

PRELIMINARY MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 12<sup>TH</sup>, 2017, MEETING OF  
THE MADISON COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY  
HELD AND CONDUCTED ON THE 12<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF JANUARY 2017,  
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 12<sup>TH</sup> day of January 2017, at 8:30 a.m. in the MCEDA Office at 135 Mississippi Parkway, Canton, MS.

Members Present: Doug Jones, Lanny Slaughter, Ed Gardner, Sells Newman, Jim Smith, Dwight Lockett  
Also present were Ken Oilschlager, Taquana Mack, Danielle Winningham, and Attorney Andy Clark

Guests: Jan Collins

At 8:33 a.m., Vice-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. Lockett made a motion to adopt the agenda as presented. After a second by Mr. Smith, the motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Lockett made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 6, 2016 MCEDA Board Meeting. After a second by Mr. Jones, the motion was unanimously approved.

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

Ms. Jan Collins provided an update for the Madison County Business League and Foundation (MCBL&F). She gave each board member a MCBL&F newsletter and reminded them of the Youth Leadership Lifestyles Day that will take place on next week. The Young Professionals for Madison County will also be meeting on January 30<sup>th</sup>. The League and Legislature reception will take place on February 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Attorney Andy Clark updated the board on the process of electing a new MCEDA Board Secretary/Treasurer. Secret ballots were marked to elect the 2017 Secretary/Treasurer. In keeping with the MCEDA By-Laws, Vice-Chairman Slaughter will move to the Chairman position, and Secretary/Treasurer Lockett will move into the Vice-Chairman position. After tallying of the votes by Attorney Clark, Mr. Sells Newman was announced as winning the election with 6 votes and was named Secretary/Treasurer. Vice-Chairman Slaughter assumed responsibilities as the new Chairman.

There was a motion by Mr. Gardner and a second by Mr. Jones to go into closed session for the purpose of discussing the need for an Executive Session to address projects and possible land sales. The motion passed unanimously. There was then a discussion of the need to go into Executive Session to consider the aforementioned, at the conclusion of which there was a motion by Mr. Smith and a second by Mr. Lockett 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 projects and possible land sales. Chairman Slaughter convened an Executive Session for this purpose.

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

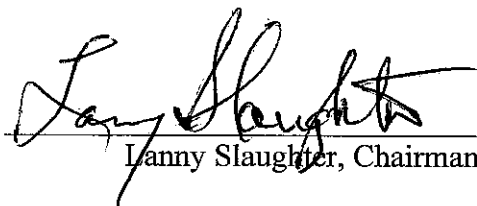
There was no action to report during executive session.

Mr. Smith made a motion to adopt the resolution in support of the Board of Supervisors of Madison County in making the Reunion Parkway Interchange as Madison County's top priority project for long range capital project funding. After a second by Mr. Gardner, the motion was unanimously approved.

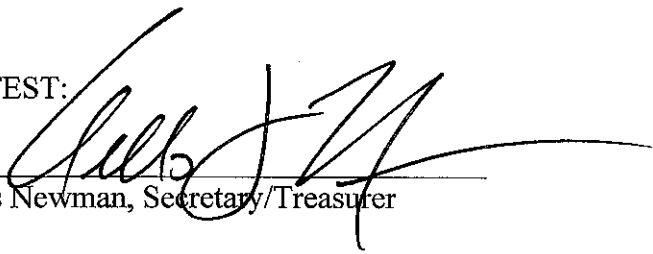
Ms. Winningham provided a business development update. Ms. Winningham stated that MCEDA's Annual report is complete and has been provided to each board member in their books. Ms. Winningham and Ms. Mack spoke briefly about the ACT Work Ready Community certificate and launch that will take place on January 18<sup>th</sup> at the Greater Jackson Chamber Partnership annual luncheon. She continues to work on projects and with the existing industry. Mr. Oilschlager stated that MCEDA would be participating in the One Mississippi prospecting trips throughout the year that will take place in Chicago, Dallas, and Atlanta.

Attorney Andy Clark has drafted a confidentiality agreement for MCEDA staff and Mr. Oilschlager will implement it.

At 10:40 a.m., upon a motion made by Mr. Lockett, seconded by Mr. Jones and unanimously adopted, the meeting was adjourned.

  
Lanny Slaughter, Chairman

ATTEST:

  
Sells Newman, Secretary/Treasurer