



**MERIWETHER COUNTY INDUSTRIAL
DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**

Official Minutes

January 8, 2024

4:00 p.m.

**Meriwether County Administration Building
Commissioners Chambers**

Members Present: Rosla Plant; Mary Bray

Via Phone: Allen Parham; Danny Hosey

Staff: Jane Fryer, Velinda Walton

Others: Attorney Kevin Brown, Seyfarth Shaw; Wanda Sims, Roosevelt Warm Springs Hospital

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. Attorney Kevin Brown informed everyone that the items listed on the agenda today could not be voted upon or no action taken due to only two members physically attending the meeting and a quorum was not present at the meeting. Vice-Chairman Allen Parham and Mr. Danny Hosey were in attendance via phone. The items could only be reviewed.

Approval of Agenda: Chairman Rosla Plant approved the January 8th, 2024, Agenda.

Approval of Minutes/December 11th, 2023: The December 11th, 2023, minutes will be presented and approved at the February 12th, 2024, meeting due to not having a quorum present.

Financial Report as of December 31st, 2023: The December 31st, 2023, financial report will be presented and approved at the February 12th, 2024, meeting.

Comments from Guests: Dr. Robert Griffin, Superintendent of Meriwether County Schools gave the following updates: There is civil unrest in our county; 1 arrest was made in connection of the death of Manchester High's football player; 2 sisters was in a fatal car accident on Georgia State Highway 190, near Pine Mountain; shooting in Greenville after basketball game; Academic report more positive; no more furlough days for teachers; salaries are acceptable; out of debt; not any failing schools in the county; SPLOST passed; lots of assistance from the Crisis Management Agency; and our community needs prayers for the various degrees of problems.

Wanda Sims/New IDA Board Member: Ms. Fryer introduced Ms. Wanda Sims, our new upcoming IDA Board member that was appointed by Commissioner Adam Worsley, representing District 2. Ms. Sims is the CEO of Roosevelt Warm Springs Institute of Rehabilitation Hospital. Ms. Sims gave a brief biography of herself. Ms. Fryer welcomed her and stated we are looking forward to working on the Board with Ms. Sims.

Old Business:

- Woncheun: The acceleration and deceleration lanes were too expensive being constructed by GDOT. Ms. Fryer stated that Justin Greer, Engineer, presented the plans for a driveway entrance from Meriwether Park Drive to the Authority today.
- Redmond Machinery: Mr. Scotty Redmond's informed Ms. Fryer that the Fire Marshall required them to install sprinklers in the building they were planning to build on the thirteen acres. They had planned on constructing two 25,000 sq. ft. buildings on the property but are now considering building two 12,000 sq. ft buildings instead due to not having to install sprinklers. They plan on using the 26 acre-tract to build on.
- KB AutoSys: Mr. Blue Cole stated he had reached out to AT&T, and they would begin working on more of the lines on the first of January.
- Bo K. Kim Property: Attorney Kevin Brown stated the closing will take place by the end of the year on the 6.25 acre-tract off Heather Lane. Attorney Brown stated they are waiting on the title insurance's clearance.

Ms. Fryer informed everyone that Mr. Kim and Ms. Gu are now in Savannah with a new restaurant that has the capacity to feed 500 people daily. They are servicing the new Hyundai Electric Vehicles plant employees.

- Mando/Ms. Fryer: The grading plans have been approved for expansion of the Mando G1 Facility by the County permitting office. Ms. Fryer stated that the real

property taxes have not been resolved by the Meriwether County Tax Commissioner's office. Discussion was held among the Board concerning the sewer capacity and who is going over their limits. An email was sent to Mando to schedule a meeting with the Meriwether County Water & Sewerage Authority and other leaders to try to resolve this matter.

Other Business:

Ms. Fryer presented and reviewed the following: Job Tax Credit Ratings, Georgia Department of Labor Profile and Economic Development Classes.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, February 12th, 2024, at 4:00 p.m., in the Meriwether County Administration Building Commissioner's Chambers.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by:


Velinda Walton, Secretary


Rosla Plant, Chairman