HART COUNTY INDUSTRIAL BUILDING AUTHORITY

MINUTES OF MEETING

June 26, 2017

The regular quarterly meeting of the Hart County Industrial Building Authority was held on Monday, June 26, 2017 at 5:00 pm in the meeting room of the Hart County Library on Benson Street in Hartwell.

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm by Chairman Bill Leard. Other authority members attending were: Bobby Breffle, Doug Cleveland and Joey Dorsey. Others attending were Dwayne Dye, Economic Developer; Robert E. Ridgway, Jr., Attorney and M. S. Smith, Secretary/Treasurer.

Chairman Leard welcomed and recognized Michael Isom from *The Hartwell Sun*; Terrell Partain, Hart County Administrator and Marshall Sayer, Hart County Board of Commissioners.

On a motion by Mr. Dorsey and seconded by Mr. Breffle, the agenda was amended to add under Old Business the appointment of M. S. Smith as Secretary/Treasurer.

The minutes of the March 27, 2017 meeting were approved.

The financial report as of May 31, 2017 was reviewed and accepted.

Board Member reports/comments:

Mr. Breffle had no report from the Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Dorsey spoke about the Board of Commissioners concern with the large dollar commitment to the IBA and the need for the passing of SPLOST in November. He expressed his concern that the Board of Commissioners has no carry-over representation on the Authority from year to year due to the fact that the chairman is the representative and that can change annually. He told the Authority that the Commissioners would be looking at re-structuring the number of Authority members so as to allow another member from the Board of Commissioners for continuity purposes.

Mayor Johnson was absent.

Mr. Cleveland had nothing to report.

Mr. Leard commented on continuing work at Gateway II.

Old Business

Mr. Leard asked for a motion to ratify the extra expenditure of $11,786.00 for the Verdery easement on the Haering project. Mr. Cleveland moved this additional amount be approved, Mr. Breffle seconded this motion and it passed two to one with Mr. Leard recusing himself and Mr. Dorsey voting against the motion.

On a motion by Mr. Leard and seconded by Mr. Dorsey, M. S. Smith was appointed Secretary/Treasurer.

New Business

None

Attorney Ridgway had no report but that he is waiting on a new survey relating to the Haering project.

Mr. Dye reported that unemployment in Hart County as of today is 4.5%. He stated that prospect activity is strong. He stated the College and Career Academy is scheduled to open in August and they would like to see 30 to 40 students in these programs.

Mr. Dye reported that the Georgia Department of Economic Development will hold a board meeting at Cateechee Golf Club in Hartwell August 16 and 17. The Chamber of Commerce will assist in the coordination of the event.

The next meeting was announced to be September 25, 2017.

The meeting adjourned at 5:25 pm.

M. S. Smith

Secretary