

MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 14, 2019, REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF THE
MADISON COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
HELD AND CONDUCTED ON THE 14TH DAY OF
NOVEMBER 2019, AT 8:30 A.M.
IN THE MCEDA CONFERENCE ROOM
OF THE MCEDA OFFICES AT 135 MISSISSIPPI PARKWAY,
CANTON, MISSISSIPPI

The regular meeting of the Madison County Economic Development Authority was conducted on the 14TH day of November 2019, at 8:30 a.m. in the MCEDA Office at 135 Mississippi Parkway, Canton, MS.

Members Present: Doug Jones, Lanny Slaughter, Ed Gardner, Tracy Bailey, Gerard Gibert

Staff: Joseph Deason, Taquana Mack, Lauren Scheel, Danielle Winningham and Attorney Arthur Jernigan

Guests: Chad Wages, Jan Collins, Wesley Goings

At 8:32 a.m., Chairman Jones 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.

Chairman Jones opened the meeting with a prayer.

Chairman Jones stated that Item M, Access Road Bids, would be moved up to the top of the agenda under new business. Mr. Bailey made a motion to adopt the agenda. After a second by Mr. Gardner, the motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Gibert made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 10, 2019, MCEDA Board meeting. After a second by Mr. Bailey, the motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Gardner made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 14, 2019, MCEDA Special Board meeting. After a second by Mr. Bailey, the motion was unanimously approved.

The approval of the financial reports will be voted on at the next scheduled board meeting.

Ms. Jan Collins with the Madison County Business League and Foundation provided a report on workforce development efforts with MCEDA and a calendar of events for the next upcoming months. Mr. Wesley Goings, Vice-Chairman of the MCBL&F Board, was also present and greeted the MCEDA board.

Mr. Chad Wages with Civil Link Engineering gave an update to the board on the bids' process for the access road. He stated that there were several local contractors that submitted bids and the bid tabulation sheet was presented to the Board. After discussion by the Board of the length of the road and related matters, Mr. Bailey made a motion that the lowest and best bid of \$739,775.50 submitted by southern Rock, LLC be accepted pending final approval by the MDOT. Mr. Gibert seconded the Motion and it was then voted on and unanimously approved by the Board

Mr. Deason stated that he is currently working with the PID board regarding Parkway East to determine how much is owed to the assured after speaking with the attorneys.

Mr. Deason stated that the industrial mulchers that cleaned the area on Commercial Parkway West did a great job and MCEDA is preparing to market the property.

Mr. Deason stated that Lauren Scheel, Candace Darby, and Taquana Mack will be receiving a \$6,000.00 employee performance salary increase effective November 30th.

Mr. Deason informed the board that MCEDA is currently receiving quotes for a new internet provider and hopes to have one selected soon.

Mr. Deason gave an update on the Madison Megasite and the road. He also shared his experiences from the CIBUS TEC Industry trade show that he attended and was able to meet with 10 companies.

Ms. Scheel updated the board on her One Mississippi Gulf Coast consultants' trip where she spent two days with consultants such as Global Food Properties and Mohr Partners.

Ms. Winningham and Ms. Collins attended the ACT Workforce summit where they received the ACT WorkReady award for Madison County.

Mr. Deason traveled to Richmond, Virginia to the TBIC Annual conference and was able to meet with consultants. He provided a summary of his trip.

Mr. Deason stated that an outstanding check policy has been put into place at the auditor's request as well as there will be a bank reconciliation review that he will place in the board books each month.

Ms. Scheel played the new quality of life video for the board.

There was a motion by Mr. Gardner and a second by Mr. Slaughter to go into closed session for the purpose of discussing the need for an Executive Session to address legal matters with Project Phoenix and the transaction of business and discussions or negotiations regarding the location, relocation, or expansion of a business or industry. The motion passed unanimously. There was then discussion of the need to go into Executive Session to consider the aforementioned, at the conclusion of which there was a motion by Mr. Gibert and a second by Mr. Bailey to do so. This motion was unanimously adopted. Chairman Jones then opened the meeting to announce publicly that the Board was going into Executive Session to discuss the legal matters with Project Phoenix and the transaction of business and discussions or negotiations regarding the location, relocation, or expansion of a business or industry. Chairman Jones convened an Executive Session for this purpose. Mr. Bailey made a motion to adjourn Executive Session. After a second by Mr. Gardner, there was a unanimous vote to adjourn the Executive Session and reconvene the open session. The following actions were taken in Executive Session and were then reported by the Chairman:

No Actions Were Taken

At 9:45 a.m., upon a motion made by Mr. Lockett, seconded by Mr. Slaughter and unanimously adopted, the meeting was adjourned.



Doug Jones, Chairman

ATTEST:



Tracy Bailey, Secretary/Treasurer