

**MINUTES
HARRISON COUNTY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
January 31, 2025**

A special meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held on Friday, January 31, 2025, at 8:35 am at the Harrison County Development Commission in Gulfport, Mississippi.

The Commissioners present and constituting a quorum were Billy Thornton, Mike Leonard, Rip Daniels, Ollie Bailey Jr., Windy Swetman, Jimmy Levens, James Moody, Mark Schloegel, John Carter, and Frankie Castiglia Jr.

The Commissioners absent: Warren Conway and Brian Gollott.

The staff members present were Executive Director Bill Lavers, Brandi Hough, Collin Caranna, Lori Frazier, and Michelle McGraw, who was the recording secretary.

The consultants present are legal counsel David Duhé and Victoria Neal.

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

After the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance and the acknowledgment of the public notice, Commissioner Jimmy Levens established a quorum and called to order, and the meeting opened at this time.

II. AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS

III. *Vote Items*

Resolution Covenant Release for Jenkins A. Avenue Long Beach.

Commissioner Billy Thornton motioned to approve, and Commissioner Frankie Castiglia Jr. seconded it. There was no discussion; a roll call took place with the affirmative vote of the Commissioners as follows:

Yeas 10 Billy Thornton, Mike Leonard, Rip Daniels, Ollie Bailey Jr., Windy Swetman, Jimmy Levens, James Moody, Mark Schloegel, John Carter, and Frankie Castiglia Jr.

Nays 0

There was no discussion; all favored aye, and the motion carried.

Resolution Keith Huber Ad Valorem Tax Exemption.

Commissioner Frankie Castiglia Jr. motioned to approve, and Commissioner James Moody seconded it. There was no discussion; all favored aye, and the motion carried.

Resolution Gulf Coast Pre-Stress Freeport Warehouse Exemption.

Commissioner Rip Daniels. motioned to approve, and Commissioner James Moody seconded it. There was no discussion; all favored aye, and the motion carried.

Resolution Chemours Freeport Warehouse Exemption.

Commissioner Mark Schloegel. Motioned to approve, and Commissioner Ollie Bailey Jr. seconded it. There was no discussion; all favored aye, and the motion carried.

Resolution Soprema Inc. Freeport Warehouse Exemption.

Commissioner Mark Schloegel. Motioned to approve, and Commissioner James Moody seconded it. There was no discussion; all favored aye, and the motion carried.

IV. ADJOURN

There was no further business before the Commission. Commissioner James Moody motioned to adjourn, and Commissioner Mark Schloegel seconded it. The meeting adjourned at 8:44 am on January 31, 2025.



Billy Thornton, President



Windy Swetman III, Secretary