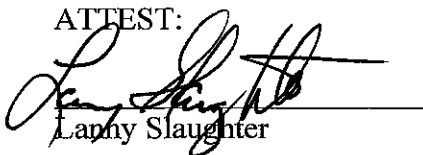
Mr. Doug Jones suggested an employee (staff) confidentiality statement regarding MCEDA business would be beneficial. Attorney Andy Clark would provide a confidentiality agreement to Mr. Oilschlager for implementation.

At 11:07 a.m., upon a motion made by Mr. Slaughter, second by Mr. Smith and unanimously approved, the meeting was adjourned.



Calvin Harris, Chairman

ATTEST:



Lanny Slaughter