

MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 12, 2019, REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF THE MADISON COUNTY
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
HELD AND CONDUCTED ON THE 12TH DAY OF DECEMBER 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 12th day of December 2019, at 8:30 a.m. in the MCEDA Office at 135 Mississippi Parkway, Canton, MS.

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

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

Guests: Barney Daly, Mary Kate Rankin

At 8:30 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.

Mr. Bailey opened the meeting with a prayer.

Mr. Gardner made a motion to adopt the agenda. After a second by Mr. Jones, the motion was unanimously approved.

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

Mr. Bailey made a motion to approve the financial reports for October and November 2019 as presented. After a second by Mr. Harris, the motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Barney Daly, Chairman of the Madison County Business League and Foundation (MCBL&F) greeted the MCEDA Board and provided a report on MCBL&F meetings with local elected officials in preparation for setting the legislative agenda, which will be shared at the Legislative Meeting on Wednesday, December 18th. Workforce is a priority on the legislative agenda this year. Mr. Daly reminded the board that we will have our Christmas lunch today at Anjou.

Mr. Deason informed the board that MCEDA sent Parkway East parcel appraisals to the attorney in New York. The Parkway East PID Attorney, Bob Montgomery, is trying to set up a meeting with the attorney in Memphis to determine how much is owed to Assured. So far no

one has been able to provide MCEDA with the amount owed to Assured. Until we know the amount, we cannot move forward in properly marketing the property.

Mr. Deason informed the board that all the tires, trash and ditches at Commercial Parkway West have been cleaned, and MCEDA will continue to maintain the ROW and ditches. MCEDA is looking into purchasing barriers to place at Commercial Parkway West to deter traffic.

Mr. Deason encourage MCEDA board members to look at the Madison County Megasite, which has been cleared and looks very good from a marketing prospective. Entergy released their press release on December 11, 2019, regarding the Madison County Megasite Substation. Entergy is sending the substation announcement to site selection consultants to generate interest in the megasite property.

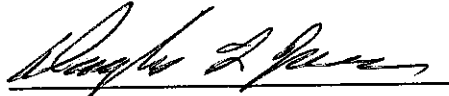
Mr. Deason also informed the board that we received MDEQ Madison Megasite Access Road permits, and we are waiting on the MDOT permit. MDOT has stated that we will receive the permit. As soon as we receive the MDOT permit, we will give the notice to proceed to the contractor and get a schedule probably after the first of the year.

There was a motion by Mr. Slaughter and a second by Mr. Bailey 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. Gardner and a second by Mr. Slaughter 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 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. Gibert 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 open session. The following actions were taken in Executive Session and were then reported by the Chairman:


Mr. Gibert made a motion for board approval and authorization for Joey Deason to negotiate the lump sum payment to MCEDA for the perpetual easement of our cellular tower at Church Road in Gluckstadt with limited liability to MCEDA. After a second by Mr. Slaughter, the motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Harris made a motion for board approval and authorization for Joey Deason to sign and authorize a Memorandum of Understanding with Canton Municipal Utilities for the relocation of utilities at the Madison County Megasite. After a second by Mr. Gardner, the motion passed with five members voting yes. Mr. Slaughter recused himself and abstained from the vote.

At 9:31 a.m., upon a motion made by Mr. Harris, seconded by Mr. Gardner, and unanimously adopted, the meeting was adjourned.



Doug Jones, Chairman

ATTEST: 

Tracy Bailey, Secretary/Treasurer

