

MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 9, 2020, REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF THE MADISON COUNTY
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
HELD AND CONDUCTED ON THE 9TH DAY OF JANUARY 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 9th day of January 2020, 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,
Dwight Lockett, Lanny Slaughter

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

Guests: Barney Daly, Jan Collins

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

Mr. Gibert made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 12, 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 December 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 thanked MCEDA for continued support. Jan Collins provided a calendar of events for 2020. The League & Legislature Luncheon is coming up in February. The Transportation Breakfast Meeting is going to be held on January 22nd. Willie Simmons will be the speaker, as well as Tim Bryan, Madison County Engineer. The Workforce efforts are continuing. MCEDA and MCBL&F will be accepting a MEDC CEDA award for the workforce development program.

In keeping with the By-laws, secret ballots were marked for the 2020 election of officers. Due to the Vice Chairman, Ed Gardner declining the Chairmanship, Secretary/Treasurer Mr. Tracy

Bailey moved up to the chairman position. Vice-Chairman and Secretary/Treasurer was voted on by secret ballot. After tallying of the votes by Attorney Jernigan, Mr. Gerard Gibert was announced as Vice-Chairman, and Mr. Doug Jones was announced as winning the Secretary/Treasurer election with a unanimous vote.

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. Demolition of the structures are ongoing. We need to sure up the current access road into the site because of the rain washing the current gravel dirt and rock away.

Mr. Deason also informed the board that we received MDEQ Madison Megasite Access Road permits, and the MDOT permit. He will give the notice to proceed to the contractor Southern Rock out of Rankin County and get a schedule probably after the first of the year.

Mr. Deason informed the MCEDA board about the Japan America Society Event on January 18th and invited the board to attend at the MCEDA table. Doug Jones indicated that he would attend.

Mr. Deason informed the board that MCEDA is going to be very aggressive with our 2020 Marketing Plan. We will be working with a marketing firm to produce marketing materials to take on consultant and company visits.

Mr. Deason informed the board that the American Cell Tower will present a contract for Joey and attorney Jernigan to review. The plan is to put the \$500,000 in the bank account and sell our easement to American Cell Tower.

Mr. Gardner provided an update for the plan to move forward with the Greater Jackson Alliance and Greater Jackson Chamber Partnership. The Greater Jackson Alliance is considering pulling the GJA out of the Greater Jackson Chamber Partnership depending on the amount of money that GJA board can raise funds to pay for an economic development consultant to provide FDI project leads. This may mean that Madison County will need to provide more money in membership dues to cover the cost of marketing.

Mr. Deason discussed proposed "TIF guidelines" that are intended to establish the considerations that the Madison County Board of Supervisors and the MCEDA will use in their decision-making process in reviewing proposals for tax increment financing ("TIF"). This will be discussed with each of the supervisors, and then it will formally go before the Madison County Board of Supervisors for a vote.

There was a motion by Mr. Jones and a second by Mr. Lockett 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. Jones to do so. This motion was unanimously adopted. Chairman Bailey 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 Bailey convened an Executive Session for this purpose. Mr. Harris made a motion to adjourn Executive Session. After a second by Mr. Slaughter, 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:

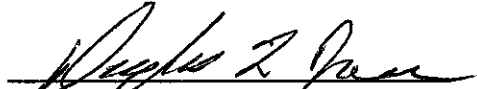
NO ACTION WAS TAKEN

At 9:25 a.m., upon a motion made by Mr. Lockett, seconded by Mr. Jones, and unanimously adopted, the meeting was adjourned.



Tracy Bailey, Chairman

ATTEST:


Doug Jones, Secretary/Treasurer