

**MINUTES** of The Development Authority of Crawford County held Thursday June 3, 2021 at 6:00 PM at The Development Authority of Crawford County, Conference Room; 1011 Hwy 341 N. Roberta, GA 31078

**MEMBERS Present:**

Jay Andrews  
Arthur Bentley  
Charles "Hill" Bentley  
Martha McAfee  
Richard Murphy  
John Thomas  
Charles Westberry

**MEMBERS Absent:**

Brenda Carroll  
Josh Lewis

**OTHERS Present:**

Howard Harper  
Katelyn Jennings  
Jackie McCowen  
Craig Sapp  
Rebecca Sapp  
Jake Watson Sr.  
Jake Watson Jr.  
Penny Watson

**Call to Order:**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Charles "Hill" Bentley at 6:03 PM

Pledge of Allegiance

**Invocation:**

Given by Chairman Bentley

**Standard Order of Business**

**Approval of Agenda**

Chairman Bentley called for a motion to accept the agenda, motion was made by Martha McAfee, seconded by Richard Murphy and the vote was unanimous.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Charles Westberry noted that he was present at the April 1, 2021 meeting but his name was left of the minutes and that the minutes should be corrected. Chairman, Bentley called for a motion to approve the minutes of April 1, 2021 with corrections. Martha McAfee made the motion and Charles Westberry seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

### **Old Business:**

**Code of Ethics-** prior to this meeting the code of ethics had been circulated through email. Chairman Bentley called for a motion to adopt the Code of Ethics, Charles Westberry made the motion, Martha McAfee seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

**Grass Bids-** Martha McAfee excused herself from the meeting and did not participate in the vote, four bids were received in reply to the grass contract: Scotty Jackson- 1075.00 per cut, McAfee Lawn Service- 1200.00 per cut, Vickery Land Management 1050.00 per cut and George Walker 1100.00 per cut. After reviewing the bids and insurance status Chairman Bentley called for a motion to approve a bid. Richard Murphy made the motion to approve Vickery Land Management's bid of 1050.00 per cut, Charles Westberry seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous. Grass contract expires 3/31/2022.

**Craig Sapp ( Piggly Wiggly)-** Charles Westberry introduced Craig & Rebecca Sapp and brought the board up to date on the grocery store project they have been working on. The Sapp's are requesting funding through the local RLF in the amount of \$140,000 with a 10-year repayment period, and an interest rate of 3% . The overall project costs are estimated to be \$462,000 including a cash injection of \$46,200 and an additional loan for the remainder of the project through the Middle Georgia Regional Commission. Chairman Bentley called for a motion to approve the request of \$140,000 to assist with reopening the Piggly Wiggly. Martha McAfee made the motion, Charles Westberry seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

**PB&J's Restaurant Group-** Jake Watson appeared before the board on behalf of PB&J's Restaurant Group to request funding from the local RLF in the amount of \$75,000 for equipment to open a family style pizza restaurant. In addition to the RLF request the group is also requesting the board build out the property located at 254-B Wright Ave to accommodate the restaurant. The board took no action on the project and asked for additional details as to cost and will be meet again in the future to discuss the project.

**Executive Session-** At 8:07 p.m. Chairman Bentley called for a motion to enter executive session to discuss legal issues of the board. Charles Westberry made the motion, Richard Murphy seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous. At 8:32 p.m. the board returned to open session, Chairman Bentley called for a motion to pay Bradbury's May & June payment in the amount of \$9116.20 Charles Westberry made the motion, Arthur Bentley seconded the motion and Richard Murphy voted affirmatively, Martha McAfee voted against the request.

**Announcement-**

**Adjournment-** At 8:37 p.m. with no additional business to discuss Chairman Bentley called for a motion to adjourn the meeting, Arthur Bentley made the motion, Richard Murphy seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous and the meeting adjourned.