



**MERIWETHER COUNTY INDUSTRIAL
DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**

**Official Minutes
December 9, 2024
4:00 p.m.
Meriwether County Administration Building
Commissioners Chambers**

Members Present: Rosla Plant; Allen Parham; Wanda Sims; Mary Bray
Member absent: Danny Hosey
Staff: Jane Fryer, Blue Cole, Velinda Walton

Others: Dawn Woodard, CTAE Director, Meriwether County Schools; Dr. Al Griffin, Meriwether County School Superintendent; Niki Cadenhead, Diverse Power; Logan Gann, Diverse Power; Haley Bell, Region 4 State Representative; John Gorton, Meriwether County Administrator; Mark Kalman, Retired Engineer Georgia Tech/Greenville Substitute Teacher.

Chairman Rosla Plant called the regularly scheduled monthly Meriwether County Industrial Development Authority meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. and welcomed everyone. Vice-Chairman Allen Parham conducted the invocation and led everyone in the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Approval of Agenda: A motion was made by Vice-Chairman Allen Parham for approval of the December 9th, 2024, Agenda as presented. Mrs. Mary Bray seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes, November 12th, 2024: A motion was made by Mrs. Bray for approval of November 12th, 2024, meeting minutes as presented. Ms. Sims seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Financial Report as of November 30th, 2024 /Jane Fryer: Ms. Fryer presented and explained the November 30th, Financial Statement to the Board. Vice Chairman Parham made a motion to approve the financial report as presented and Mrs. Bray seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Old Business/Mr. Blue Cole:

- New Road (International Circle): Southeastern Site Development has begun working on the International Circle and one can see the path of the road. They are clearing the property and moving dirt around. The road is approximately 850 feet long.
- Woncheun: They are working on their building and in the process of connecting utilities. They would like to build an expansion in the next few months. They have ample land to build on.
- Data Center/ Crypto Mining, Gay: Crypto Mining is a new business in Gay. Southern Rivers is their utilities supplier.
- Chad Caldwell Property: The Meriwether County Board of Commissioners are meeting tonight. They will vote on approving or not an Intergovernmental Agreement between the Meriwether County Board of Commissioners and Meriwether County Industrial Development Authority. The property is approximately 42.37 acres. A motion was made by Vice-Chair Parham to enter into an Intergovernmental Contract between the Meriwether County Board of Commissioners and the Meriwether County Industrial Development Authority contingent to the passing of the agreement by the Meriwether County Board of Commissioners. Mrs. Bray seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Mike Johnson Proposal: Mr. Johnson is looking at purchasing 9.2 acres off GA Hwy 362. He may want additional acreage. He informed Ms. Fryer that he would not be attending the Board meeting today.

New Business/Proposed Projects/Blue Cole:

- Mr. Cole informed the Board that he has been gathering data and information to see what property there is for the IDA to market to produce more tax revenue for the County. He has been having discussions with Ms. Fryer and Chairman Plant concerning this matter. Been exploring Q Public to obtain information.
- Greenville North/Hwy 362: Mr. Cole stated the property located off Hwy 362 that belongs to the County would be ideal to be subdivided in 12-15 lots. Tradesmen's Village of skilled trade businesses such as HVAC, electrical, plumbing, etc., this would be a good location.
- Greenville North: Mr. Cole would like to pursue a 500-acre timber property. He would like to contact the owners, Mill Creek Timber Company. The property has

been in CUVA since 2014, and it is time to be renewed. Mr. Cole would like to market this as an IDA project.

- Woodbury Industrial Park: Mr. Cole has been pursuing the property outside the city limits of Woodbury that butts up GA 85 Highway. There is an existing relationship there and he would like permission to consider this if a project ever needs to locate in Woodbury.
- Roosevelt Memorial Airport: Mr. Cole stated there is land around the airport that would be good to market.
- Workforce Development/Small Business Classes: Mr. Cole stated that he would like to hold small business classes at the West Georgia Technical School Satellite in Greenville. He is looking at this in January 2025.
- Attorney Kevin Brown informed the Board that MSS, Daniel McCoy, wants to close after the first of the year.

Other Business: Dr. Robert Griffin, Superintendent of Meriwether County School District reported that the new turf for the track is down at Greenville High School. Greenville Baseball field and dressing area. They used astro-turf on the track that cost approximately 2.4 million dollars. Manchester High School has a track down for the softball field that is adjacent to the school. One will not recognize the fields after complete restoration.

Dawn Woodard: Ms. Woodward informed everyone that the students are working on the Pathway Assessments. OSHA Certifications have been met. She stated she is looking forward to working with Mr. Cole concerning the high school graduate students.

John Gorton/Meriwether County Administrator: Mr. Gorton stated he is looking forward to working with the IDA on their 2024 audit. The CPA's will be coming on site in late January 2025.

Jodi Sharpe/Manchester Development Authority: Christmas at the Mill that was held on December 7th, 2024, was a big success. Over 300 hundred people attended. She stated she is looking forward to working with Ms. Jane Fryer and Mr. Blue Cole.

Mark Kalman: Mr. Kalman expressed the need for increased broadband in the County. Mr. Kalman is a substitute teacher for Greenville High School and expressed how all the students in the County need internet at their homes for their education.

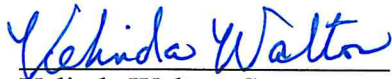
Mary Bray informed the Board that Greenville is in desperate need of a grocery store. She would appreciate them looking into bringing a store to Greenville.

Mrs. Plant thanked the Board members and stated in January 2025, Mr. Parham will be Chairman of the Meriwether County Industrial Development and Ms. Sims will be Vice-Chair.

Next meeting, Monday, January 13th, 2025, 4:00 p.m.

There being no further business, Ms. Bray made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Sims seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by:


Velinda Walton, Secretary


Rosla Plant, Chairman