JOINT DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

OF

FRANKLIN, HART AND STEPHENS COUNTIES

Minutes of Meeting

January 22, 2018

The quarterly meeting of the Joint Development Authority of Franklin, Hart and Stephens Counties was held Monday, January 22, 2018 in the conference room of St. Mary’s Sacred Heart Hospital in Lavonia, Georgia.

Members attending were: Vernon Cape, Doug Cleveland, Roy Crocker, Vernon Edwards, Bob Evans, Don Foster, Bill Leard, Ralph Owens, Dean Scarborough and Gerald Voyles. Also present: Economic Developers, Dwayne Dye and Tim Martin; Archway Partnership Director, Anna Strickland; Jack Edmunds and Treasurer M. S. Smith.

Chairman Cleveland called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm and called on Vernon Cape for the invocation. The meal followed.

The minutes of the October 23, 2017 minutes were approved on a motion by Mr. Evans and seconded by Mr. Scarborough.

Ms. Smith had prepared a financial summary as of December 31, 2017 and this was accepted on a motion by Mr. Edwards and seconded by Mr. Foster.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Each member had received via e mail a draft copy of the audit for fiscal year ending June 30, 2017. A component unit (information received after preparation of draft copy) of this was distributed to each member. Mr. Cleveland commented on this and points of the audit. The audit was approved on a motion by Mayor Owens and seconded by Mr. Leard. A final copy of the audit and notes will be made a part of these minutes.

ECONOMNIC DEVELOPER REPORTS

Mr. Martin commented on tier rankings in Stephens County and their industrial park.

He reported that a hospitality feasibility study is now complete and shows support for a 72 room hotel.

He commented on a partnership with Georgia Power for a retail study and that there is still interest in seeking an Archway Partnership program.

He stated that project activity is quiet but there is expansion in existing industries.

Mr. Dye reported a strong 2017. Existing industry is still expanding and Lake Foods is approaching 400 in employee numbers.

He stated Nestle Purina will be locating in an existing building and plans to have the distribution center running by June of this year offering 25 – 30 jobs in this phase.

Mayor Owens reported a seven million dollar expansion at Latexco on Gerrard Road that

will provide 25 more jobs.

He also stated a Chick-Fil-A will be locating in Franklin County.

Anna Strickland, Archway Executive Director, was introduced. She commented briefly on

the ten years the partnership has been in existence in Hart County.

Meeting regularly at this location was discussed.

The meeting adjourned at 7:05 pm.

M. S. Smith

Secretary