

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

February 28, 2019

**6:30 P.M.** Development Authority Office

**PRESENT:** Mr. Douglas Chance, Chair; Mr. Donald Floyd, Vice-Chair; Mrs. Cindie Nobles, Secretary-Treasurer; Mr. Eddie Stephens, Mrs. Louise Wimberly, Jessica Walden, Board Members. Mrs. Judy Sherling, Executive Director, Mr. Kevin Brown, Attorney. Absent: Mr. Michael Sinclair, Board Member.

**INVOCATION:** Mr. Eddie Stephens

**VISITORS:** Patrick Floyd, James Tidwell, Jamie Cook

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Mr. Cook was introduced and explained his role at 21<sup>st</sup> Century Partnership. He was attending our meeting as an assignment of the Regional Leadership Program.

**MINUTES:** Mrs. Wimberly made a motion to approve the Minutes of the January 24, 2019 Meeting as presented with a second by Mr. Stephens. Unanimous Vote of the six members present. Motion Carried.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Mr. Floyd made a motion to approve the January 31, 2019 Treasurer's Report as presented. Mr. Stephens seconded. Unanimous Vote of the six members present. Motion Carried.

**APPOINTMENTS:** There were no appointments.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Election of Officers** – Mrs. Wimberly made a motion that the current officers repeat for another term. Ms. Walden seconded. Unanimous Vote of the six members present. Motion Carried. Douglas Chance will continue as Chair; Donald Floyd will continue as Vice-Chair; Cindie Nobles will continue as Secretary-Treasurer.

**Roofing concerns** – Mrs. Sherling explained that a volunteer had inspected the roof following a recent storm and re-secured a piece of metal that was loosened by the wind.

**2018 Audit** – Mrs. Nobles made a motion to accept and sign the letter of engagement from Mauldin & Jenkins as the Authority's Auditor for the 2018 financial cycle. The rate quoted will remain the same as the prior year at \$5,500. Mrs. Wimberly seconded. Unanimous Vote of the six members present. Motion Carried.

**Road dedication** – Mrs. Sherling requested approval for funds to host the upcoming road dedication for Connie Davis Dr. After discussion, it was decided that she will seek the loan of a tent, if possible, and try to get a sponsor for the food. Trees to be given away will be donated by Georgia Forestry. The bags to wrap the trees have already been purchased. Expenses will be held to a minimum.

**Twiggs Leadership Retreat – Part 2** – this item has been tabled until the March meeting.

**ONGOING BUSINESS:**

**EQUITY Grant update** – we continue to wait for the final grassing to be completed in order to close out this grant. In addition, our website must be completed and online before we finalize the GRAD certification. At close-out, we will pay L&L Utilities a final check of \$5,000 and transfer the remaining \$210 to the general fund account.

**Website** – Mrs. Sherling shared the prototype redesigned website and asked for input and approval. Suggestions were made to eliminate the 1-16 Corridor Alliance (now defunct) and add the tourism link to [www.visittwiggscounty.com](http://www.visittwiggscounty.com). Also, Mrs. Walden suggested adding that we are a Camera-Ready community for possible future film projects. Mrs. Wimberly made a motion to approve with the suggested changes. Mr. Floyd seconded. Unanimous Vote of the six members present. Motion Carried.

**Electrical quotes** – Mrs. Sherling presented a single quote for electrical work from the three requests she sent out. ElectricWorks (Randy Spires) submitted a quote of \$1,689 to install a 15-foot pole and electrical connections in order to have the new sign connected to power. Mr. Floyd made a motion to approve, seconded by Mrs. Nobles. Unanimous Vote of the six members present. Motion Carried.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT:**

Mrs. Sherling gave the following updates –

**Unit A** – the lease is still not final but the Extension Agent is getting quotes for construction of walls. The tenant has also installed a 200W plug for demonstrations. It appears they plan to stay. The County still has not signed the MOU with the University of Georgia.

**New prospects** – Mrs. Sherling reported that there are four prospects – 2 industrial, 2 retail – now looking at Twiggs County as a possible location.

**Regional Leadership** – Mrs. Sherling reported that she has attended each monthly session in January and February. The March session will be held at CGTC in Milledgeville.

**Solarize Middle Georgia** – there will be a repeat information session on March 5 at the Authority office.

**Inland Port project** – Mrs. Sherling will attend the Logistics Summit in Cartersville on March 14. She also plans to visit the Northwest Georgia Inland Port for informational purposes.

**Georgia Forestry** – Mrs. Sherling attended an information session in Statesboro where she learned about a possible resurgence in the turpentine market due to a downturn in Chinese export of the product. This could be good for Twiggs County foresters who grow slash and long needle pine trees.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION** – Mrs. Wimberly made a motion to enter into Executive Session for discussion of real estate. Mrs. Nobles seconded. The Authority entered into Executive Session at 8:00 PM.

Upon exiting Executive Session at 8:30 PM, Mrs. Nobles made a motion to proceed as discussed in Executive Session. Ms. Walden seconded. Unanimous Vote of the six members present. Motion Carried.

**ADJOURN:** Mrs. Wimberly made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mrs. Nobles. Unanimous Vote of the six members present. Motion Carried. The meeting ended at 8:33 PM.

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Mr. Douglas Chance, Chairman

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Mrs. Cindie Nobles, Secretary-Treasurer