

MINUTES of the Development Authority of Crawford County held Thursday, November 5, 2020 at 6:00 PM at the Development Authority of Crawford County, Conference Room; 1011 Hwy 341 N. Roberta, GA 31078

MEMBERS Present:

Arthur Bentley
Charles "Hill" Bentley
Martha McAfee
Richard Murphy
Charles Westberry (late)

MEMBERS Absent:

Brenda Carroll
Josh Lewis

OTHERS Present:

Paul Chapman (ex-officio)
Fabian Hollis
Katelyn Jennings
Lesley McNary
Jake Watson

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chairman Charles "Hill" Bentley at 6:05 PM

Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation:

Given by Richard Murphy

Vice-Chairman Bentley introduced and welcomed new board member, Richard Murphy.

Standard Order of Business

Approval of Agenda- Vice- Chairman Bentley called for a motion to approve the agenda, Martha McAfee made the motion, Arthur Bentley seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous and the agenda approved.

Approval of Minutes- Vice-Chairman Bentley called for a motion to approve the minutes of September 2, 2020. Martha McAfee made the motion; Arthur Bentley seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous and the previous meeting minutes were approved with no corrections.

Old Business

Bradbury Lease Update- Lesley McNary updated the board as to the status of moving 6 months of missed payments to the end of the Bradbury lease as requested by Howard Harper at the September meeting. The board approved Mr. Harper's request and sent the request to Daniel Wilder to prepare the agreement. Wilder prepared the agreement and it was sent to Mr. Harper however Mr. Harper did not sign the agreement but said in mid- October that he would sign after having his attorney look the agreement over. As of this meeting, Bradbury has not signed the agreement they requested nor have payments been made on time. After a brief discussion Vice-Chairman Bentley called for a motion to extend the time to sign and make an additional payment until November 13, 2020. Arthur Bentley made the motion; Richard Murphy seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous. At this time Charles Westberry joined the meeting and Vice-Chairman Bentley explained to him the vote that had just taken place.

Olin- a one-year lease in the amount of \$120,000.00 for 640 & 629 Industrial Park Rd has been signed by both Olin and the Development Authority. During a recent storm the new awnings placed a few months ago were destroyed, Lesley has placed an order to have those repaired at a cost of \$2800.00

Banking update- the new bank account at BB&T has been opened and all accounts are being re-routed through the new accounts. This process may take a few billing cycles to accomplish fully.

New Business

Frofe Coffee- (Sandy Floyd) has made a request to borrow 15,000 from the RLF account. The board discussed the project and Lesley is to contact the MGRC for direction on how to assist with lending for the project.

Project Diego- Lesley McNary updated the board on Project Diego and the RFI that had been put out on the project. McNary said there are multiple sites that may work for the project and Crawford would be submitting parcels of interest for the project. Site selection will start in December of 2020, but it will be mid 2021 before we know which county will be awarded the project. The project itself will make a 320,000-million-dollar investment into the county as well as produce approximately 100 quality jobs.

Budget- Lesley McNary presented each board member with a copy of the budget for fiscal year 2020-2021. The budget was based on the last two years spending.

Georgia Fund One- Previously, the board had voted to deposit 275,000 into the Georgia Fund One account. Lesley has contacted the state office and prepared the resolution for tonight's meeting. Vice-Chairman Bentley called for a motion to approve the resolution, Arthur Bentley made the motion, Richard Murphy seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous. These funds will be sent to the Georgia Fund One account when the board is able to close the Georgia Community Bank account.

Announcements-

Fabian Hollis addressed the board on two key votes from the election. The first was in reference to adding fluoride to the water, the people voted against this. The second was in reference the TSPLOST that did pass and will mean double dollars for road projects.

Paul Chapman shared with the board that he will be stepping down as a commissioner and is moving to Griffin, Georgia. Paul says he has enjoyed serving on the board and hopes he receives good word about the Authority going forward. He shared with the board the Commissioners had met and considering disbanding the Authority but after having legal look into the idea the board of Commissioners has stepped back and ask that we work as a team to put the board back together. He ended by saying, if you can't serve, turn in your resignation and step down. It is important for Crawford County, the citizens and the board to make the changes that are needed for the board to thrive.

Adjournment-

With no other business to discuss, Vice-Chairman Bentley called for a motion to adjourn, Arthur Bentley made the motion, Richard Murphy seconded the motion, the vote was unanimous, and the meeting was adjourned. 6:46 p.m.