

MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY, 2000 MEETING  
OF THE MADISON COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY  
HELD AND CONDUCTED ON THE 17TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2000, AT 8:30 A.M.,  
IN THE MCEDA CONFERENCE  
ROOM OF THE 1855 COURTHOUSE IN CANTON, MISSISSIPPI

The February, 2000, meeting of the Madison County Economic Development Authority was conducted on the 17th day of February, 2000, at 8:30 a.m. in the 1855 Courthouse in the City of Canton, Mississippi.

Members Present: Sammy Brown, Steve Davenport, Chip Estes, Ray Phillips, and John Wallace. Also present were Jerry Acy, John Bourgeois, Bill Collins and Joy Foy.

Guests: Charles Williford, Duane Gordan and Mike Dean.

Chairman Wallace announced that the members of the Authority who were present constituted a quorum and declared the meeting duly convened. He began the meeting with a welcome to Steve Davenport as the newly appointed Supervisor's District 2 representative to the MCEDA Board.

Mr. Phillips made a motion to approve the Minutes of January 20, 2000, meeting as presented. After a second by Mr. Brown, the Minutes were unanimously approved.

The financial reports attached to and made a part of these Minutes by reference were presented and reviewed. A list of the invoices is attached to the Minutes and labeled "Docket." Approval of the financial report was delayed awaiting Mr. Estes's arrival to the meeting.

Mr. Bourgeois distributed a "Project Status Report" outlining the engineering support to MCEDA for the last month. The report included the CDBG grant for Canton Commercial and Industrial Center (CCIC), the boundary survey for Stewart property, the VA/HUD grant, the transfer of rail facilities to Canadian National-Illinois Central Railroad (CN-IC RR), the Trustmark National Bank boundary survey, the North American Plastics boundary survey and a review of Madison County infrastructures. This report is attached and made a part of these Minutes by reference.

Mr. Collins, reporting in Mr. Montgomery's absence, explained that an error has been identified in the property description of the Flora Industrial Park. Approximately 2 acres were regained from the Mississippi Department of Transportation in the relocation of Highway 49 that should be included as part of the park. He also presented language the Attorney General suggested be added to the agreement giving Flora additional latitude in the transfer of the industrial park property. A copy of the amended agreement is attached to these minutes as Exhibit "A". Mr. Phillips made a motion to approve the amended Flora Interlocal Agreement. After a second by Mr. Brown, the motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Acy explained that the Canton City Board of Aldermen approved the recommendation of applying for a CDBG Grant to install a retention pond at the CCIC. The application will be made provided the LCS and Stewart land sales are completed. The VA/HUD Grant will be presented to the Madison County Board of Supervisors for their authorization of the required environmental review on February 18, 2000, Mr. Acy reported.

The Metro Economic Development Alliance (MEDA) has requested that yearly dues be increased from \$20,000 to \$25,000 to allow for additional Metro marketing. With consideration that no dues increase has been requested for the last seven (7) years, Mr. Phillips made a motion to increase MEDA dues from \$20,000 to \$25,000 per year, contingent on other members increasing their dues also. After a second by Mr. Brown, the motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Acy informed the Board that MCEDA has received a \$1,500 grant from Entergy to assist with the production of a monthly sales tax and labor report to be used in promotion and recruitment.

The re-certification study for the Madison County flood plain was discussed. The original flood

plain maps have possibly over stated the flood plain acreage for Madison County. The Board of Supervisors has requested MCEDA's participation of \$11,500 to assist in the hiring of Aqua Engineer for studying and re-drawing the flood plain from Interstate 55 at Canton, upstream to Gluckstadt. Mr. Brown made a motion to participate with the Madison County Board of Supervisors in re-mapping of the flood plain with funds of \$11,500. After a second by Mr. Davenport, the motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Estes arrived at 9:20.

A resolution to support the Madison County Education Committee's concept for solving the teacher shortage was presented and discussed. Mr. Brown made a motion to adopt the resolution. After a second by Mr. Phillips, the vote was Mr. Phillips, Mr. Brown and Chairman Wallace voting "aye" and Mr. Estes and Mr. Davenport abstaining. (A copy of the Resolution is attached and made a part of the Minutes by reference.)

At 9:55 a.m., Mr. Phillips made a motion to enter closed session for the purpose of determining whether or not to declare an executive session. After a second by Mr. Brown, the motion was unanimously approved. Whereupon Chairman Wallace recessed the general session and convened the closed session.

After discussion of matters, Mr. Phillips made the motion to return to open session. Mr. Brown seconded the motion and it was unanimously adopted, whereupon Chairman Wallace reconvened the open session. The reasons stated for executive session were land acquisition and land sales.

At 10:00 the Board took a break.

At 10:10 the meeting was reconvened.

For the stated reasons, Mr. Phillips made a motion to declare an executive session. After a second by Mr. Estes, the motion was unanimously approved. Whereupon, Chairman Wallace closed the open meeting and convened an executive session.

Mr. Mike Dean requested purchasing Lot #7 at the Central Mississippi Industrial Center (CMIC) for his engineering office and asphalt business. After hearing that his plans included the sale of asphalt sealer, with large tanker trucks required for pick-up of purchases, Mr. Estes made a motion to sell the property for the proposed engineering office but to deny the land for use as an asphalt sealer distribution center. Mr. Phillips seconded, and the motion was unanimously approved.

An offer to purchase the 183 acres of Martin property on the West side of Interstate 55 for \$6,000 per acre by John C. Harreld and Ronald L. Hutchinson was examined. MCEDA has "Right of First Refusal" on this particular property. Mr. Phillips made a motion to not exercise MCEDA's right to purchase the property. After a second by Mr. Brown, the motion was unanimously approved.

The discussion about access to the 36.8 acres to the South of Raytheon lead to seeking a possible extension of the industrial road across Bucky Gideon's property. Mr. Acy will work with Mr. Bourgeois to develop a plan.

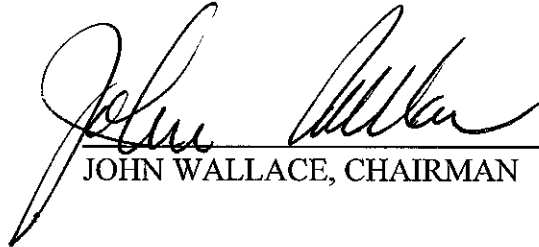
Mr. Acy will explore the need for aerial mapping for Flora and CMIC and develop a cost estimate for the work. The Soil Conservation Office will be contacted prior to ordering to ensure that available aerial photography isn't sufficient.

At 11:45 a.m., Mr. Brown made a motion to adjourn executive session. After a second by Mr. Phillips the motion was unanimously approved. Chairman Wallace then adjourned the executive session and re-convened the open meeting.

A request to approve travel expenses for Mr. Wallace and Mr. Acy to Washington, D.C. in connection with seeking funds for providing a sewer facility for the County was discussed. Mr. Estes made the motion to approve the requested travel expenses. After a second by Mr. Phillips, the motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Estes made a motion to approve the February financial report and payment of the monthly invoices. After a second by Mr. Davenport, the motion was unanimously approved.

At 11:50 a.m., Mr. Davenport made a motion to adjourn the meeting. After a second by Mr. Brown, the motion was unanimously approved. Whereupon, Chairman Wallace adjourned the meeting.

  
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JOHN WALLACE, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

  
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CHIP ESTES, SECRETARY-TREASURER