

MINUTES OF THE JULY 9, 2020, BOARD MEETING OF THE
MADISON COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
HELD AND CONDUCTED AT 8:30 A.M.
IN THE MCEDA CONFERENCE ROOM
OF THE MCEDA OFFICES AT 135 MISSISSIPPI PARKWAY,
CANTON, MISSISSIPPI

Members Present: Tracy Bailey, Doug Jones

Members attending by Zoom/Phone: Ed Gardner, Dwight Luckett, Lanny Slaughter, Calvin Harris, Gerard Gibert

Staff Present: Attorney Arthur Jernigan, Danielle Winningham
Staff Present by Zoom/Phone: Joseph Deason, Taquana Mack, Lauren Scheel

Guests Present by Zoom/Phone: Jan Collins, Barney Daly

At 8:30 a.m., Chairman Bailey announced that the members present in person and telephonically constituted a quorum, declared the meeting duly convened and directed that the notice for the board meeting be filed with the minutes. The Board members acknowledged by their attendance that they waived any formal notice of the meeting.

Chairman Bailey led in prayer.

Mr. Slaughter made a motion to approve the agenda after adding "Item F under new business – Summer Interns." After a second by Mr. Harris, the motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Jones made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular MCEDA board meeting on June 11, 2020. After a second by Mr. Luckett, the motion was unanimously approved.

Secretary/Treasurer Jones stated that the financial reports and reconciliation reports have been reviewed and he recommends approval. Mr. Jones made a motion to approve the financial reports as presented. After a second by Mr. Gardner, the motion was unanimously approved.

Ms. Jan Collins with the Madison County Business League and Foundation provided an update on their continued briefings and webinars with the business community and stated information on the MCBL&F website and social media will be constant. Mr. Barney Daly gave an update on MCBL&F's inclusion policy.

There was a motion by Chairman Bailey and a second by Mr. Luckett to go into closed session for the purpose of discussing the need for an Executive Session to address the transaction of business and discussions or negotiations regarding the location, relocation, or expansion of a business or industry and legal matters with Project Phoenix. 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. Gibert 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 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. Jones 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 the open session. The following actions were taken in Executive Session and were then reported by the Chairman:

No Actions Were Taken

Mr. Deason stated that Madison County is interested in purchasing some of the old surplus furniture that is located in the Collaboratory at 152 Watford Parkway Drive for \$1,000.00.

Mr. Harris made a motion to authorize MCEDA's Executive Director to sale the surplus furniture to Madison County for \$1,000.00. After a second by Mr. Jones, the motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Luckett made a motion to approve the pay app (4) for Southern Rock, LLC for the road construction at the MegaSite. After a second by Mr. Jones, the motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Deason updated the board on the MDA Site Development grant. MCEDA will be seeking reimbursement from MDA for \$250,000.

Ms. Scheel gave a report on the HR roundtable webinar that was held with MDES on unemployment insurance fraud and stated it was a success.

Bankplus has mailed a new ACH agreement for the MCEDA board officers to update and sign for 2020.

Mr. Jones made a motion to accept and approve the authorized signatures of the MCEDA officers and staff for the Bankplus ACH agreement and to return. After a second by Mr. Bailey, the motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Deason updated the board on the hiring of two summer interns, Tye'Reshina Taylor and Parker Grogan until the end of the summer at \$10.00 per hour.

Mr. Slaughter made a motion authorizing MCEDA's Executive Director to enter into Regional Economic Development Act (R.E.D.A.) conversations and negotiations on behalf of MCEDA. After a second by Mr. Gardner, the motion was unanimously approved.

At 9:36 a.m., upon a motion made by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Slaughter, and unanimously adopted, the meeting was adjourned.



Tracy Bailey, Chairman



Doug Jones, Secretary/Treasurer