

MINUTES

Development Authority of Crawford County

Thursday, April 6, 2023

6pm

Development Authority of Crawford County, Conference Room

1011 Hwy 341 N., Roberta, GA 31078

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Diane Griffin
Broadus Williams
Thomas Collins
Adriane Romeo
Dennis Kelly
Tisa Horton
Crystal Golden

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Jay Andrews
Richard Murphy

OTHERS PRESENT:

Dale Jump
Jackie McCowen
Casey Moore

Call to Order:

Chairman Thomas Collins called the Development Authority of Crawford County meeting to order at 6:02PM.

Pledge of Allegiance:

Invocation:

Given by Diane Griffin

Order of Business:

Approval of Agenda:

Chairman Thomas Collins called for a motion to approve the agenda. Adriene Romeo made the motion to approve the agenda. Seconded by Dennis Kelly, the vote was unanimous.

Approval of Minutes:

Chairman Thomas Collins called for a motion to approve the regular meeting minutes from March 2, 2023. Dennis Kelly made the motion. Seconded by Adriene Romeo, the vote was unanimous. Chairman Thomas Collins called for a motion to approve Executive Session meeting minutes from March 2, 2023. Adriene Romeo made the motion. Seconded by Dennis Kelly, the vote was unanimous.

Welcome:

Old Business:

Business Center Wing D Gas Installation

Tisa Horton, Executive Director, updated the Board that the Gas Installation is completed. Once the meter is set the Wing D tenant will need to call a plumber for them to make some modifications to the service line in the building to attach to their side of the meter. When that is completed, the tenant will need to call Fort Valley Utilities for them to remove the lock on the meter and turn the gas on.

Crawford & Peach County Gameday

Tisa Horton, Executive Director, announced that the Mercer Gameday was a success. Mercer University hosted the Crawford & Peach County Commissioners gameday excursion. Commissioners, Board of Directors, family, and friends attended. Thomas Collins, Chair, threw out the 1st pitch. This was a free networking event presented by Mercer.

CTAE Externship Tour

Tisa Horton, Executive Director, updated the Board regarding the CTAE Externship Tour to Olin and Atlanta Sand & Supply. There were several CTAE Instructors who participated in the tour to observe the diverse range of skills and competencies which they can integrate into their teaching practices. The initiative is expected to enhance their effectiveness in bridging the gap between classroom instruction and practical skills essential for professional success.

As a result of their externship tour experience, the participating teachers will be equipped with fresh and valuable perspectives, which they can impart to their students to help them better prepare for their transition to college, workforce, and subsequent careers. Several students have successfully been employed by these companies in the past.

We appreciate Olin, Atlanta Sand & Supply Company, Sabrina Phelps, Middle Georgia Regional Commission, WorkSource, Crawford County Commission, and Crawford County School CTAE Instructors for their support, encouragement, and community partnership.

New Business:

Georgia Fund 1

Tisa Horton, Executive Director, presented an investment option to the board. Georgia Fund 1 is offered by the State of Georgia to counties, municipalities, public colleges and universities, boards of education, special districts, state agencies, and other authorized entities as a conservative, efficient, and liquid investment alternative. The board had a discussion regarding other options. Tisa Horton will engage in research with regards to opening an additional bank account at Georgia Community Bank.

Georgia Municipal Association

Tisa Horton, Executive Director, presented an upcoming convention. GMA convention is in Savannah, June 23-27th. The convention is offering 3- and 6-hours courses. The total cost for two people and a hotel for three nights is \$3500 total. Thomas Collins, Chairman, called for a motion to table. Adriene Romeo made the motion, seconded by Dennis Kelly, the vote was unanimous.

Be Pro Be Proud

Tisa Horton, Executive Director, informed the board regarding the upcoming event for Crawford County School Career Day event. The Board discussed the event and watched the Be Pro Be Proud video. The Board suggested A&W Mechanical, Sheriff Department and Fire Department will be good vendors to have.

Industrial Park Marketing Video

Tisa Horton, Executive Director, presented the marketing video for the Industrial Park and the board will be sent the link. The video will be on the CCDA website and social media.

The Board had a discussion regarding the Industrial Park. The bushes cover the entrance sign and Tisa Horton will contact Mr. Walker to trim them down. Art Barry will have four signs to cover the entrance and eight individual lot signs.

Financials

Truist Bank \$519,884.97

Georgia Community Bank \$1,591.49

Executive Session

Chairman Thomas Collins called for a motion to enter Executive Session for legal and personnel. Broadus Williams made a motion to go into Executive Session allowing County Commissioner Jackie McCown and County Commissioner Chair Dale Jump, to stay and participate in the executive session, seconded by Dennis Kelly, the vote was unanimous.

Chairman Thomas Collins called for a motion to return to open session. Dennis Kelly made the motion for the board to return to open session, seconded by Adriane Romeo, the vote was unanimous.

There was no action taken.

Announcements:

Essentials of Economic Development Workshop

Thursday, May 25, 2023

Government Complex

8am-4:30pm

Adjournment:

With no further business to discuss, Chairman Thomas Collins called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Adriane Romeo made the motion, seconded by Broadus Williams, the vote was unanimous. The meeting adjourned at 8:43PM.