



DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF MONROE COUNTY

199 East Main Street

Regular Board Meeting
December 14, 2021, 8:30 a.m.
199 East Main St Forsyth,
GA 31029

Minutes

The Development Authority of Monroe County (“the Authority”) regular board meeting was held at 199 East Main Street, Forsyth, GA on December 14, 2021 at 8:30a.m. Notice of the time, place, and purpose of said meeting was duly given to all Authority members and to the public, as provided in the Authority by-laws and by law.

The meeting was open to the public.

Development Authority Board members present were: Tom Baugh-Chairman, Jim Cole-Vice Chairman, Larry Evans-Secretary/Treasurer, Greg Head-Assistant Secretary/Treasurer, Directors- Phil Ham, Wendell Horne, Craig Craddock and George Emami. Joyce White – Executive Director, Bob Harris-Attorney and Brandy Boynton-Admin Assistant.

Meeting Called to Order

Chairman Tom Baugh called the meeting to order at 8:34 a.m. and declared there was a quorum.

Review and Approval of Agenda

Chairman Tom Baugh called for a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Phil Ham made a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Craig Craddock seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Review and Approval of Minutes

Chairman Tom Baugh called for a motion to approve the minutes from the November meeting. Mr. Phil Ham made a motion to approve the minutes from October. Mr. Greg Head seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Review and Approval of Financials

Chairman Tom Baugh called for a motion to approve the financials for November. Mr. Phil Ham made a motion to approve the financials. Mr. Craig Craddock seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

New Business/Old Business

Chairman Tom Baugh advised the Board that there have been multiple inquires about hunting on the DAOMC property. Mr. Larry Evans made a motion to restrict hunting by anyone on any of the DAOMC properties. Mr. Phil Ham seconded the motion. The motion pass unanimously. Mr. Baugh added that this does not include Mark Wooley who is authorized to trap coyote only on DAOMC property.

Larry Evans made a motion that there not be any hunting on DAOMC properties and Phil Ham seconded the motion.

Chairman Baugh reported that Ms. White and he met with Architect Harold DeLoach regarding a masterplan on the Indian Springs property, but the quote came back at \$30,000 and Ms. White and Chairman Bough discussed that it may be best to go with the original drawing and not spend the \$30,000. There will need to be covenants added.

Larry Evans reported that he has been in contact with Greg Tapley and Mike Hickman but he has not been able to get his committee together to meet regarding any job replacements due to Plant Scherer closing. Everyone was in agreement that the jobs that will be lost due to Plant Scherer closing will be devastating to Monroe County. Mr. Evans will try to convene his committee after the holidays.

Executive Director's Report

Ms. White participated in a meeting with Mike Beatty, Greg Tapley, Mayor Wilson and Laura Mathis. Mr. Beatty is a consultant and proposed to work with the City of Forsyth or Monroe County. Ms. White does not feel that the DAOMC is in need of Mr. Beatty's consulting services. Ms. White also participated in the Middle Georgia Economic Alliance hosted by Tiffany Andrews. Ms. White has been building a relationship with the County's Planning and Zoning Department and has visited several times. She participated in an eight-hour economic development training hosted by Mickey Daniell.

Ms. White met with Oliver Bateman, the broker for Rumble Road property, on how to market it stronger. Phil Ham, Greg Head, Tom Baugh and James Vaughn were in attendance. Greg Tapley was present for a portion of this meeting. Ms. Joyce White also met with the DAOMC website designer and manager, Larry Najera. This was the first face to face meeting. Mrs. White would like to look into other options regarding improving the DAOMC website if Mr. Najera is not responsive. Ms. White attended the One Monroe Quarterly Meeting. The DAOMC hosted a part of the Corrections Board of Directors and a few of the Pardons and Parole Directors as well. Vice Chairman Cole and Ms. White also attended the Corrections Board Meeting the following morning. She attended Governor Kemp's rural focus group held in Fort Valley, met with Governor Sonny Perdue for lunch and had her mandatory training at the Carl Vinson Institute on December 8. Mrs. White attended the Governors Public Safety Awards at the Georgia Public Safety Training Center. Ms. Joyce White also met with Tye Hannah regarding the Johnstonville Road or H&H property and participated in a zoom meeting with Mike Hickman and others about how and why the career and academy grant was not awarded to Monroe County.

Ms. White designed and mailed out Christmas Party Invitations and helped coordinate the Christmas Party.

She also designed Christmas Cards and is in the process of addressing and getting those out.

Ms. White thanked Vice Chairman Cole and his wife Gaylyn for hosting the DAOMC Christmas Party. Everyone had a really nice time.

Ms. White had her first Open Records Request to comply with. She also had an annual immigration report that is due to the Dept. of Labor each year and she has completed and turned it in to the DOL.

Ms. White called on some properties that are up for sale. The tattoo property is priced at \$400,00 and the property behind Shoney's is priced at \$90,000 per acre. There was also a building with a "for lease" sign in the Monroe County Industrial Park but they are only wanting to lease a couple of small offices and not the warehouse. She was also calling and leaving voicemails with Navicent regarding the land beside Dairy Queen, but now it has a "for sale" sign on it and George Emami is the contact.

Ms. White also said she is writing gun manufacturers in the northeast to see if Monroe County can lure any gun manufacturers to Monroe County.

Executive Session

Started 9:07 a.m. Motion to begin executive session made by Mr. Phil Ham. Mr. Larry Evans seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Ended 9:46 a.m. Motion to exit executive session made by Mr. Craig Craddock. Mr. Wendell Horne seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously

Other Business

Adjournment

Chairman Tom Baugh called for a motion to adjourn at 9:47 a.m. Mr. Greg Head made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Craig Craddock seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted:

Brandy Boynton
Joyce White