

Minutes of the Development Authority of Crawford County held Thursday, May 7th, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. at the Development Authority of Crawford County, 1011 Hwy 341 North, Roberta, Georgia via Zoom Conference.

MEMBERS Present:

Arthur Bentley

Charles "Hill" Bentley- Vice Chair

Josh Lewis

Martha McAfee

Daniel Morgan

MEMBERS Absent:

Jay Andrews (Ex-Officio)

Brenda Carroll

Paul Chapman (Ex-Officio)

Charles Westberry

OTHERS Present:

Dovie McNary

Lesley McNary

Call to order:

The meeting was called to order at 6:12 p.m. by Chairman, Josh Lewis.

Invocation:

Given by Arthur Bentley

Standard Order of Business:

Chairman Lewis called for a motion to approve the agenda. Motion was made by Charles "Hill" Bentley, seconded by Arthur Bentley and passed unanimously.

At this time, Chairman, Josh Lewis lost connection and Charles "Hill" Bentley, Vice-Chairman took over the meeting and called for a motion to approve the minutes of the April 9, 2020 meeting. Motion was made by Martha McAfee, seconded by Arthur Bentley and passed unanimously.

Chairman, Josh Lewis re-joined the meeting after losing connection.

Old Business:

Fred Rouse/ Walter Cotton (The Cotton Exchange) Lesley McNary made a request to the board to send a letter to Fred Rouse explaining that the Development Authority is unable to provide funding for the “creative employment opportunity” that may exist here in Crawford County. The original request was made by Walter Cotton of The Cotton Exchange on behalf of Fred Rouse at our March 5, 2020 meeting. Mr. Cotton offers his services to individuals at a cost of \$500.00 per person. Mr. Cotton’s paid service is comparable to what is offered by the Authority at no fee. Chairman Lewis called for a motion to send a letter to Mr. Rouse that we would be unable to fund the project. Charles “Hill” Bentley made the motion, Arthur seconded, and the vote was unanimous.

Bradbury Logistics Lesley McNary informed the board members that a call with attorney Daniel Wilder is set for Monday, May 5th, 2020 at 3:00 p.m.

New Business:

575 Industrial Park Rd- Art Barry was unable to join the meeting to discuss the pricing, comps, and build out that he recommends for the sale of the 575 building. There was some discussion of the building and build out but no decisions regarding the building were made. The issue was tabled until Art Barry can talk with the board members and make recommendations. Although we have received an as-is sales contract in the amount of 175,000 it remains unsigned pending final approval of the board after a meeting is held with Art Barry.

Kruger Energy- Lesley McNary gave a brief update on the project MOU and stated she had attended the Commissioner’s meeting on May 5th, 2020 and had received the required signature of the County Commission Chair. A meeting with Tax Commissioner, Patrice Walker was set for Friday May 8th, 2020 and that she was also scheduled to speak with the Tax Assessor’s Board on May 14th, 2020. A presentation will be prepared for the School Board however no signature is required by a school board representative. The yearly payment of \$12,500 has been transferred to the Authority’s general fund.

Care Connect- the buildout of Care Connect at 254 Wright Ave.(old Dollar General) has begun. Lesley and Hill will visit the building along with contractor, Ken Smith of Bibb Home Improvement to price the build out of the unfinished space within the building.

Check Signers- Lesley McNary requested additional signers be added to the Development Authority’s account. After discussion, Charles “Hill” Bentley called for a motion to add two additional signers to the accounts, Arthur Bentley made the motion, seconded by Martha McAfee and passed unanimously. Daniel Morgan and Charles “Hill” Bentley will be added. Lesley will contact Robin at the Georgia Community Bank to add the board members to the account.

Maintenance requests: Lesley McNary updated the board on the repairs needed at the 640 Building which include repairs to roof, the dock, fence, toilets and potholes. Mr. Gilbert Claeys (Development Authority Maintenance) has repaired the fence and will replace the toilets. The Authority had previously repaired the roof, but it is leaking again. Josh Lewis said he will contact a contractor he knows to price

the needed dock work and Martha McAfee has a local contact who may be able to complete some of the repairs.

Announcements:

Josh Lewis, Martha McAfee and Daniel Morgan are scheduled to complete their required Development Authority training on May 14th, 2020 which will bring all board members in compliance with training.

Adjournment:

With no other business to discuss, Charles "Hill" Bentley called for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:41 p.m., Martha McAfee made the motion, Arthur Bentley seconded the motion, the vote was unanimous, and the meeting adjourned.