

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

January 23, 2020

6:30 P.M. Development Authority Office

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

INVOCATION: Mr. Donald Floyd

VISITORS: Jack Wood, Estella Sams

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Mr. Wood announced that a new fire station will be built in Spring Valley. He also discussed improvements to the water and sewer systems.

Mrs. Sherling announced that Mrs. Nobles and Mrs. Wimberly have been re-appointed to the Development Authority board for another four-year term. Mrs. Tabitha Little has been appointed to replace Michael Sinclair who has not been able to attend meetings for more than a year. Mrs. Little was welcomed and officially seated as a member of the board.

MINUTES: Mr. Floyd made a motion to approve the Minutes of the December 5, 2019 re-scheduled Meeting as presented with a second by Mrs. Wimberly. Unanimous Vote of the six members present. Motion Carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Mr. Stephens made a motion to approve the re-statement of the November 30, 2019 Treasurer's Report as presented. Mrs. Wimberly seconded. Unanimous Vote of the six members present. Motion Carried. Mr. Floyd made a motion to approve the December 31, 2019 Treasurer's Report, seconded by Mr. Stephens. Unanimous Vote of the six members present. Motion Carried.

APPOINTMENTS: There were no appointments.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Election of officers: Mrs. Sherling announced that officers needed to be elected since there is no February meeting. Mrs. Wimberly made a motion to re-elect the current officers. This was seconded by Mrs. Little and there were no further nominations from the board. Unanimous Vote of the six members present. Motion Carried. Douglas Chance was re-elected chair, Donald Floyd was re-elected Vice Chair and Cindie Nobles was re-elected Secretary-Treasurer.
- Mrs. Sherling presented a Letter of Engagement from Meredith Lipson at Mauldin-Jenkins for the 2019 Audit at a cost of \$5,750. Mrs. Nobles made a motion to accept the proposal and allow her to sign the Letter. Mrs. Little seconded. Unanimous Vote of the six members present. Motion Carried.
- Mrs. Sherling announced that the 2020 County Leadership Retreat will be held Feb. 26 at the KaMin Training Center. She asked for approval to purchase refreshments, drinks and cover any lunch expense not covered by a sponsor. Mr. Floyd made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Stephens. Unanimous Vote of the six members present. Motion Carried.

ONGOING BUSINESS:

- **GRAD:** Mrs. Sherling presented an update on the GRAD certification work. No further expenses were proposed at this time. The work by GEC and Peacock Surveys has been completed and a check will be mailed to cover the cost of further delineation of the wetlands. The next step may possibly require a more precise topographical map but Mrs. Sherling is working with Middle GA Regional Commission to see if there is a way to accomplish that with no further outside work needed.
- **UNIT A:** the 2020 lease has been finalized.
- **INTERN POSITION:** Mrs. Sherling will work through the Spring with colleges to identify possible rising seniors who would be interested in the position beginning in the Fall with the goal being to begin full time work upon graduation in May 2021. Mrs. Little suggested board members be a part of the interview process and suggested Middle Georgia State University might be an excellent source of candidates.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT:

Mrs. Sherling gave the following updates –

- An excellent meeting happened in Atlanta with a leading construction company. The site selection team will pay a visit in six to eight weeks.
- Project SDS is still not ready to announce as they are working through some permitting issues.
- A new health collaborative is being formed and will meet here Feb. 11. We will purchase light refreshments for 15-20 people.
- Newly-elected City Council member Laura Gallemore and Ms. Doris Jones will lead the way in developing a new merchant’s council for the city. We will seek sponsors for the first meeting’s breakfast.
- The Trade and Industry online ad went live on Jan. 1. We will track any response to see if it is effective.
- The dirt on Hwy 96 has been removed and the site has been left in excellent condition. They may need more at a future time.
- The Trails Grant announcement on round 1 is due the first week in April.
- The County sewer is getting some much-needed attention and updating of monitoring equipment, as explained by Mr. Wood at the beginning of the meeting.
- The meeting schedule for 2020 is included in the Red Books.

COUNTY: Mrs. Sherling continues to work with the County, as needed.

CITY: Mrs. Sherling is working with the new City Council to assist them as they re-do their charter, look at much-needed infrastructure improvements, work to develop new programs for the city and in any other way as requested by the Mayor.

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

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 7:45 PM.

Mr. Douglas Chance, Chairman

Mrs. Cindie Nobles, Secretary-Treasurer