

MINUTES
HARRISON COUNTY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
January 19, 2016

The regular January meeting of the Harrison County Development Commission was called to order at 8:30 am on Tuesday January 19, 2016 in the Conference Room of the Harrison County Development Commission located at 12281 Intraplex Parkway, Gulfport, Mississippi.

Commissioners present: President Mark Schloegel, John Atherton, Sam LaRosa, Sharon Bentz-Mustered (*entered as noted*), John "Shorty" Sneed, Brian Gollott, Cliff Kirkland, Warren Conway, Jimmy Levens and Rip Daniels. Commissioners absent: Jennifer Burke and Frankie Castiglia.

Staff members present: Executive Director Bill Hessell, Paula Delcambre, Barbara Rominger, Brandi Hough and Michelle Walker as recording secretary. Dr. Stephen Whitt, Executive Director with the Innovation Center was also present.

Consultants present: Legal Counsel Russ Nobile, Don Clark with DCC Consultants, David Machado with Machado | Patano, Jeff Riopelle with Knesal Engineering and Rick Laird with Clearwater Solutions.

The media was notified of this meeting.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Schloegel called the meeting to order at this time.

II. AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS

Commissioner Atherton made a motion to adjust the prospect presentation and stated there may be a need to go into Executive Session to discuss the prospect under Old/New Business and seconded by Commissioner Sneed. After discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

III. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Cindy Lamb with Pickering Engineering and Beverly Martin with Harrison County Board of Supervisors.

IV. MEETING MINUTES

Motion was made by Commissioner Levens and seconded by Commissioner Atherton to acknowledge receipt and approve the Board of Commissioners regular meeting minutes from December 22, 2015. After discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Marketing & Industrial

- **Prospect Presentation**

- Staff recommended that the prospect presentation is confidential and would like to request Executive Session under Old/New Business. Action moved to Old/New Business.

(Commissioner Bentz- Mustered entered at this time)

Bill Hessel gave an update on Economic Development projects.

B. Innovation Center

Stephen Whitt provided a report on the current status of the Innovation Center.

C. Administrative, Engineering & Maintenance

- **North Harrison County Industrial Complex (NHCIC) Update**

Jeff Riopelle gave an update on NHCIC.

- **MEC Resolution**

Commissioner Atherton made a motion to support the efforts of Excelerate Mississippi for the Mississippi Economic Council to improve state roads and bridges by adopting a resolution in supporting funding and seconded by Commissioner Levens. Commissioner Daniels made a substitute motion to make sure the funding isn't taken from the restore act funds and to refer the resolution to the Marketing Committee for presentation in February and seconded by Commissioner Sneed. After discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

D. Finance

- **Operations Financial Statements for December 2015**

Commissioner LaRosa made the motion to approve all Operation statements for December 2015 and Commissioner Sneed seconded the motion. After discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

- **Utilities Financial Statements for December 2015**

Commissioner LaRosa made the motion to approve all Utility statements for December 2015 and Commissioner Sneed seconded the motion. After discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

- **Operations Claims for December 2015**

Commissioner LaRosa made a motion to approve all claims for Operation for December 2015 and Commissioner Levens seconded the motion. After discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

- **Utilities Claims for December 2015**

Commissioner LaRosa made the motion to approve all claims for Utilities for December 2015 and Commissioner Levens seconded the motion. After discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

- **Resend Engagement letter with AVL**

AVL must rescind the engagement letter and withdraw from the audit due to a conflict of interest and Wright, Ward, Hatten & Guel agreed to perform the audit.

Commissioner LaRosa made a motion to resend engagement letter with AVL and approve engagement letter with Wright, Ward, Hatten and Guel with amendment subject to legal review resend and approve based on written opinion of council and seconded by Commissioner Atherton. After discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

- **CD Renewal**

Staff recommended going out for bid and choosing the highest bidder for the CD renewal. Commissioner LaRosa made a motion the 2.3 Million dollar CD goes out for bid on February 27, 2016 and the highest bidder to be accepted and seconded by Commissioner Atherton. After discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

V. Directors Report

- Bill Hessel provided a director's report.

VI. Old/New Business

Commissioner Conway made a motion to consider going into Executive Session to discuss a prospect and seconded by Commissioner Sneed. After discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Conway made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss a prospect and seconded by Commissioner Sneed. After discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

Entered into Executive Session 9:50.

Exited Executive Session 11:15.

No action taken.

Commissioner Levens made a motion to recess the meeting until Friday January 22, 2016 at 12:00 pm and seconded by Commissioner Atherton. After discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

VII. Legal

VIII. ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 11:20 am.



Mark Schloegel, President



John "Shorty" Sneed, Secretary