

**DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF THE CITY
OF JEFFERSONVILLE AND TWIGGS COUNTY
REGULAR MEETING
September 29, 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. Walt Ashby, Mr. Eddie Stephens, Mr. Derrick Height and Mrs. Louise Wimberly, Board Members. Mr. Kevin Brown, Attorney. Mrs. Judy Sherling, Executive Director.

VISITORS: Jonathon Connell, Middle Georgia Regional Commission.

MINUTES: Mr. Ashby made a motion to approve the July 28, 2016 minutes (no August meeting) as presented with a second by Mr. Stephens. Unanimous Vote. Motion Carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Mr. Ashby made a motion to approve the August 31, 2016 Treasurer's Report as presented. Mrs. Wimberly seconded. Unanimous Vote. Motion Carried.

APPOINTMENTS:

Mr. Connell presented the signature pages to re-apply for the OneGeorgia EQUITY grant in an amount of approximately \$360,000. Suggestions were made to add mitigation of five acres at the south end of the I-16 tract and to add signage at the entrance. Mr. Connell will finalize the costs and obtain signatures in order to submit the application on time. Mrs. Nobles made a motion to pass the resolution to re-submit the grant request, seconded by Mrs. Wimberly. Unanimous Vote. Motion Carried. Next, Mrs. Nobles made a motion to allow the chair to sign when the final application is complete. Second by Mr. Ashby. Unanimous Vote. Motion Carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

NEW MARKETING MATERIALS – Mrs. Sherling presented the 2017 calendar and pen set along with a draft of a new flyer to hand out at the Deep Roots Festival in October. Suggestions were made to improve the design of the flyer.

Out of respect for Mr. Connell's time, Mrs. Sherling presented a part of her report that involves long-range planning in a document entitled Twiggs 2020. She went through three areas that needed board input including the priority of the team members for prospect visits, the type of industries to be targeted and the work needed at the industrial park. Mr. Connell along with Sam Perren from Middle Georgia Regional Commission have been instrumental in preparing this document. This discussion being final, Mr. Connell left the meeting.

ONGOING BUSINESS:

Mrs. Sherling reported on the grant being sought by Community Health Care Systems to put an ambulance in Twiggs County equipped with Tele-Medicine equipment. Rep. Bubber Epps and Dr. Jean Sumner have requested help from Mrs. Sherling and the Authority to help find the necessary funds to meet the match required for the grant. The amount needed is \$87,000. Mrs. Sherling will approach local industries and supporting companies to try to obtain the commitments. Funds will be sent directly to CHCS so they will not be a part of the Authority's financial statement. Mr. Ashby made a motion to award approximately \$7,000 toward the needed funds with the final amount to be determined after other resources are totaled. Mr. Height seconded. Unanimous Vote. Motion Carried.

Based on discussions concerning plans for the coming year, Mrs. Sherling will work to finalize the budget for presentation at the October meeting.

No meetings will be scheduled for November and December due to holidays but a called meeting could be held as needed at any time prior to the scheduled January meeting.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Mrs. Sherling asked for input from the board on managing her schedule over the next four weeks that will include the weekend trip to Milledgeville for the Deep Roots Festival and Jury Duty on Oct. 4. Mr. Ashby made a motion to pay the extra hours, as needed. Second by Mrs. Nobles. Unanimous Vote. Motion Carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – no executive session was needed at this meeting.

ADJOURN: Mrs. Nobles made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Height seconded. Unanimous Vote. Motion Carried. The meeting ended at 8:10 PM.

Mr. Jerry Fincher, Chairman

Mrs. Cindie Nobles, Secretary-Treasurer