

HART COUNTY INDUSTRIAL BUILDING AUTHORITY

Minutes of Meeting

June 24, 2019

The Hart County Industrial Building Authority held the regular quarterly meeting on Monday, June 24, 2019 at 5:00 pm. It was held at the Hart County Library on Benson Street in Hartwell, Georgia.

Chairman Bill Leard called the meeting to order at 5:00 and welcomed everyone. In addition to Chairman Leard, other board members attending were David Buddenbaum and Kevin McCraney. Others attending were: Commissioner Marshall Sayer, Economic Developer Dwayne Dye, Attorney Robert E. Ridgway, Jr. and Treasurer/Secretary M. S. Smith.

The minutes of the March 25, 2019 meeting had been e mailed to members. These minutes were approved on a motion by Mr. Buddenbaum and seconded by Mr. McCraney.

A financial review as of May 31, 2019 was presented by Ms. Smith. This was approved subject to audit.

Mr. Buddenbaum reported that the Chamber is sponsoring a comedy act as a fundraiser for the Chamber. They will again sponsor the annual Pre-4th Fireworks event,

There was no report from the Board of Commissioners or the City of Hartwell.

Mr. McCraney updated the authority on construction at the Franklin County Airport.

Mr. Leard had no report.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Ridgway reported on two resolutions passed at the last meeting. One related to tax letters claiming exemptions on properties in the name of the authority. The other was related to the Lease Termination Agreement with SD Automotive.

NEW BUSINESS

None

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Mr. Ridgway reported that Nestle Purina is acquiring real estate adjoining them and wants to add this real estate to their existing agreement. Mr. Ridgway said he would recommend they draw up their amendment and he would review it.

Mr. Ridgway said the lawsuit issue is settled with Ritz and the IBA was not named in the lawsuit.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPER'S REPORT

Mr. Dye reported that project activity is moderate and we have been moved back to Tier III by the State.

Mr. Dye brought the group up to date on the Haering fire suppression issue as well as the sewer project in Gateway I. He reported on the Joint Development Authority speculative building in Gateway I and indicated there has been positive interest.

Mr. Dye shared with the group another JDA project for a new marquee at the entrance to Gateway I. He suggested that it would be good to consider doing the same at Gateway II and III.

Commissioner Sayer reported that the county has called for a traffic survey with the State at the intersection of Highway 59 and 77 near the industrial park.

Mr. Ridgway updated the group on a tax issue with Hart AgStrom and asked for Chairman Leard to be given authority to sign a deed and lease termination agreement if they agree to pay applicable taxes and pay the IBA \$21,000. A motion to give this authority was made by Mr. Leard and seconded by Mr. McCraney and passed.

Mr. Dye asked that a letter of support from the Authority to the Georgia Initiative for Community Housing be approved. Mr. Leard made a motion that the Authority approve this letter of support and Mr. Buddenbaum seconded this motion and it passed.

The meeting adjourned at 5:40 pm.

**M. S. Smith
Secretary**