

Minutes
Development Authority of Crawford County
January 2, 2025
Board Meeting @ 6pm
Development Authority of Crawford County, Conference Room
1011 GA Hwy 341 N.
Roberta, GA 31078

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Diane Griffin
Thomas Collins
Dr. Darlene Williams-Roberts
Broadus Williams
Adriane Romeo
Terrance Searcy
Tisa Horton
T'Maya Harris
Daniel Wilder

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Dennis Kelly
Jay Andrews
Dale Jump

OTHERS PRESENT:

Troy Cook
Joe Romeo

Call to Order:

Chairman Thomas Collins called the Development Authority of Crawford County meeting to order at 6:21PM.

Pledge of Allegiance

All

Invocation:

Given by Diane Griffin

Order of Business

Approval of Agenda:

Chairman Thomas Collins called for a motion to approve the agenda. Adriane Romeo made the motion. Seconded by Dr. Darlene Williams-Roberts, the vote was unanimous.

Approval of Minutes:

Chairman Thomas Collins called for a motion to approve the regular session meeting minutes from November 7, 2024. Adriane Romeo made the motion. Seconded by Dr. Darlene Williams-Roberts, the vote was unanimous.

Executive Director Tisa Horton presented the board with executive session minutes from November 7,

2024, to read, acknowledge and sign. All board members who were present signed. Chairman Thomas Collins called for a motion to approve the executive session meeting minutes from November 7, 2024. Adriane Romeo made the motion. Seconded by Dr. Darlene Williams-Roberts, the vote was unanimous.

Welcome:

Executive Director Tisa Horton introduce CCDA Intern, T'Maya Harris, a Fort Valley State University, Junior Majoring in Business Administrative.

Old Business

GICH Georgia Initiative for Community Housing Update:

Executive Director Tisa Horton presented the board with a plaque announcing Crawford County designated as a GICH Community. We are one of the newest 2025 COHORT of the GICH Community. Next Housing meeting is January 13, 2025, @9am. GICH orientation is scheduled virtual January 15, 2025, 10am-12pm.

Rezoning of Industrial Park Parcel:

Executive Director Tisa Horton updated the board, that the land purchase agreement has been terminated and the P&Z application was pulled. The potential land purchase has found an alternate property that is currently zoned for what they need. The location is still in Crawford County.

New Business

Recap of 2024:

Executive Director Tisa Horton present the CCDA Recap of 2024.

1st Housing Expo with over 45 attendances.

2nd Annual Clean Up Day with over 20 volunteers - 10 FVSU students and 12 community residents' participations.

Sold Property within the Industrial Park with a start-up of a Bitcoin Data Center

Designated as the 2025 COHORT GICH Community

Officers Election:

Executive Director Tisa Horton called for a motion to open the floor for nomination of Chair. Diane Griffin made the motion. Seconded by Dr. Darlene Williams-Roberts, the vote was unanimous. Dr. Darlene Williams-Roberts nominated Thomas Collins for chair. With no other nominations, Executive Director called for a motion to closed the Chair nomination. Adriane Romeo made the motion. Seconded by Broadus Williams, the vote was unanimous. Executive Director called for a motion to vote Thomas Collins as Chair. Diane Griffin made the motion. Seconded by Dr. Darlene William-Roberts, the vote was unanimous. **Chairman Thomas Collins**

Chairman Thomas Collins called for a motion to open the floor for nomination of Vice Chair. Adriane Romeo made the motion. Second by Dr. Darlene Williams-Roberts, the vote was unanimous. Chairman Thomas Collins nominated Dr. Darlene Williams-Roberts for Vice Chair. With no other nominations, Chairman Thomas Collins called for a motion to closed the Vice Chair nomination. Adriane Romeo made the motion. Second by Diane Griffin, the vote was unanimous. Chairman Thomas Collins called for a motion to vote Dr. Darlene Williams-Roberts as Vice Chair. Adriane Romeo made the motion. Second by Diane Griffin, the vote was unanimous. **Vice Chair Dr. Darlene Williams-Roberts**

Chairman Thomas Collins called for a motion to open the floor for nomination of Treasurer. Adriane Romeo made the motion. Seconded by Broadus Williams, the vote was unanimous. Broadus Williams nominated Adriane Romeo for treasurer. Seconded by Diane Griffin, the vote was unanimous. With no other nominations, Chairman Thomas Collins called for a motion to closed the Treasurer nomination.

Diane Griffin made the motion. Seconded by Broadus Williams, the vote was unanimous. Chairman Thomas Collins called for a motion to vote Adriane Romeo as Treasurer. Diane Griffin made the motion. Seconded by Broadus Williams, the vote was unanimous. **Treasurer Adriane Romeo**

Chairman Thomas Collins called for a motion to open the floor for nomination of Secretary. Broadus Williams made the motion. Seconded by Diane Griffin, the vote was unanimous. Chairman Thomas Collins nominated Tisa Horton for Secretary. Seconded by Diane Griffin, the vote was unanimous. With no other nominations, Chairman Thomas Collins called for a motion to closed the Secretary nomination. Adriane Romeo made the motion. Seconded by Broadus Williams, the vote was unanimous. Chairman Thomas Collins called for a motion to vote Tisa Horton as Secretary. Adriane Romeo made the motion. Seconded by Broadus Williams, the vote was unanimous. **Secretary Tisa Horton**

Code of Ethics:

Executive Director Tisa Horton presented the board with the Code of Ethics to read, acknowledge and sign. All board members who were presented signed.

Meeting Schedule & Attendance:

Executive Director Tisa Horton presented the board members with the recommended meeting schedule as written for approval. Adriane Romeo made the motion. Seconded by Diane Griffin, the vote was unanimous.

Executive Director Tisa Horton presented plaque of meeting attendance to board members of not missing any meetings. Diane Griffin, Thomas Collins, Dr. Darlene Williams-Roberts.

Training:

Executive Director Tisa Horton informed the board that Terrance Searcy mandatory Development Authority Training is set for February 11, 2025, at Middle Georgia Regional Commission for approval with fees of \$279. Also, Executive Director Tisa Horton nominated Dr. Darlene Williams-Roberts for the Middle Georgia Regional Leadership Champions Program with 9 mandatory sessions starting on February 17-18, 2025, for approval with fees of \$1,250. Broadus Williams made the motion. Seconded by Diane Griffin, the vote was unanimous.

Intergovernmental Meetings:

Executive Director Tisa Horton discuss the importance of having an intergovernmental meeting with the County Commission, City of Roberta and Board of Education.

Financials:

Executive Director Tisa Horton presented the financials report to the board to read, acknowledge and sign. All board members who were presented signed.

Chairman Thomas Collins called for a motion to exit regular session and to enter Executive Session for Legal. Broadus Williams made the motion. Seconded by Adriane Romeo, the vote was unanimous.

The public was asked to leave the room for Executive Session.

---Executive Session---

Chairman Thomas Collins called for a motion to exit executive session and return to open session. Dr. Darlene Williams-Roberts made the motion. Seconded by Diane Griffin, the vote was unanimous.

Legal: NO ACTION TAKEN

No Announcements

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 Dr. Darlene Williams-Roberts, the vote was unanimous.

Next Board Regular Meeting February 6, 2025 @ 6pm