

**DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF THE CITY
OF JEFFERSONVILLE AND TWIGGS COUNTY
CALLED MEETING
November 19, 2015**

6:30 P.M. Call to Order by Chairman Fincher, invocation by Mr. Stephens.

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

VISITORS: Austin Harrison, President of SGA at Mercer University and a senior majoring in Economic Development, attended as a guest.

MINUTES: Mrs. Wimberly made a motion to approve the minutes of October Regular Meeting. Mrs. Nobles seconded. Unanimous Vote of the five members present. Motion Carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Mr. Stephens made a motion to approve the September Treasurer's Report, seconded by Mrs. Wimberly. Unanimous Vote of the five members present. Motion Carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: There were no announcements.

APPOINTMENTS: There were no appointments.

NEW BUSINESS:

- The Authority has been advised by Jonathan Connell of Middle Georgia Regional Commission and Tonya Mole from DCA to proceed with a zoning change request from the City from Residential (R1) to Commercial or Industrial. This will be discussed further at the first meeting in January after the new mayor is in office.

ONGOING BUSINESS:

- Based on advice from counsel, the proposed per diem pay to board members was discarded as it would be against the Development Authority law (36-62). Mrs. Sherling was instructed to write a letter to Commissioner Bryant thanking him for his suggestion and positive working relationship on behalf of the Authority members.
- The 2016 Budget was presented with one change made to remove the anticipated per diem pay to Authority members. Mrs. Nobles made a motion to approve as amended. Mrs. Wimberly seconded. Unanimous vote of the five members present. Motion carried.
- Final attendees to the Georgia Academy of Economic Development were determined. Mrs. Wimberly, Chairman Fincher and Mr. Height will attend. The fee for each was paid with a check to be mailed. A half-day training session will be held on January 20 in Macon. We can invite four people to attend. Mr. Ashby and Mr. Stevens will attend for the Authority. We will invite the new major of Jeffersonville as well as Mrs. Annie Williams from the City Council to attend.
- The single quote for the sign in front of the building was higher than expected. Mrs. Sherling will get additional quotes and look for alternative ways to accomplish the desired end result. She will also contact CHCS about the outside lights.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

- Letters were drafted and sent to the Mayor and County Commission Chairman for signatures requesting assistance from Middle Georgia Regional Commission to prepare an Equity grant application. The signed originals were sent directly to Mr. Ralph Nix with copies to the Authority for filing.
- With the upcoming grant preparation will come formal engineering proposals concerning the work to be done at the Industrial Park.
- The developer project is still in discussion stage as the possible tenant prepares site proposals. A private housing and retail project will be part of the package offered to the company should they expand to Twiggs County.
- The director has been working with GDOT to secure outbound exits for the property at the corner of Hwy. 96 and I-16 as it relates to a retail project at that location. Also, discussion with Commissioner McMurry brought agreement to include a median cut at the entrance into the East-West Logistics project site as part of the Hwy. 96 next phase construction.

At this time, Mr. Stephens made a motion to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussion of personnel, real estate or legal advisement as allowed by law. Mr. Height seconded. Unanimous vote of five members present. Motion Carried. The Authority entered executive session at 7:15 PM and returned to open session at 7:34 PM.

Mrs. Nobles made a motion to authorize the Chairman and Director to proceed as discussed in Executive Session. Mrs. Wimberly seconded. Unanimous vote of five members present. Motion Carried.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business, Mr. Height made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Stephens. Unanimous Vote of the five members present. Motion Carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:36 PM.

Mr. Jerry Fincher, Chairman

Mrs. Cindie Nobles, Secretary-Treasurer