

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

October 22, 2015

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

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

**VISITORS:** Commissioner Tommie Lee Bryant

**MINUTES:** Mr. Ashby made a motion to approve the minutes of September Regular Meeting. Mr. Height seconded. Unanimous Vote of the five members present. Motion Carried.

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

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Commissioner Bryant asked to address the board on the matter of per diem pay for the board members of the Authority. He asked that members of this board be compensated for expenses incurred to attend each board meeting. Mr. Ashby made a motion to have Attorney Brown prepare a proposal for per diem pay for board members as allowed by law. Mr. Height seconded. Unanimous vote of five members present. Motion Carried.

**APPOINTMENTS:** Valerie Baute asked to be added to the agenda concerning 207 Bullard Rd. but was not present for the meeting. A conversation concerning the price of the building led to agreement with no formal action that offers on the building would be accepted for consideration with a vote to be held at such time as an offer is made.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

The meeting schedule for November and December was discussed as the regular dates will fall on holidays. Mr. Ashby made a motion that we dispense with the regular meetings and have a called meeting if needed. Mr. Height seconded. Unanimous vote of five members present. Motion Carried.

Mr. Ashby presented an invoice for the sign at 207 Bullard in the amount of \$38.88. This will be reimbursed to him.

The 2016 Budget was presented and discussed. Several changes were recommended with final budget numbers to be determined after a recommendation by the Attorney related to per diem pay for board members. Mrs. Sherling will make the requested changes and await word from Attorney Brown in order to finalize the budget. A meeting will be necessary before the end of the year in order to adopt the 2016 final budget.

**ONGOING BUSINESS:**

Signage for the building at 207 Bullard has been addressed with the lettering placed on the existing sign. Further discussion revolved around a larger sign on the pedestal in front of the building. Mrs. Sherling was instructed to obtain cost estimates for a sign that will be legible to drivers passing the building. She will also inquire about costs to put lighting on the sign which will require an electrician to repair existing electrical wiring that was disconnected at some time in the past. Also, another discussion ensued concerning signage at the industrial parks. A name for the parks will need to be decided and voted upon. Mrs. Sherling will seek pricing and designs for this signage to be installed after the completion of Hwy. 96 roadwork next August.

The need for engineering services was discussed based on numbers submitted by Sean Hampton of Watkins Engineering. Several engineers are willing to work with the Authority. Some will charge if the funds are

awarded. This work will continue through the end of the year. However, the grant for Equity Funds is due in February. Mrs. Wimberly made a motion to have Regional Commission prepare and administer the grant upon a request via letter from the County and City. Motion was seconded by Mr. Fountain. Mrs. Sherling will obtain sample wording and prepare the letters for signatures. Chairman Fincher and other board members will obtain the necessary signatures.

Mrs. Wimberly has been enrolled as a participant in the 2016 Georgia Academy for Economic Development. There are other places open for additional participants. A list was prepared in order of priority to submit to DCA, as follows: (1) Mrs. Wimberly; (2) Chairman Fincher; (3) Mr. Height; (4) Mr. Ashby and (5) Mr. Fountain. Mrs. Nobles has stated it would not be possible for her to attend due to her work responsibilities. Mrs. Sherling will submit names to DCA and determine costs to attend for the 2016 budget.

#### **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

- **MGEA:** The visit to Atlanta was successful and the video can be viewed following the meeting.
- **PROJECT IMPORT:** The prospect visit was positive with housing for workers the primary concern. Further discussion with Planning & Zoning will be needed to determine if a variance can be obtained based on the county providing water and sewer to the edge of a potential housing development adjacent to the solar park so that developers may tap into the county system as paying customers.
- **NEW PROSPECTS:** Several people have contacted the office concerning 207 Bullard. Thus far, no serious offers have been received. A brick company contacted Mrs. Sherling at the suggestion of the Georgia Dept of Economic Development seeking a 50-acre site for mining and a 2-acre site for a processing facility. Information was provided to the prospect.

At this time, Mr. Ashby 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. Fountain seconded. Unanimous vote of five members present. Motion Carried. The Authority entered executive session at 8:05 PM and returned to open session at 8:14 PM.

Mr. Ashby made a motion to change the budget as discussed in Executive Session. Mr. Height seconded. Unanimous vote of five members present. Motion Carried.

#### **ADJOURN:**

There being no further business, Mr. Fountain made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Height. Unanimous Vote. Motion Carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM.

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Mr. Jerry Fincher, Chairman

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Mrs. Cindie Nobles, Secretary-Treasurer