



DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF MONROE COUNTY

199 East Main Street

Regular Board Meeting
October 19, 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 October 19, 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 and Wendell Horne. 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 8:33 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. Greg Head 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 September meeting. Mr. Greg Head made a motion to approve the minutes from September. Mr. Phil Ham seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Review and Approval of Financials

Chairman Tom Baugh called for a motion to approve the financials for September. Mr. Greg Head made a motion to approve the financials. Mr. Phil Ham seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

New Business/Old Business

The owners of Solid Rock Athletics, Kyle and Katie Ward, presented their current business structure and informed the board of the substantial growth and community support they have received since opening in April 2021. The Ward's are eagerly looking to relocate the business so that they have room for more growth. They are particularly interested in the Indian Springs property but are open to suggestions. The Ward's left the DAOMC with a packet to review.

Executive Directors Report

Executive Director Joyce White informed the Board of her meetings and visits over the past month. These visits and meetings included Triple Point Engineering whose principal lives in Forsyth but they operate out of Macon. Triple Point would like the opportunity to work with Monroe. Mrs. White met with Laura Mathis, attended the One Monroe Meeting, and also met with Tyler Harper who is running for Georgia Ag Commissioner. Mr. Phil Ham set up meetings for Director White to meet with Central GA EMC's CEO and President George Weaver and COO Ben Thomason along with others of the Executive team. Executive Director White met with Tiffany Andrews and participated in the workforce development simulator that Mrs. Andrews was hosting in Macon. Mrs. White met with Matt Autry, ACCG, to discuss IRMA Insurance that is paid each year. She wanted to investigate as it was \$9K this year. Mrs. White attended the Monroe County Bicentennial Celebration where she spoke with Governor Kemp, Susan Holmes, Robert Dickey and other officials. Her main objective was speaking with Governor Kemp about any potential light manufacturing opportunities to please consider Monroe County. Ms. White attended the Fiber lighting and then lunch with the attendees. This was hosted by Central GA EMC. She was able to spend some time with Burt Jones, Susan Holmes, Robert Dickey, Commissioner Christopher Nunn and Dennis Chastain CEO of EMC and Central EMC Board Members. Ms. White attended lunch with Don Daniel, Pam Davis and Rebecca Stone of the Forsyth-Monroe County Chamber of Commerce. She also attended a virtual 4-hour training seminar that was hosted by Mickey Daniel. Mr. Rope Roberts of Georgia Power led the discussion and presentations. It was centered around housing, the theme being that was centered around smaller homes that are most in demand. She attended a meeting at City Hall with former Commissioner of DCA Mike Beatty, City Manager, Janice Hall, Mayor Eric Wilson, Mr. Bazemore and Commissioner Eddie Rowland regarding the needs of the city/county. She also met with Eric Wilson privately and subsequently with Janice Hall to discuss working together with potential projects where water/sewer is needed. Director White virtually met with Cherie Bennett of DCA regarding incentives for Monroe County. The representative for this area (Tonya Mole) and Ms. White are meeting this upcoming week. She also attended the check presentation wherein the DAOMC received a \$11.1K from Central Georgia EMC. Ms. White met with Governor Kemp's Middle Georgia Representative, Blake Poole to discuss Monroe County. She also briefly met Pastor Bill Beard/Forsyth Methodist Church.

Executive Session

Started 9:11 a.m. Motion to begin executive session made by Mr. Jim Cole. Mr. Wendell Horne seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Ended 9:19a.m. Motion to exit executive session made by Mr. Greg Head. Mr. Wendell Horne seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously

Chairman Tom Baugh called for a motion to approve the expenditure of \$20K in order for Executive Director White to procure information and/or hire developer to obtain information needed for available properties. Mr. Jim Cole made a motion to approve the expenditure of \$20K in order for Mrs. White to procure information and/or hire developer to obtain information needed for available properties. Mr. Phil Ham seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Other Business

The Board discussed developing plans for the available properties and areas. Having plans and information readily available that match the vision of the DAOMC has for each particular property, will be beneficial.

Adjournment

Chairman Tom Baugh called for a motion to adjourn at 9:30 a.m. Mr. Larry Evans made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Wendell Horne seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully
Submitted:

Brandy Boynton
Joyce White