

MINUTES OF THE JUNE 11, 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: Gerard Gibert, Doug Jones

Members attending by Zoom/Phone: Tracy Bailey, Lanny Slaughter, Calvin Harris, Dwight Lockett

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

Guests Present: Jan Collins, Chad Wages

At 8:32 a.m., Vice-Chairman Gibert 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. Jones made a motion to approve the agenda. After a second by Mr. Gibert, the motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Bailey made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular MCEDA board meeting on May 14, 2020. After a second by Mr. Lockett, 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. Bailey, 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.

There was a motion by Chairman Bailey and a second by Mr. Jones 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. Lockett and a second by Mr. Jones to do so. This motion was unanimously adopted. Vice-Chairman Gibert 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. Vice-Chairman Gibert convened an Executive Session for this purpose. Mr. Jones made a motion to adjourn Executive Session. After a second by Mr. Harris, 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 MCEDA contributed \$10,000 to MEDC/MFLEX to support that legislation.

Mr. Deason informed the MCEDA board that he has hired a lobbyist, Ben Thompson with BPT Strategies, to assist MCEDA with its economic development efforts.

Mr. Chad Wages with Civil Link provided a report on the Collaboratory HVAC award. He recommends the bid be awarded to Terry Services which was the lowest and best bid.

Mr. Bailey made a motion to accept the recommendation and execute the documents awarding the Collaboratory HVAC repair contract to Terry Services. After a second by Mr. Harris, the motion was unanimously approved.

Ms. Winningham gave a report on the transition to virtual site recruiting strategies. She stated MCEDA has taken part in several online training opportunities.

Chairman Bailey made a motion to approve the pay app (3) 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 Terry Services' invoices, and it was decided that the invoices would be paid once the job orders are received and verified on all.

At 9:32 a.m. the meeting was adjourned.



Doug Jones, Secretary/Treasurer



Tracy Bailey, Chairman