



DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF MONROE COUNTY

199 East Main Street

Regular Board Meeting
February 9, 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 February 9, 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, Greg Head-Assistant Secretary/Treasurer, Directors-Wendell Horne, George Emami, Phil Ham, Craig Craddock, Michael Leverett and Bob Harris-Attorney
Staff present were Bo Gregory-President, Brandy Boynton-Admin

Meeting Called to Order

Chairman Tom Baugh called the meeting to order at 8:32 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 January meeting. Mr. Phil Ham made a motion to approve the minutes from the January meeting. 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 January. Mr. Greg Head made a motion to approve the financials. Mr. Phil Ham seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

New Business

Mr. Tom Baugh informed the board that he spoke with Mr. Daniel/GA Power Economic Development. The rumors of plants closing seem to have some truth to them. Plant Wansley and Plant Scherer could be shut down as early as 2022. All coal plants could be shut down within the next 10 years. Mr. Baugh stated that he hopes and plans to have Mr. Daniel visit with the DAOMC along with the MC Commissioners soon on the subject.

Mr. George Emami updated the board on the recent fiber internet project with EMC and Monroe County. He stated that EMC could have the fiber internet run within the next 10-12 months in the county. Mr. Emami, Mr. Ham and Mr. Head attended the announcement on February 8th held in Atlanta.

Old Business

None

President's Report

President Bo Gregory advises the Board that the College and Career Academy no longer needs the DAOMC land. Mr. Gregory has sent the GPSTC Directors letter to all legislation representatives in regards to the roundabout. He gave a brief update of where this stands currently and what has been done since November as requested by Mr. Jim Cole. Mr. Gregory advised that the county funding check will be cut this week for \$21,250 after discussions with the county, city and commissions. With an average of \$8,392.00 per month, the taxes/Tushar should be paid back within 23 months. Mr. Gregory met with Grant Cagle of ECG the week of the 26th. He also met with the new owners of the Newton property, (Panattoni Development Group) Drew Nation-Development Manager and Lee Caldwell-Colliers. Mr. Gregory shared the video, brochure and layout boards that they shared with him. Mr. Gregory stated that he attended the fiber internet announcement held in ATL and was able to speak with all legislation representatives. He also mentioned that the film industry may have interest in shooting in MC mid-April for a few days. Five Below has employed their max number and currently employs 177.

Executive Session

Started 9:01 a.m. Motion to begin executive session made by Mr. Wendell Horne. Mr. Michael Leverett seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Ended 9:35 a.m. Motion to exit executive session made by Mr. Greg Head. Mr. Wendell Horne seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Other Business

None

Adjournment

Chairman Tom Baugh called for a motion to adjourn at 9:36 a.m. Mr. Greg Head made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Phil Ham seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted:

Brandy Boynton