

**DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF THE CITY
OF JEFFERSONVILLE AND TWIGGS COUNTY
REGULAR MEETING
May 26, 2016**

6:30 P.M. Development Authority Office

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

VISITORS: Dr. and Mrs. George Hsu, Song Hsu and Wong Ling from Beijing, China; Mr. Dennis Lewis; Mr. Michael Durden; Mr. Brent DuBois and Mr. Lonnie Ford, commissioners-elect for the 2017-2020 term of the Twiggs County Commission.

MINUTES: Mr. Ashby made a motion to approve the minutes as presented with a second by Mr. Stephens. Unanimous Vote. Motion Carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Mr. Ashby made a motion to approve the April 28, 2016 Treasurer's Report as presented. Mrs. Wimberly seconded. Unanimous Vote. Motion Carried.

APPOINTMENTS:

- Dr. Hsu presented his guests as interested parties in the East-West Logistics Project to be located in the Industrial Park. An architectural layout of the proposed housing development was presented.
- Mr. Lewis was present to discuss real estate, with the discussion moved to Executive Session.
- Mr. Durden presented information on his company and was questioned by the group. He will return with more specific information.

NEW BUSINESS: A discussion concerning the need for a June meeting ended with no change to the schedule as the audit information will need to be presented that evening. Attorney Brown may choose to call in instead of attending in person if there are no other major transactions to be brought before the Authority.

ONGOING BUSINESS:

AUDIT UPDATE: The 2015 Financial files have been submitted to the Auditor for review. Mrs. Lipson, the auditor, will present her findings at the June meeting for approval before sending to the Georgia Department of Community Affairs for the annual report of finances of the Authority.

HVAC REPAIR and WALL REPLACEMENT BIDS: Both the wall relocation and the HVAC repair have been completed satisfactorily.

GDOT OFFER – Attorney Brown has been in discussion with the attorney for the GA Dept of Transportation. All documents have been executed to include the requests made by the Authority. A closing check will be forthcoming.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

PROJECTS – most of the discussion about projects happened with the appointments and visitors' presentations. Work continues to bring new business to the county. A re-zoning request for 207 Bullard Rd. to the city has been approved pending the public hearing on May 31.

GRANT UPDATE – in the absence of Mr. Connell, Mrs. Sherling reported that the grant is progressing and will have a second review on Tuesday, May 31. We should be notified by the first of July as to the decision. Additional information was submitted to support the request. Preliminary comments have been positive.

PROJECT IMPORT – with the visit of Dr. Hsu and others, the discussion held during appointments was our latest update of the project. We will continue to work with them to hopefully bring positive results.

207 BULLARD – this discussion was moved to Executive Session to discuss pending real estate sales, as allowed by law.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – Mr. Ashby made a motion to enter into Executive Session, seconded by Mrs. Nobles. Unanimous Vote. Motion Carried. The Authority entered into closed session at 7:08 and returned to open session at 8:18 pm.

Upon returning to open session, Mrs. Nobles made a motion to authorize the chair to sign the purchase and sale agreement as discussed in closed session. Motion was seconded by Mr. Height. Unanimous Vote. Motion Carried.

Mrs. Nobles made a motion concerning sick pay as discussed in Executive Session. Mr. Fountain seconded. Unanimous Vote. Motion Carried.

ADJOURN: Mr. Fountain made a motion to adjourn. Mrs. Nobles seconded. Unanimous Vote. Motion Carried. The meeting ended at 8:27 PM.

Mr. Jerry Fincher, Chairman

Mrs. Cindie Nobles, Secretary-Treasurer