

MINUTES
HARRISON COUNTY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
September 26, 2017

The regular September meeting of the Harrison County Development Commission was called to order at 1:30 pm on Tuesday September 26, 2017 in the Conference Room of the Harrison County Development Commission located at 12281 Intraplex Parkway, Gulfport, Mississippi.

Commissioners present: President Mark Schloegel, Brian Gollott (entered as noted), John "Shorty" Sneed, Frankie Castiglia, John Atherton (exited as noted), Sam LaRosa, Cliff Kirkland (exited as noted), Rip Daniels (entered and exited as noted), Jimmy Levens (entered as noted), Warren Conway (exited as noted) and Sharon Bentz-Mustered (exited as noted).
Commissioners absent: Jennifer Burke

Staff members present: Executive Director Bill Hessel, Wade Jones, Paula Delcambre, Dana Burdine, Marcia Crawford, Brandi Hough and Michelle Walker as recording secretary. Dr. Stephen Whitt, Executive Director with the Innovation Center was also present.

Consultants present: Legal Counsel Jim Simpson and Don Clark with DCC Consultants.

The media was notified of this meeting.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Schloegel called the meeting to order at this time.

II. AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS

Commissioner Castiglia made a motion adding the land sale to the agenda and seconded by Commissioner Sneed. After discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

III. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Cindy Lamb with Pickering Firm, Kent Jones and Connie Rockco with Harrison County Board of Supervisors, Leonard Busby and Brent Busby with Busby Signs, Dan Adams and Scott Yate with Lamar Advertising, Jade Ferguson and Brad Ferguson with Mississippi Public Service Commission, Brandon Paine with Paine Group and Chip Westbrook with Page, Mannino, Peresich & McDermott, PLLC.
(Commissioner Levens, Daniels and Gollott entered at this time)

IV. MEETING MINUTES

Motion was made by Commissioner Conway and seconded by Commissioner Castiglia to acknowledge receipt and approve the Board of Commissioners regular meeting minutes from August 22, 2017. After discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

- **Executive Director Search – Executive Session**

Commissioner Conway made a motion to consider going into Executive Session to discuss personnel. After discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Castiglia made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel and seconded by Commissioner Conway. After discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

Entered into Executive Session 1:50pm.

Exited Executive Session 2:40pm.

No action taken.

Mark Schloegel made a motion to negotiate with Bill Lavers for the Executive Director's position and seconded by Commissioner Conway. After discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

(Commissioner Bentz-Mustered and Conway exited at this time)
(Commissioner Conway via phone)

- Commissioner Atherton made a motion to consider going into Executive Session to discuss billboard lease sale of land and seconded by Commissioner Sneed. After discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Castiglia made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss billboard lease sale of land and seconded by Commissioner Atherton. After discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

Entered into Executive Session 2:42pm.

Exited Executive Session 3:43pm.

No action taken.

V. Vote Items

- **Land Sale 1 Acre**

Commissioner Castiglia made a motion to sale 1 acre of land in the amount of \$27,500.00 and seconded by Commissioner Atherton. After discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

- **DCC Consultants, LLC (Don Clark) Request for Increase**
Commissioner Sneed made a motion to discuss the DCC Consultant request for increase and seconded by Commissioner Castiglia.
Commissioner LaRosa made a motion to propose an increase by 7% and seconded by Commissioner Daniels. After discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

A. Finance

- **Operations Financial Statements for August 2017**
Commissioner LaRosa made the motion to approve all Operation statements for July 2017 and Commissioner Levens seconded the motion. After discussion, the motion carried unanimously.
- **Utilities Financial Statements for August 2017**
Commissioner LaRosa made the motion to approve all Utility statements for July 2017 and Commissioner Levens seconded the motion. After discussion, the motion carried unanimously.
- **Operations Claims for August 2017**
Commissioner LaRosa made a motion to approve all claims for Operations adding Walker Jones in the amount of \$13,801.00 and Southland Heating and Air in the amount of \$10,167.72 bringing the operations total in the amount of \$90,756.76 for July 2017 and Commissioner Daniels seconded the motion. After discussion, the motion carried unanimously.
- **Utilities Claims for August 2017**
Commissioner LaRosa made the motion to approve all claims for Utilities for July 2017 and Commissioner Daniels seconded the motion. After discussion, the motion carried unanimously.
- **Approve Revised 2016 Consolidated Budget**
Commissioner LaRosa made a motion to approve the consolidated budget as presented and seconded by Commissioner Daniels. After discussion, the motion carried unanimously.
- **Approve Revised 2016 Water/Sewer Budget**
Commissioner LaRosa made a motion to approve the water/sewer budget as presented and seconded by Commissioner Daniels. After discussion, the motion carried unanimously.
(Commissioner Daniels, Kirkland and Atherton exited at this time)
(At this point in the meeting there was no quorum and no farther official action was taken)

COMMITTEE REPORTS

B. Marketing & Industrial

Wade Jones Report

Wade Jones gave an update on Marketing.

C. Innovation Center

Stephen Whitt provided a report on the current status of the Innovation Center.

D. Administrative, Engineering & Maintenance

VI. Directors Report

Bill Hessel gave a written director's report.

VII. Old/New Business

- **Roy Anderson**

Legal Counsel Jim Simpson gave an update on Roy Anderson deed.

VIII. ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 4:10 pm.



Mark Schloegel, President



John "Shorty" Sneed, Secretary