

**MINUTES
HARRISON COUNTY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
December 17, 2020**

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Harrison County Development Commission was called to order at 11:45 am on Thursday, December 17, 2020, at Harrison County Development Commission, Gulfport, Mississippi.

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

Commissioners Absent: Sharon Bentz.

The staff members present were: Executive Director Bill Lavers, Gia Blackwell, Lori Frazier, Brandi Hough, Marcia Crawford Jason Gibson, 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 of Allegiance, President Frankie Castiglia opened the meeting and called to order at this time, and acknowledged the public notice was given.

II. AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS

NA

III. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Bald Eagle Developments – Jacque Pucheu, Will Symmes, and David Cospilich. Steve Brodis from the Oak Island neighborhood and Jonathan Dial as attorney representing certain Oak Island residences and neighbors where he lives.

IV. MEETING MINUTES

The motion was made by Commissioner Mike Leonard to approve the minutes for November 17, 2020, of the regularly called meeting and it was seconded by Commissioner Mark Schloegel. There was no discussion, all in favor of Ayed and the motion carried.

V. *Vote Items*

Rail RFP

The motion was made by Commissioner Mark Schloegel to approve to move forward allowing staff and attorney Jim Simpson to negotiate the term of the operational agreement based on the proposal received by Rock Island Railroad; it was seconded by Commissioner Jimmy Levens.

Commissioner Windy Swetman state for discussion purposes to clarify this was the only proposal received and they are a reproable firm and good honest brokers. Jim Simpson also stated his firm has a contract with them. Windy Swetman said this will be a good deal for us to move forward.

No further discussion took place, all in favor of Ayed and the motion carried.

Resolution for Bald Eagle Development Purchase offer of \$500,000.00

The survey is not complete so the item was tabled.

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

The motion was made by Commissioner Warren Conway to table the vote till January 2021 and a vote will take place at that time; it was seconded by Commissioner Jennifer Burke.

No further discussion took place, all in favor of Ayed with 1 Nay, the motion carried.

Resolution for McCabe Purchase offer of \$21,000.00 for 24 acres of wetlands.

The motion was made by Commissioner Brian Gollott to approve and adopt the resolution to purchase. It was seconded by Commissioner Mike Leonard.

There was no further discussion, a roll call was taken and the motion passed with the affirmative vote of the Commissioners as follows:

Yeas: 10 - President Frankie Castiglia, Jimmy Levens, Brian Gollott, Mike Leonard and Mark Schloegel, Windy Swetman, Rip Daniels, Jennifer Burke, via phone conference, John "Shorty" Sneed and Warren Conway.

Nays: 0

Resolution for Jeck Quality Homes Purchase off of \$62,000.00 for 2 acres in Long Beach, MS.

The motion was made by Commissioner Mike Leonard to approve and adopt the resolution; it was seconded by Commissioner Jennifer Burke.

There was no further discussion, a roll call was taken and the motion passed with the affirmative vote of the Commissioners as follows:

Yeas: 10 - President Frankie Castiglia, Jimmy Levens, Brian Gollott, Mike Leonard and Mark Schloegel, Windy Swetman, Rip Daniels, Jennifer Burke, via phone conference, John "Shorty" Sneed and Warren Conway.

Nays: 0

- **Finance**

Commissioner Jennifer Burke made a motion to approve Exhibit G & H; it was seconded by Commissioner Jimmy Levens. No further discussion took place, all in favor of Ayed and the motion carried.

COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES

A. Marketing & Industrial

- Corporate Court Lots and Street – Bill Lavers gave the update; we have 1 sale approved for Flowers Link and a pending contract for Lot H. We have completed the paperwork needed to put in a road for this new subdivision.

COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES

B. Administrative, Engineering & Maintenance

- Rail update – this was given previously in the RFP for Rail.
- Bill Lavers gave an update on the Harrison County Jail trash interceptor project that will cost \$60,000.00. The Commissioners recommended we submit a resolution for the project cost to the Board of Supervisors and ask them how to fund it.
- C1 – Update – Bill Lavers stated we have a potential 2nd bid to contract this site now that it is finished and set up thanks to Jason Gibson's hard work. Bill will email the drone video done showing the completion of the spoil area.

VI. Directors Report

Bill Lavers gave his report. Bill will be attending the zoning hearing for Rail and update on the new plat submitted for the subdivision in Long Beach. Bill also stated how much Jason Gibson has been an asset to the HCDC helping to fix many issues without hesitation and gone above and beyond expectations.

Marcia Crawford gave her report.

No discussion took place.

VII. Old/New Business

NA

VIII. Legal


IX. Announcements/Notices

Next Board of Commission Meeting: January 12, 2021 @ 8:15 a.m.

- **Next Engineering and Marketing Committee Meeting Jan 4, 2021, 4:00 p. m.**
- **Next Engineering Committee Meeting Jan 5, 2021, 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 Jimmy Levens. The meeting was adjourned at 1:20 pm on December 17, 2020, and lasted 1 hour and 35 minutes.



Frankie Castiglia Jr., President



John Sneed, Secretary