

MINUTES
HARRISON COUNTY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
January 23, 2020

A special called meeting of the Harrison County Development Commission was called to order at 8:20 am on Thursday, Jan. 23rd, 2020 at Harrison County Development Commission, Gulfport, Mississippi.

The Commissioners present were: President Jimmy Levens, Frank Bordeaux, and Frankie Castiglia. Present by conference call were Commissioners Mark Schloegel, Jennifer Burke, Mike Leonard, John Shorty Sneed, Rip Daniels, Brian Gollott and Warren Conway.

The staff members present: Executive Director Bill Lavers, and Michelle McGraw as recording secretary.

Consultants present: Legal Counsel Jim Simpson by conference call.

I. Call to Order and Declare a Quorum (Levens, President)

The media was notified of this meeting via the Sun Herald and our <http://mscoast.org> website.

II. Items Requiring Vote

- Land Sale "Project Robin" 322.15 acres in NHIP. President Jimmy Levens presented the sale and a discussion took place. Jim Simpson explained the Resolutions were changed to match the Option part of the agreement. Jim also stated he believed there was an error in the contract giving the first option money to the title company. He believes it is supposed to state to the seller not the title company. He recommended that change be made. Jim also brought up the agreement states at the end of the contract it states they can purchase up to, at that amount. He said they could exercise that option and instead of purchasing 322.15 acres only purchase 95% and leave us the wetlands.

Discussion took place and the recommendation was made to approve the land sale with the purchase option up to, at that amount be removed and changed to include all 322.15 acres at the price of THREE MILLION FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND AND NO/100 DOLLARS (\$3,500,000) or nothing, and the first option money to be given to seller not the title company.

- The Motion was made by Commissioner Rip Daniel to approve the revisions required and approve the land sale. It was seconded by Commissioner Warren Conway. No further discussion took place.

A Roll call vote took place. 9 Affirmative votes.

Commissioner Jimmy Levens, Brian Gollott, John (Shorty) Sneed, Mike Leonard, Rip Daniels, Warren Conway, Frankie Castiglia, Jennifer Burke, Frank Bordeaux, and Mark Schloegel voted Aye. The resolution carried unanimously.

- Land Sale "Project Batman" 71.38 acres in BBID. President Jimmy Levens presented the sale which mirrors the previous land sale and recommended the same requirements be made to approve the purchase.

Brief discussion took place and the recommendation was made to approve the land sale with the same requirements as Project Robin for the price of THREE MILLION SEVEN HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND AND NO/100 DOLLARS (\$3,750,000).

- The Motion was made by Commissioner Rip Daniels to approve the revisions required and approve the land sale and it was seconded by Commissioner John Shorty Sneed. No further discussion took place.

A Roll call vote took place. 9 Affirmative votes.

Commissioner Jimmy Levens, Brian Gollott, John (Shorty) Sneed, Mike Leonard, Rip Daniels, Warren Conway, Frankie Castiglia, Jennifer Burke, Frank Bordeaux, and Mark Schloegel voted Aye. The resolution carried unanimously.

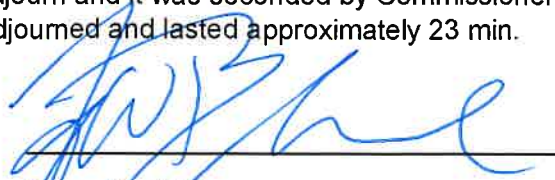
Innovation Center Recommendation

President Jimmy Levens brought up the 60-day recommendation we agreed to give is running out. He has asked Bill and Michelle to schedule another meeting to be held here at the HCDC on Feb 28th to give an update and include the Board of Supervisors before we do anything and talk to them first. Bill Lavers commented we have spent the money we had budgeted, the \$24,000.00 is already spent for the Innovation Center and there is nothing being done by the GBDEF in the transactions. We had a break in the other day into Jay Lee's space they didn't even know about. Bill made the recommendation we cancel the contract with GBDEF and withdraw out appointees to that board and take over the management of the building. The decision was made to send a letter to the Board of Supervisors to give them an update before making the recommendation to cancel the contract with a 60-day notice. Commissioner Jennifer Burke commented, a draft letter needed to be created for the tenants so as soon as word starts spreading, we need to give them the update before it gets ugly.

X. ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Commission, Commissioner Frankie Castiglia made a Motion to adjourn and it was seconded by Commissioner Frank Bordeaux. The meeting was adjourned and lasted approximately 23 min.


Frankie Castiglia, President


Frank Bordeaux, Secretary