

**JOINT DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY  
OF  
FRANKLIN, HART AND STEPHENS COUNTIES**

**Minutes of Meeting  
July 26, 2010**

**The Joint Development Authority of Franklin, Hart and Stephens Counties met for the quarterly meeting on July 26, 2010 at *Fletcher's* restaurant in Hartwell.**

**The meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm by Chairman Doug Cleveland. Members attending were: Cary Bennett, Vernon Cape, Roy Crocker, Vernon Edwards, Bob Evans, Don Foster, Bill Leard, Ralph Owens, Cam Parker and Dean Scarborough. Also attending were Lyn Allen, Dwayne Dye, Tim Martin, Attorney Walter Gordon, Jack Edmunds, treasurer, Pudge Smith, recording secretary and Hart County Commissioners Joey Dorsey and Dan Reyen.**

**Chairman Cleveland welcomed everyone and announced to visitors that there would be no discussion on the Fibrowatt project but they were welcome to stay for the meeting if they so desired.**

**Vernon Cape gave the invocation.**

**Chairman Cleveland called for corrections or additions to the minutes of the April 26, 2010 meeting that had been provided via e-mail or mail. There being none, they were unanimously approved after a motion by Mr. Edwards and a second by Mr. Bennett.**

**Treasurer Jack Edmunds presented a financial summary and asked for questions. On a motion by Mayor Owens and seconded by Mr. Leard the financial summary was unanimously accepted. A copy is attached.**

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Mr. Bennett reported for Franklin County that that their mega-ramp project is basically complete and is now open. Two fishing tournaments are on the calendar in the next several months. Mr. Dye reported that the ribbon cutting for the Hart County ramp will be July 27 and it is finished except for some landscaping of the area. Mr. Martin reported that they are still waiting for available funds for their project.**

**Ms. Allen reported that Franklin County's Work Ready program is making good progress. The graduation rate has improved but not to the level desired. Mr. Martin reported that Work Ready in Stephens County is also making progress but graduation rate not yet at goal set by state. Mr. Dye reported that Hart**

County has met the certificate goal having almost 1500. Several companies are either Work Ready required or preferred.

#### **COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REPORTS**

Ms. Allen reported that they are working on a couple of small projects in Franklin County ; that the Ty Cobb Medical Center's plans are progressing and that existing industries are seeing some upturn with some hiring taking place. Mr. Martin reported that there is not much new project activity in Stephens County but the existing industry looks good. Mr. Parker reported on the Keystone project and that it is scheduled to be complete by the end of the year. Mr. Martin reported that a community video project has been completed and is available on their web site. Mr. Dye reported that he continues to see an increase in activity and several projects are still active. An Economic Developer's Day was held recently and brought 6 professional managers to town. Local activity looks good with Tenneco expecting to add 180 or more new jobs and TI seeing growth.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

Ms. Allen reported that a Tri-County Manufacturer's Luncheon will be held July 28 at the Currahee Campus. Due to the economic climate, this will be the first one held in three quarters.

Mr. Edmunds presented the budget for the year July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011. After asking for questions, on a motion by Mr. Parker and seconded by Mr. Foster, it was unanimously approved. A copy is attached.

Ms. Allen presented a Resolution of Support to apply for a Work Ready regional grant. After discussion and questions and on a motion by Mr. Edwards, seconded by Mr. Scarborough, the resolution was approved.

Ms. Allen then presented an Inducement Resolution for the Joint Development Authority to act as applicant on a OneGeorgia grant application to assist Franklin County with infrastructure requirements for the new regional medical center. Mr. Crocker made a motion to accept and Mr. Cape seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

Chairman Cleveland reminded everyone of those rotating off the authority at the end of the year.

Chairman Cleveland mentioned the recent *Georgia Trend* which features Stephens County.

Mr. Parker reported for the nominating committee the following slate of officers for the new year:

<b>Chairman</b>	<b>Doug Cleveland</b>
<b>Vice Chairman</b>	<b>Cary Bennett</b>
<b>Secretary</b>	<b>Bill Leard</b>
<b>Treasurer, non member</b>	<b>Jack Edmunds</b>

**On a motion by Bob Evans, this slate of officers were accepted by acclamation.**

**The meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm.**