

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

March 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, Board Members. Mrs. Judy Sherling, Executive Director, Mr. Kevin Brown, Attorney. Absent: Mr. Michael Sinclair, Mrs. Louise Wimberly, Jessica Walden, Board Members.

INVOCATION: Mr. Donald Floyd

VISITORS: Patrick Floyd

ANNOUNCEMENTS: There were no announcements.

MINUTES: Mr. Floyd made a motion to approve the Minutes of the February 28, 2019 Meeting as presented with a second by Mrs. Nobles. Unanimous Vote of the four members present. Motion Carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Mr. Stephens made a motion to approve the February 28, 2019 Treasurer's Report as presented. Mr. Floyd seconded. Unanimous Vote of the four members present. Motion Carried.

APPOINTMENTS: There were no appointments.

NEW BUSINESS:

Update on CGJDA members: Mrs. Sherling reported that, after conversation with Chairman Fowler concerning Mrs. Sherling's possible membership on the Central Georgia Joint Development Authority, it was discovered that Mr. Darryl Stephens had been appointed in 2017 by Commissioner Ford but had not been notified and had not attended any meetings. Chairman Fowler will contact him to determine his interest in continuing as a board member. Should he resign, Chairman Fowler will bring up the nomination of Mrs. Sherling at an upcoming commission meeting.

ONGOING BUSINESS:

EQUITY Grant update – Mrs. Sherling reported that the final grassing has been done and we are clear to proceed with the final payment. The GRAD application is nearing completion and this Authority will need to determine a date for a road dedication for Connie Davis Dr. After discussion, it was decided to find a date in mid-May that works for the Authority as well as state and local officials. Thursday, May 16, was suggested. Mrs. Sherling will communicate with state and region representatives to decide if that date will work for a majority of those who will be invited. Given it is the date of the May Regional Leadership program, another date will most likely be needed.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Mrs. Sherling gave the following updates –

Unit A – the lease is still not final. The County has approved installation of a 220W plug and the purchase of wall units for the Extension Service.

Maintenance – Mrs. Sherling reported on the work that has been done thus far for both Authority-owned buildings.

New sign – Mrs. Sherling reported two issues with the sign. The first has been corrected with no charge to the Authority. The second, a cost for the tenant panels, was discussed with recommendation by Attorney Brown that we ask the company to review the contract. In the event a charge is incurred, Mrs. Nobles made a motion to allow Mrs. Sherling to negotiate up to the communicated price of \$1,382.40. Mr. Floyd seconded. Unanimous Vote of the four members present. Motion Carried.

First Solar/Origis – Attorney Brown reported that all work is proceeding as scheduled. Mrs. Sherling reported that Horne Brothers Construction has been named as the general contractor and that they are trying to hire locally, if possible. Mrs. Sherling also reported that Omar Aboudahar from First Solar visited the county and brought company shirts for those with whom they had worked closely.

Dominion – Mrs. Sherling reported that the company's annual report has been filed, as required, and the annual bond fee has been invoiced. Payment is usually received in mid-April to early May.

Regional Leadership – Mrs. Sherling reported that she has attended each monthly session, with the latest being in March. The April session will be held at a location to be announced.

Inland Port project – Mrs. Sherling attended the Regional Logistics Summit in Cartersville and learned about the actual operation of an inland port. Mrs. Sherling also updated the Board on the current grant work being done by Thomas and Hutton through MG-RC to find a site for a possible inland container port.

Ocmulgee National Historic Park – Mrs. Sherling reported on the ribbon-cutting and dinner held Monday, March 25, at the Ocmulgee Mounds. Chairman Fowler, Mrs. Sherling and Mr. Kelvin Lewis represented Twiggs County at the event.

Vacation plans – Mrs. Sherling noted that she has 82 hours of vacation remaining in 2019 and would like to take that time in early May, early July and early October with the board’s approval. There was no objection.

Prospects – Mrs. Sherling reported that she is working with two Industrial prospects (Project Kodiak and Project ? to be referred to as Project CBRE. There are also three possible retail prospects for the I-16/SR96 interchange. This increase in activity can be directly connected to the listings now on LoopNet and through Realtors who are known to Mrs. Sherling.

COUNTY/CITY:

Mrs. Sherling reported that EMA Director Jack Wood will be staying with the County and a new fire chief has been hired on a part-time basis. Director Wood has been very instrumental in bringing our county water and sewer systems up to date, a major factor in recruiting new industry.

Mrs. Sherling continues to attend City Council meetings and report on Industrial Development.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – there was no need for an Executive Session.

ADJOURN: Mrs. Nobles made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Stephens. Unanimous Vote of the four members present. Motion Carried. The meeting ended at 7:37 PM.

Mr. Douglas Chance, Chairman

Mrs. Cindie Nobles, Secretary-Treasurer