

MINUTES
HARRISON COUNTY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
March 9, 2021

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Harrison County Development Commission was called to order at 8:27 am on Tuesday, March 9, 2021, at Harrison County Development Commission, Gulfport, Mississippi.

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

Commissioners Absent: Rip Daniels.

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

Consultant's 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

President Frankie Castiglia announced the adjustments.
Resolution - Beck Lewis First Right of Refusal was tabled.
Invoice for Land Shapers was added under claims in finance.
The need to go into the executive session was added.

The Motion was made by Commissioner Jimmy Levens to approve the adjustments and Commissioner Mike Leonard seconded it. All in favor of Ayes and the Motion carried.

III. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

NA

IV. MEETING MINUTES

The motion was made by Commissioner Jimmy Levens to approve the minutes for February 9, 2021, of the regularly called meeting and it was seconded by Commissioner Brian Gollott. There was no discussion, all in favor of Ayes and the motion carried.

V. Vote Items

SMCPC - \$15,000.00 request to support Economic Impact to Harrison County

Commissioner Mark Schloegel went on the record to state we are spending public money to train the public on how to get public contracts.

The motion was made by Commissioner John Sneed to approve the request to support the SMCPC and it was seconded by Commissioner Jimmy Levens.

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

Resolution for Edrington Greenscapes Lease to Purchase 2.50 acres LB

The motion was made by Commissioner Mark Schloegel to approve and adopt the resolution for the lease to purchase. It was seconded by Commissioner Jimmy Levens.

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, Mark Schloegel, Windy Swetman, Sharon Bentz, Jennifer Burke, John "Shorty" Sneed, and Warren Conway.

Nays: 0

Commissioner Sharon Bentz joined the call at this time.

Resolution for Roy Properties LLC Purchase of 2.78 acres LB

The motion was made by Commissioner Jimmy Levens to approve and adopt the resolution for the 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, Mark Schloegel, Windy Swetman, Sharon Bentz, Jennifer Burke, John "Shorty" Sneed, and Warren Conway.

Nays: 0

Resolution for Flowers Link LLC Purchase of 1.72 acres BBID

The motion was made by Commissioner Jimmy Levens to approve and adopt the resolution for the 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, Mark Schloegel, Windy Swetman, Sharon Bentz, Jennifer Burke, John "Shorty" Sneed, and Warren Conway.

Nays: 0

**Resolution for Jeck Quality Homes LLC First Right of Refusal 5 acres LB
\$125,000.00**

The motion was made by Commissioner Mike Leonard to approve and adopt the resolution for the first right of refusal and leave the purchase price blank in order to match an offer that may come in. It was seconded by Commissioner Jimmy Levens.

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, Mark Schloegel, Windy Swetman, Sharon Bentz, Jennifer Burke, John "Shorty" Sneed, and Warren Conway.

Nays: 0

• **Finance**

Commissioner Jennifer Burke made a motion to approve Exhibit H & I; it was seconded by Commissioner Mark Schloegel. No further discussion took place, all in favor of Ayes and the motion carried.

Commissioner Mike Leonard asked about the Seawall Tax. Discussion took place and Executive Bill Lavers explained it is a complicated process and the money is there we haven't accessed it. We stated we have been operating on sales and revenue, not any money from the seawall tax collected.

COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES

A. Marketing & Industrial

Executive Director Bill Lavers presented the new wall art made for the office to promote the coast.

The HCDC on April 6th will host the Stratasys Tour 3D Printing Mobile Showroom.

Commissioner Mark Schloegel said he would update the board on the Seawall Tax in the upcoming meetings.

COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES

B. Administrative, Engineering & Maintenance

Executive Bill Lavers updated the board with the estimated cost of the Tank Demo to be about \$28,000.00 to complete.

Water and Sewer Forms and Policy Updates

The Motion was made by Commissioner Jimmy Levens to approve and adopt the updated forms and policies. It was seconded by Commissioner Mike Leonard.

- Service Application for Contractor Hydrant Meter Permit

- Service Application for Existing Meter.

- Service Application for New Utility Installation.

- Revised Water and Sewer Policy & Flyer

All forms will be uploaded to our website for customer access.

Beacon Cellular Quote for new meters for the top 20 accounts.

The Motion was made by Commissioner Jimmy Levens to continue with the 2nd quote and it was seconded by Commissioner Mark Schloegel. All in favor of Ayed and the Motion carried.

HCDC request for 2 new-zero turn mowers – Quote for the mowers came in at \$10,670.00 for each.

HCDC request for 1 new truck – Quote for dodge is \$37,000.00

Executive Bill Lavers said we have already budgeted \$70,000.00 to pay for them.

The Motion was made by Commissioner John Sneed to approve the purchase of the mowers and the truck. It was seconded by Commissioner Windy Swetman.

Contract approval for Joseph Higginbotham as the HCDC Water Operator

The Motion was made by Commissioner Jimmy Levens to approve the contract with Joseph Higginbotham as the new Water Operator. It was seconded by Commissioner Mike Leonard. All in favor of Ayed and the Motion carried.

Trash Interceptor, Lift station and C1 updates were given by Executive Bill Lavers. Cameras will be installed to enhance security.

Bid Updates

Electrical Bid was put out but has to be redone.

VI. Directors Report

Bill Lavers gave his report.

Marcia Crawford gave her report.

Brandi Hough gave her report. A brief discussion took place on an upcoming project with MDA.

VII. Old/New Business

The motion was made by Commissioner John "Shorty" Sneed to determine the need to go into executive session for real estate negotiations. It was seconded by Commissioner Briain Gollott. There was no discussion, all in favor of Ayed and the motion carried.

Jimmy Levens made the motion to close the meeting and go into executive session, it was seconded by Mike Leonard. There was no discussion, all in favor of Ayed and the motion carried.

Executive Session began at 9:35 am and ended at 9:50 am. No action was taken at this time.

VIII. Legal

IX. Announcements/Notices

Next Board of Commission Meeting April 13, 2021 @ 8:15 a.m.

Next Marketing & Engineering meeting March 24, 2021 @ 8:15 a.m.

X. ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Commission, Commissioner Jimmy Levens made a motion to adjourn and it was seconded by Commissioner John Sneed. The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 a.m. on March 9th, 2021.



Frankie Castiglia Jr., President



John Sneed, Secretary