



**MERIWETHER COUNTY INDUSTRIAL  
DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**

**Official Minutes**

**April 10, 2023**

**4:00 p.m.**

**Meriwether County Administration Building  
Commissioners Chambers**

Members Present: Rosla Plant; Freddie Hines; Mary Bray

Member via phone: Danny Hosey

Staff: Jane Fryer, Velinda Walton

Others: Michelle Irizarry, Meriwether County Administrator; Kevin Brown, Attorney Seyfarth; Dr. Robert Griffin, Superintendent of Meriwether County Schools; Dawn Woodard, CTAE Director, Meriwether County Schools; Theron Gay, Special Projects Director; Mark Kalman, Luthersville Citizen.

Chairman Rosla Plant called the regularly scheduled monthly Meriwether County Industrial Development Authority meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. and welcomed everyone. Mrs. Mary Bray 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 April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023, Agenda and one correction, add the GDOT proposal for a roundabout in the northern section of the county beneath New Business. Mr. Freddie Hines seconded the motion with the correction. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes, March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023: A motion was made by Mrs. Bray for approval of the March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023, meeting minutes as presented. Mr. Hines seconded the motion. Vice Chair Parham abstained due to not being present at March's meeting. Motion carried.

Financial Report as of /Jane Fryer: Ms. Fryer presented and explained the March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023, Financial Statement to the Board. Chairman Plant made a motion to approve the March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023, Financial Statement with one correction, being the date changed on the balance sheet to March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023, (typo error) as presented. Mr. Hines seconded the motion with noted correction. Motion carried.

New Business/GDOT Study: Ms. Fryer presented the GDOT Study to the Board. GDOT has conducted a study concerning a roundabout in the northern section of the county at the- I85 interstate. The proposed project would consist of converting the minor road stop-controlled intersections to single-lane roundabouts. Both the roundabouts will have inscribed circle diameters of 130 feet and circulating widths of 20 feet. SR 54 at I85 northbound off-ramp approach would include a by- pass Lane. The proposed alternative would also include pavement overlay and full depth widening. The splitter islands would be at least 100 feet long from all approaches, except for the west leg of the SR 54 at I-85 northbound ramp. The guardrail located west of the SR 54 at I-85 northbound off-ramp and east of SR 54 at I-85 southbound on-ramp would be adjusted. Discussion was held among the Board concerning this proposal.

Three Rivers Regional Commission: Ms. Fryer informed everyone that Three Rivers Regional Commission housed in Griffin has a new director for this region, Mr. Mark Butler, former commissioner of the Georgia Department of Labor for 8 years. We are fortunate to have him as director.

District Attorney Office: Ms. Fryer told everyone that the Meriwether County District Attorney and his staff are housed at our building due to mold and rain damage on the third floor of the courthouse. Their staff consists of a total of six people.

Broadband connected to airport: Ms. Fryer stated Diverse Power has connected the Broadband internet service to the Airport. Ms. Michelle Irizarry, County Administrator, and Mr. Matthew Brown, County Information Technology contact, will be working on setting up the account with Diverse.

Meeting with Waste Management: Ms. Fryer stated she, Chairman Plant and Mr. Gay had a meeting concerning the road to Turkey Run Landfill be included in the Meriwether County Road System. The Meriwether County Industrial Development Authority owns property on both sides of the above-mentioned road. Entrance to those properties may be needed in the future. Mr. Gay stated that he has received clearance to include the road into the county road system. Ms. Fryer announced Turkey Run Landfill has a new Area Landfill Manager, Susan Harrison, PE.

Old Business: None

Other Events: Ms. Fryer presented the following events:

- Little White House Celebration – April 12
- Warm Springs Spring Fling – April 15-16
- Keep Meriwether Beautiful Cleanup – April 22
- The Finish Line Festival in Luthersville – April 29
- The Cotton Fair in Gay – May 6-7
- Peaches in the Pines at Lake Meriwether – June 10

Ms. Dawn Woodard, CTAE Director of Meriwether County Schools informed everyone that she will share the Keep Meriwether Beautiful Cleanup Packet with the Rotary Club of Meriwether County on Tuesday. She also announced the Warm Springs Medical Center and Family Connection will host a Health Care Fair in June. There will also be a Job Fair held at the Meriwether County School's Superintendent Office on April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023, to hire staff for the area schools.

Motion to leave regular session and enter Executive Session to discuss Real Estate: Vice-Chairman Allen Parham made a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss real estate at 4:26 p.m. Mrs. Mary Bray seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mr. Freddie Hines made a motion to come out of Executive Session and Vice-Chair Parham seconded the motion. Motion carried. Mrs. Bray made a motion to enter back into regular session and Mr. Hines seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The following action was taken during Executive Session: Vice-Chairman Parham made a motion to authorize President Jane Fryer and Attorney Kevin Brown to make a proposal to the JC Project to donate them the 5.2 acres with the requirement they will have to provide 75 jobs in 5 years. Mr. Hines seconded the motion. Motion carried.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned on a motion by Vice-Chairman Parham and seconded by Mr Hines. Motion carried.

The next meeting will be held on May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023, at the Meriwether County Administration Building in the Commissioner's Chambers.

Respectfully submitted by:

  
Velinda Walton, Secretary

  
Rosla Plant, Chairman