



REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
PUBLIC MEETING ROOM- CATOOSA COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
800 LAFAYETTE STREET
RINGGOLD, GEORGIA
FEBRUARY 14, 2017 4:00PM

TIME AND PLACE OF THE MEETING

The regular meeting of the Catoosa County Development Authority/ Development Authority of Catoosa County was held on Tuesday February 14, 2017 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: Add "Real Estate" to Executive Session.

Jim Emberson made a motion to add "Real Estate" to Executive Session. Mike Signiski 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.

Modifications: None

Remove: None

MINUTES

Rodney Crowe made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular EDA meeting held on January 10, 2017. Mike Signiski 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.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

REPORTS/ DISCUSSION

PROJECT UPDATES: Attorney Chad Young explained the representatives of Project Blue have closed on EDA property in Rollins and are moving forward with the regional bakery. This will put ~\$230,000 in the EDA's budget to use on future projects. In regards to Project Jump on Battlefield Parkway, land is being cleared for preliminary purpose of surveys and soil tests. When it is time for the land to be graded, the County will put that through the bidding process. In addition, the Springhill Suites project on Battlefield Parkway next to the Hampton Inn is moving forward. County Officials met with Public Works Director Buster Brown about improving access to the hotels. GDOT will have to permit a median cut- left in/left out. City of Ringgold is willing to participate but waiting on GDOT to permit left out (left in has already been permitted).

GUIDELINES FOR EDA BOARD MEMBERS & NOMINATION PROCESS FOR CHAIR/VICE CHAIR/ TREASURER: Attorney Chad Young explained that typically every December officers are elected to serve for the upcoming year. This year, elections are delayed until March due to appointments to the EDA Board being made in January. In addition, Attorney Young explained ethical guidelines and considerations for serving on the Development Authority. He also emphasized the importance of confidentiality when dealing with projects.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR REPORT Economic Development Coordinator Katie Sponberger reviewed EDA Board goals that were determined at the April 2016 Planning Retreat.

NORTHWEST GEORGIA JOINT DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY REPORT Project Manager Keith Barclift discussed upcoming conferences and events he will be attending to promote the region.

EXECUTIVE SESSION Chairman Peters stated the Authority would go into Executive Session for the purpose of Real Estate. *Rodney Crowe made a motion to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of Real Estate. Jim Emberson second the motion. Chairman Peters 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 Real Estate at 4:33 p.m. Rick Partain made a motion to exit Executive Session. Mike Signiski second the motion. Chairman Peters 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 4:51 p.m.*

ADJOURN

Rodney Crowe made a motion to adjourn the meeting. 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. The meeting adjourned at 4:52 p.m.