

FINAL MINUTES OF THE JUNE 30, 2015, MEETING OF
THE MADISON COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
HELD AND CONDUCTED ON THE 30th DAY OF JUNE, 2015,
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 30th day of June, 2015, at 8:30 a.m. in the MCEDA Office at 135 Mississippi Parkway, Canton, MS.

Members Present: Baxter Strain, Lanny Slaughter, Dick Hutchinson, Jim Smith, Calvin Harris

Also present were Tim Coursey, Taquana Mack, Danielle Wunningham, and Attorney Andy Clark.

Guests: Jan Collins, Molly Braswell

At 8:37 a.m., Chairman Hutchinson announced that the members present constituted a quorum and declared the meeting duly convened and directed that the notice for the meeting be filed with the minutes.

Mr. Strain made a motion to adopt the agenda as presented. After a second by Mr. Smith, the motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Smith made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 11, 2015 MCEDA Board meeting. After a second by Mr. Harris, the motion was unanimously approved.

Ms. Jan Collins provided an update for the Madison County Business League and Foundation (MCBL&F). She provided MCBL&F business cards to the MCEDA board members. Ms. Collins stated that MCBL&F has provided plants for the common space for the MCEDA office.

Ms. Collins mentioned that the Strategic Plan committee met and are supporting the plan to move forward with support for the convention center. There will also be a meeting on July 15 with the Transformation team. On August 3, the Mississippi Hospital Association will be sharing their plan on how they will promote healthy living in the community.

On August 12, the Madison County Business League & Foundation's Education and Government Relations Committees will host two luncheon meetings to educate and inform the business community on Initiative 42.

Ms. Collins stated that the annual Back to School event has been changed and the Youth Leadership and Vision Celebration are being planned for the upcoming months.

Ms. Collins invited the board to the Telehealth ribbon cutting that will take place on July 7th.

Mr. Coursey provided the board with a draft of the 2015-2016 budget. He asked that the members take it with them and go over it. A budget committee team was established consisting of Baxter Strain, Bill Guion, and Calvin Harris. The team will meet in a couple of weeks.

Mr. Coursey stated that he has been talking to Ken Meadows about an idea of a possible joint venture with a CNG company that could possibly generate revenues for MCEDA.

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The Strategic Plan audit has been completed and was provided for the board members in their board books.

Mr. Coursey stated that the Madison County Business League and Foundation and others would be presenting to the Board of Supervisors the Conference Center resolution in support of building a new center in partnership with Holmes Community College.

Attorney Clark presented the project bonds pre-clearance renewal resolution that was amended. Mr. Harris made a motion to approve the resolution. After a second by Mr. Slaughter, the motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Coursey stated that Priority One has provided MCEDA with a new interest rate of 3.65%, which is better than the previous rate.

Mr. Coursey suggested to Livingston Community Foundation to re-submit the small marketing grant application with all corresponding items.

Mr. Coursey provided an update on the Bio-Medical Collaboratory build out. The new windows have been installed and the sills are in place as well as the tile being installed in all the bathrooms. The buildout is continuing to go well.

Mr. Coursey stated that the new MCEDA office has quite a few things left on the punch list that the contractors have to finish.


Attorney Clark presented that he has received a clear title for Levi.

The MCEDA staff will be traveling to the MEDC conference on next week.

Ms. Danielle Winningham provided an existing industry report and project spreadsheet. Faurecia is in the process of clearing the 17 acres of land behind the building. She stated that she is working with Attorney Andy Clark to get Crown Enterprises in compliance with the CMIC covenants.

Ms. Winningham, along with Ms. Taquana Mack, attended the Discovery Lunch at CSpire on June 16 as well as attended the Strategic Plan transformation team meeting on June 22. She has worked closely with Edge Theory regarding updates for social media and has continued to assist with the ad valorem tax exemption process.

At 10:00 a.m., upon a motion made by Mr. Slaughter, second by Mr. Harris and unanimously approved, the meeting was adjourned.


Richard Hutchinson, Chairman

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