

**DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF THE CITY  
OF JEFFERSONVILLE AND TWIGGS COUNTY  
REGULAR MEETING**

April 23, 2015

**6:30 P.M.** Dinner provided by Attorney Brown; invocation by Mr. Ashby

**7:00 P.M.** Development Authority Office, Call to Order

**PRESENT:** Mr. Jerry Fincher, Chairman; Mr. Cecil Fountain, Jr., Vice Chair; Mrs. Cindie Nobles, Secretary-Treasurer; Mr. Walt Ashby, Mr. Eddie Stephens, Mr. Derrick Height, Mrs. Louise Wimberly, Board Members. Mrs. Judy Sherling, Executive Director, Kevin Brown, Attorney.

**AGENDA:** Several items were presented to be added to the agenda: (1) Nick Kouloungis would like to present the new website, (2) Mr. and Mrs. Tague would like to discuss property, and (3) the temporary use of the office by active project managers. Mr. Ashby made a motion to approve the addition of these items to the agenda. Mr. Fountain seconded. Unanimous Vote. Motion Carried.

**VISITORS:** Nick Kouloungis, Middle Georgia Regional Commission; Mrs. Patty Burns, Fickling & Company. Mr. and Mrs. Nick Tague. Mrs. Brenda Floyd.

**MINUTES:** Mrs. Nobles made a motion to approve the minutes of March Regular Meeting. Mrs. Wimberly seconded. Unanimous Vote. Motion Carried.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Mr. Ashby made a motion to approve the March Treasurer's Report, seconded by Mr. Height. Unanimous Vote. Motion Carried.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Nick Kouloungis announced that the Authority's new website has been launched and new content will continue to be added to include the agendas, minutes, property, news stories and, in the future, testimonials. The Authority thanked Mr. Kouloungis for his hard work and excellent presentation.

Mrs. Patty Burns introduced Mr. and Mrs. Tague who are interested in speculative property owned by the Authority. It was noted that this discussion would need to happen during an Executive Session and was tabled until that time.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- Mrs. Nobles brought to the group a matter concerning extra hours worked by Mrs. Sherling and pointed out that labor laws require her to be paid for the hours expended during the past weeks for audit preparation and two site visits within one pay period. There was no vote required as this is a matter of law.
- Concerning use of the office by active project managers, the Authority is in agreement as long as the office is staffed by Mrs. Sherling or a board member during the time these individuals are present.

**ONGOING BUSINESS:** Several items of ongoing business were discussed.

- The possibility of moving all Authority banking to the Bank of Dudley was discussed and the question of fees charged to government accounts was a matter of question. Mrs. Sherling will inquire of Joe Thomas, branch manager, how government accounts are handled by the bank. This could include large sums of money should the Authority have a future land sale or transaction.
- Mrs. Sherling was instructed to inquire of Garner Mercer when the next quarterly payment is to be received from the County Commission.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:** Mrs. Sherling reported the following items:

- Middle Georgia Economic Alliance (MGEA) would like to commission a video that will feature the middle Georgia region to include actual footage shot in each of the participating counties. We would have the option to purchase the raw footage to use for our own promotion purposes. The estimated price per a quote from Big Hair Productions would be \$8500 to be shared by 10 of the 11 counties. Our portion would be approximately \$850. Mr. Ashby made a motion to approve as long as Twiggs County footage is included in the video. Mr. Height seconded. Unanimous Vote. Motion Carried.
- Mrs. Sherling reported that the survey of the land at Interstate 16 has not been completed due to the excessive amount of rain in the past several weeks.
- Mrs. Sherling asked for permission to spend personal funds to pay for lunch for the team coming to inspect the industrial park Friday, April 24. She would then be reimbursed by the Authority upon submission of the receipt. Permission was granted as this is fall within the approved \$200 to be used for office management.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Mr. Ashby made a motion to enter into Executive Session as allowed by law to discuss real estate. Mr. Fountain seconded. Unanimous Vote. Motion Carried. The Authority entered executive session at 7:45 PM and returned to open session at 8:50 PM.

Upon return to Open Session, two items were brought before the group for a vote:

- Mr. Stephens made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ashby, to authorize Mrs. Sherling to proceed in negotiations with assistance from Attorney Brown as discussed in Executive Session. Unanimous Vote. Motion Carried.
- Mr. Ashby made a motion to authorize Mrs. Sherling to proceed with the option agreement for Project Import at the negotiated price, to be assisted by Attorney Brown, as discussed in Executive Session. Unanimous Vote. Motion Carried.

**ADJOURN:** Mr. Ashby made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Height seconded. Unanimous Vote. Motion Carried. Meeting was adjourned at 8:50 PM.

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Mr. Jerry Fincher, Chairman

Mrs. Cindie Nobles, Secretary-Treasurer