

MINUTES
HARRISON COUNTY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
February 19, 2025

A regularly called meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held on Wednesday, February 19, 2025, at 1:00 p.m., at the Harrison County Development Commission, Gulfport, Mississippi.

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

The Commissioners absent: John Carter, Warren Conway, and Rip Daniels, Brian Gollott

The staff members present were: Bill Lavers, Executive Director, Brandi Hough, Deputy Director, Jason Gibson, P.E., Director of Engineering, Lori Frazier, Chief Financial Officer and Director of Human Resources, Pamela Washington, Utility Billing and Project Management Specialist, Colin Caranna, Director of Marketing and Government Affairs, Michelle McGraw, Relationship Manager

The legal counsel/consultants present were: David Duhé, and Victoria Neal

Non-legal consultants present: None

Guests present: Rachel Giodona, Institute for Marine Mammal Studies, Wayne O’Neal, S & J Leasing, LLC d/b/a A & J Leasing, LLC

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public notice of this meeting was posted on the <https://mscoast.org> website.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE – OPEN MEETING & CALL TO ORDER

After the invocation, Pledge of Allegiance, and acknowledgment of the public notice, Billy Thornton called to order, and the meeting opened at 1:03 p.m.

AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS

Executive session was held to discuss the following: (i) transaction of business and discussion regarding the prospective purchase, sale or leasing of lands and (ii) strategy sessions or negotiations with respect to prospective litigation.

Commissioner Jimmy Levens motioned to approve the agenda adjustments, and Commissioner James Moody seconded it. There was no discussion; all favored Aye, and the motion carried.

MEETING MINUTES

Commissioner Jimmy Levens motioned to approve the **January 15, 2025**, regular meeting minutes and the **January 31, 2025**, special called meeting minutes, seconded by Commissioner James Moody. There was no discussion, and all favored Aye, and the motion carried.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS / COMMENTS

None

VOTE ITEMS

1. **RESOLUTION** authorizing and approving the execution of a Notice of Exercise and a Second Addendum with respect to that certain Option and Real Estate Purchase Agreement made by and between the Harrison County Development Commission and Gulf South Technology Center, LLC

Commissioner Jimmy Levens motioned to approve, and Commissioner James Moody seconded the motion. After discussion, a roll call took place with the affirmative vote of the Commissioners as follows:

Yeas: 8 – Billy F. Thornton, Jr., James Moody, Mike Leonard, Ollie Bailey Jr., Windy Swetman, III, Jimmy Levens, Mark Schloegel, and Frank Castiglia Jr.

Nays: 0

2. **RESOLUTION** authorizing and approving a project to pave an industrial court to intersect with “A” Avenue in the City of Long Beach, Mississippi, for the benefit of future industrial development of Commission Property, contingent upon the fulfillment of certain deed requirements by the anticipated anchor property owner

Commissioner Jimmy Levens motioned to approve, and Commissioner Frank Castiglia Jr. seconded it. After discussion, a roll call took place with the affirmative vote of the Commissioners as follows:

Yeas: 8 – Billy F. Thornton, Jr., James Moody, Mike Leonard, Ollie Bailey Jr., Windy Swetman, III, Jimmy Levens, Mark Schloegel, and Frank Castiglia Jr.

Nays: 0

3. **RESOLUTION** to credit the water and sewer account of Customer No. HC101801 in the amount of One Thousand Three Hundred Two And 79/100 Dollars (\$1,302.79) due to running water that was unreachable as a result of Winter Storm Enzo

Commissioner Jimmy Levens motioned to approve, and Commissioner Frank Castiglia Jr. seconded it. After discussion, a roll call took place with the affirmative vote of the Commissioners as follows:

Yeas: 8 – Billy F. Thornton, Jr., James Moody, Mike Leonard, Ollie Bailey Jr., Windy Swetman, III, Jimmy Levens, Mark Schloegel, and Frank Castiglia Jr.

Nays: 0

FINANCIAL REPORT

Commissioner Jimmy Levens motioned to approve the January 2025 operations, utilities, and capital financial statements and claims. Commissioner Frank Castiglia, Jr. seconded the motion. No further discussion occurred; all Commissioners present voted favorably, and the motion passed.

COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES

Marketing, Industrial, Administrative, Engineering & Maintenance

Discussed Bulkhead project updates.

OLD & NEW BUSINESS

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS/NOTICES

The Next Marketing & Engineering meeting is **on Thursday, March 6, 2025, @ 8:30 a.m.** The Next Board of Commission meeting is **on Wednesday, March 19, 2025, @ 1:00 p.m.**

ADJOURN

There was no further business to come before the Commission. Commissioner Jimmy Levens motioned to adjourn, and Commissioner Frankie Castiglia Jr. seconded it. The meeting was adjourned at 2:22 p.m. on February 19, 2025.

Signed by:
Billy Thornton
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Billy Thornton, President

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Windy Swetman III
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Windy Swetman III, Secretary