



REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

January 9, 2018 4:00PM

PUBLIC MEETING ROOM- CATOOSA COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

800 LAFAYETTE STREET

RINGGOLD, GEORGIA

TIME AND PLACE OF THE MEETING

The regular meeting of the Catoosa County Development Authority/ Development Authority of Catoosa County was held on Tuesday, January 9, 2018 at 4:00 pm in the Public Meeting Room of the Catoosa County Administration Building, 800 Lafayette Street, Ringgold, Georgia.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Randall Peters called the meeting to order at 4:02 pm and established that a quorum was present. The following members were present: Tammy Cole, Rodney Crowe, Jim Emberson, Lisa Headrick, Rick Partain, Randall Peters and Mike Signiski. *Stephanie Dickert and Scott Smith were absent.*

AGENDA SETTING

Additions: None

Modifications: None

Remove: None

MINUTES

Jim Emberson made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular EDA meeting held on November 16, 2017. Rodney Crowe second the motion. Chairman Peters called for all those in favor of approving the motion to indicate so by saying aye. There was no opposition and the motion was approved by unanimous consent.

NEW BUSINESS

PROPOSED APPROVAL OF PAY APPLICATION OF BROWN BROS. FOR PROJECT JUMP

Attorney Chad Young explained that Brown Bros. Inc. is performing Project Jump site work. The pay application no. 5 for \$27,459 is for work performed through December 8, 2017. The engineer has certified the pay application and has verified the work has been done in the field. For reference purposes, Attorney Young stated total original contract amount is \$1,418,000. Total retainage (10%) would be \$135,735 with about \$60,000 left on the contract to finish the remaining work. Brown Bros. Inc. is waiting to coordinate with the Center for Sports Medicine to finish the remaining work. The remaining \$60,000 is within the original contract amount.

Mike Signiski made a motion to ratify pay application 5 of Brown Bros. Inc. for Project Jump in the amount of \$27,459. Rick Partain second the motion. Chairman Peters called for all those in favor of approving the motion to indicate so by saying aye. There was no opposition and the motion was approved by unanimous consent.

OFFICER ELECTIONS FOR 2018

Attorney Chad Young opened the floor for nominations for Chair. Tammy Cole nominated Rick Partain, who was elected as the Chairman for the 2018 year. Rick Partain re-nominated Mike Signiski, who was re-elected as Vice Chairman for the 2018 year, and Randall Peters re-nominated Rodney Crowe, who was re-elected as Treasurer for the 2018 year.

Randall Peters made a motion to approve the elections of EDA Chair/Vice-Chair/Treasurer. Tammy Cole second the motion. Chairman Peters called for all those in favor of approving the motion to indicate so by saying aye. There was no opposition and the motion was approved by unanimous consent.

REPORTS/ DISCUSSION

UPDATE ON SHAW INDUSTRIES PROJECT CIRCLE

Attorney Chad Young explained that we have an outstanding bond issue with Shaw Industries for equipment for the retooling of a plant. The equipment, which is owned by the development authority and leased back to Shaw Industries, can be repurchased for \$10, which puts the equipment back in Shaw's name and takes away any tax abatements that are available under that bond issue. Shaw has notified the development authority that they want to exercise the right to repurchase the equipment of that project. They have provided all the documents, signed by the chairman and secretary prior to year end and Shaw has issued the check for the \$10 repurchase fee. No action is required by the Development Authority, however the equipment will be placed back under Shaw's name.

UPDATE ON PROJECT BLUE

Attorney Chad Young explained that the EDA has signed a letter of intent to offer tax abatements on Project Blue's equipment similar to Project Circle and Shaw Industries. Their construction is complete and they have taken delivery of most of their equipment, but not all of it. It was anticipated that they would begin production in the first week of January, however that has not been confirmed. The equipment is taxed in the name of the owner as of January 1 of each year, so their tax abatements may not start until January 1, 2019 and continue over a five year period.

NORTHWEST GEORGIA JOINT DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY REPORT

Keith Barclift with the NWGJDA discussed 3 projects in December that he submitted private sites for. He also discussed the upcoming meeting for the Greater Chattanooga Economic Partnership on January 18 at the Ringgold Georgia Northwestern Technical College campus. Keith discussed the upcoming marketing and tradeshow events, including the Site Selector's Guild in Cincinnati this March and the Select USA FDI summit in Washington DC this June. Keith also explained that the Northwest Georgia Joint Development Authority was asking the Catoosa County Economic Development Authority to purchase a license for GIS WebTech that would cost \$2,500 per year, however Top of Georgia would be subsidizing \$1,000 of the cost per year, bringing the total expense to the Catoosa County EDA down to \$1,500 per year.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR REPORT

Taylor Kielty had one new lead since the last EDA meeting. She submitted two sites with rail access. She also explained that she has been working on a resource development team with Janet Cochran, the Tourism Project Manager with the Georgia Department of Economic Development. She also attended the College and Career Academy Luncheon. She explained that the Catoosa County School System has received a grant to begin the initial stages of a high school that ties with local businesses and technical colleges to produce employees ready for Catoosa county's workforce needs. She also attended the Georgia Department of Labor's Employer Committee Meeting and learned about Employ Georgia, a state-developed website that connects workers and employers. Taylor also attended the Statesboro Sidebar Conference for Development Authorities.

GIS WEBTECH DEMO

GIS WebTech is a mapping software designed specifically for economic development. The technology allows available sites to be listed on the Catoosa County EDA website and would be available for interested parties to pull demographic information about the specific sites in the community. Ron Bertasi, owner of GIS WebTech, gave a demonstration of the capabilities of the software. This includes ESRI data on workforce, education, household income, driving times, utility

information, zoning, and infrastructure among other things. Top of Georgia will be subsidizing \$1,000 of the \$2,500 license cost, meaning the total cost of the license for the EDA would be \$1,500 annually.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Partain stated the Authority would go into Executive Session for the purpose of Legal. ***Randall Peters made a motion to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of Legal. Mike Signiski second the motion. Chairman Partain called for all those in favor of approving the motion to indicate so by saying aye. The Board unanimously voted to go into Executive Session for the purpose of Legal at 4:47 p.m. Randall Peters made a motion to exit Executive Session. Mike Signiski second the motion. Chairman Partain called for all those in favor of approving the motion to indicate so by saying aye. The Board voted unanimously to come out of Executive Session at 4:55 p.m.***

ADJOURN

Rodney Crowe made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mike Signiski second the motion. Chairman Partain called for all those in favor of approving the motion to indicate so by saying aye. There was no opposition and the motion was approved by unanimous consent. The meeting adjourned at 4:57pm.