

MINUTES
HARRISON COUNTY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
October 20, 2020

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Harrison County Development Commission was called to order at 8:25 am on Tuesday, October 20, 2020, at Harrison County Development Commission, Gulfport, Mississippi.

The Commissioners present were: Jennifer Burke, Jimmy Levens, John "Shorty" Sneed, Brian Gollott, and Mark Schloegel. Via phone conference President Frankie Castiglia, Frank Bordeaux, Windy Swetman, Rip Daniels, and Warren Conway (arrived late).

Commissioners Absent: Sharon Bentz and Mike Leonard.

The staff members present were: Executive Director Bill Lavers, Gia Blackwell, Lori Frazier, Brandi Hough, Marcia Crawford and Michelle McGraw as recording secretary.

Consultants present: Legal Counsel Jim Simpson.

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

I. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE – OPEN MEETING & CALL TO ORDER

After the Invocation and pledge, Vice President Jimmy Levens opened the meeting and called to order at this time, and acknowledged the public notice was given.

II. AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS

Commissioner Jimmy Levens added:

- Executive Session to discuss personnel and a contract.

The Motion was made by Commissioner Jennifer Burke to approve the agenda adjustments and it was seconded by Commissioner Frank Bordeaux. There was no discussion, all in favor of Ayes and the Motion carried.

III. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Alexander | Van Loon | Sloan | Levens | Favre, PLLC

Certified Public Accountants and Business Consultants

September 30, 2019 Financial Audit Complete – Exhibit B

The Motion was made by Commissioner Mark Schloegel to approve the September 2019 Financial Audit and it was seconded by Commissioner John "Shorty" Sneed. There was brief discussion, all in favor of Ayes and the Motion carried.

IV. MEETING MINUTES

The Motion was made by Commissioner John "Shorty" Sneed to approve the minutes for September 22, 2020, of the regularly called meeting and it was seconded by Commissioner Brian Gollott. There was no discussion, all in favor of Ayed and the Motion carried.

V. *Vote Items*

Resolution for TNJ Purchase offer for the ditch next door of \$8,000.00

The Motion was made by Commissioner Rip Daniels to approve and adopt the resolution to purchase half of the ditch for \$8,000.00 and it was seconded by Commissioner Mark Schloegel.

There was no further discussion, a roll call was taken and the Motion received the affirmative vote of the Commissioners as follows:

Yeas: 9 - Jennifer Burke, Jimmy Levens, John "Shorty" Sneed, Brian Gollott, and Mark Schloegel, President Frankie Castiglia, Frank Bordeaux, Windy Swetman, and Rip Daniels.

Nays: 0

Resolution for Bald Eagle Development LLC Purchase offer of \$501,000.00

The Motion was made by Commissioner Windy Swetman to approve and adopt the resolution to purchase. It was seconded by Commissioner John "Shorty" Sneed.

There was no further discussion, a roll call was taken and the Motion received a failed vote of the Commissioners as follows:

Yeas: 8 - Jimmy Levens, Brian Gollott, Mike Leonard, Frankie Castiglia, John "Shorty" Sneed, Windy Swetman, Rip Daniels, and Mark Schloegel.

Nays: 1 - Frank Bordeaux

Resolution for Flowers Link LLC Purchase offer of \$130,000.00

The Motion was made by Commissioner Rip Daniels to table the resolution till it can be modified; it was seconded by Commissioner Frank Bordeaux.

There was no discussion, all in favor of Ayed and the Motion carried.

Resolution for an Interlocal Agreement with Harrison County for materials

The Motion was made by Commissioner Jennifer Burke to approve and adopt the resolution for an Interlocal Agreement with Harrison County; it was seconded by Commissioner Mark Schloegel.

There was no further discussion, a roll call was taken and the Motion received the affirmative vote of the Commissioners as follows:

Yeas: 8 - Jennifer Burke, Jimmy Levens, John "Shorty" Sneed, Brian Gollott, and Mark Schloegel, President Frankie Castiglia, Frank Bordeaux, and Windy Swetman.

Nays: 0

(Rip Daniels left the meeting)

Emergency Declaration to repair Pump Station 7

Executive Director Bill Lavers explained the details of why this was an emergency repair. Sewage was filled up and had to be pumped manually. Pump station 7 stopped working and if not repaired immediately sewage would over flow. It was determined an emergency.

- **Finance**

Commissioner Jennifer Burke made a Motion to approve Exhibit F, G; it was seconded by Commissioner John Shorty Sneed. No further discussion took place, all in favor of Ayed and the Motion carried.

COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES

A. Marketing & Industrial

- Corporate Court Lots and Street - Tabled

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B. Administrative, Engineering & Maintenance

- Water 5% rate increase to \$2.43 and Sewer rate increase to \$4.00 per/1000 gallons. Discussion took place.

Commissioner Mark Schloegel made the Motion to approve the water rate increase of 5% and the sewer rate increase to \$4.00 per/1000 gallons to customers using under 1 million gallons per month. Customers using over 1 million gallons of sewer per month will have a tiered rate increase of \$1.00 each year to match the \$4.00 rate. This rate increase will go into effect January 1st 2021. It was seconded by Commissioner John Shorty Sneed. All in favor of Ayed and the Motion carried.

- HCDC fence estimate - Discussion took place and the Commission decided to wait till they received 2 more quotes before discussing any further.
- Rail update – No real update.
- Harrison County Jail trash interceptor project – Discussion took place, talks will continue to come up with a solution.

VI. Directors Report

No discussion took place.

Executive Session:

Commissioner John Shorty Sneed made a Motion to determine the need to close the meeting and go into executive session for personnel matters. Commissioner Mark Schloegel seconded the Motion, all in favor of Aye and the Motion Carried.

The members came out of the closed session, determined there was a need to go into the executive session to discuss personnel and a contract. Commissioner Sneed moved to go into executive session for that purpose; seconded by Commissioner Schloegel. All members vote aye.

The Executive Session began at 9:45 am and ended at 10:17 am.

The action was taken to approve Executive Bill Lavers raise. No other action was taken in the executive session.

VII. Old/New Business

NA

VIII. Legal

NA

IX. Announcements/Notices

Next Board of Commission Meeting: Nov 17, 2020 @ 8:15 a.m.

- **Next Engineering and Marketing Committee Meeting Nov 30, 2020, 4:00 p. m.**
- **Next Engineering Committee Meeting Dec 1, 2020, 8:30 a.m.**

X. ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Commission, Commissioner Jennifer Burke made a Motion to adjourn and it was seconded by Commissioner Mark Schloegel. The meeting was adjourned at 10:19 am on October 20, 2020.


Frankie Castiglia, President


Frank Bordeaux, Secretary