

**Hart County Industrial Building Authority
Minutes of Meeting**

March 25 2019

The quarterly meeting of the Hart County Industrial Building Authority was held on Monday, March 25, 2019 at 5:00 pm in the meeting room of the Hart County Library, 150 Benson Street, Hartwell, Georgia.

The meeting was called to order at 5:03 pm by Chairman Bill Leard. In addition to Chairman Leard, other authority members attending were: David Buddenbaum, Joey Dorsey, Brandon Johnson and Kevin McCraney. Others attending were: Robert E. Ridgway, Jr., Attorney; Dwayne Dye, Economic Developer; Commissioner Marshall Sayer and M. S. Smith, Secretary/Treasurer. County Administrator Terrell Partain joined the meeting at 5:25 pm.

Chairman Leard welcomed new member, Chamber of Commerce President, David Buddenbaum.

The first order of business was the election of officers. On a motion by Mr. Dorsey and seconded by Mr. McCraney, Bill Leard was elected Chairman. On a motion by Chairman Leard and seconded by Mr. Dorsey, Kevin McCraney was elected Vice Chairman. M. S. Smith was elected Secretary/Treasurer on a motion by Chairman Leard and seconded by Mr. Dorsey.

The minutes of the December 10, 2018 were approved on a motion by Mr. Johnson and seconded by Mr. Buddenbaum.

A financial summary as of February 28, 2019 was presented by Ms. Smith. Mr. Ridgway explained the receipt of a wire in the amount of \$2,334.00 from Tenneco, which was sent along with its executed Lease Termination Agreement (Copy Attached). Mr. Dye presented a Capital Project List and commented on the various projects and funding. This summary was accepted as presented subject to audit.

Mr. Buddenbaum reported for the Chamber of Commerce on upcoming events:

**Eggs and Issues April 18 at Cateechee
Antique Boat Show April 13
Community Egg Hunt April 20
Hartwell Clean-up April 27**

Mr. Dorsey gave an update on status of Tenneco's moving.

Mayor Johnson reported on progress on Carolina Street and said the bids for the Depot Street project will be opened on April 2. He also reported that Jim's Grill has been sold.

Mr. McCraney gave an update on changes at Haering and reported on a large industry locating in Commerce. He said he and Archway Executive Anna Strickland, had attended a housing summit in Atlanta sponsored by Georgia Power. Mr. McCraney took part in a honey bee project held at the agricultural center sponsored by Georgia Power and the College and Career Academy.

Chairman Leard nominated Kevin McCraney to the Franklin-Hart Airport Authority to represent the Hart County Industrial Building Authority. Mr. Dorsey seconded this nomination and it passed.

No action was taken on the Four Corners project after discussion.

Approval was given to renew the Archway Partnership MOU on a motion by Mr. Dorsey and seconded by Mayor Johnson. The approval is contingent on all funding sources agreeing.

Mr. Dorsey made a motion to appoint Ridgway and Ridgway, LLP as counsel to the Authority. Mayor Johnson seconded this motion and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Dorsey made a motion to appoint Burch, Crooms, LLP as auditors for the Authority. Mayor Johnson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Ridgway presented the following resolution for approval:

RESOLVED, that Attorney Ridgway is authorized to deliver letters to the Hart County Tax Assessors Office claiming exemption to all properties owned or titled in the name of the Authority as of January 1, 2019 and sign and file all PT-50R Forms with Hart County Board of Tax Assessors based upon record information and to assist all Authority Lessees in filing PT-50P Forms in the name of the Authority based upon information provided by the Lessee.

The resolution was approved on a motion by Mr. McCraney and seconded by Mr. Dorsey.

Mr. Ridgway presented a second resolution for approval:

RESOLVED, that Attorney Ridgway is authorized to negotiate a Lease Termination Agreement with SD Automotive Group, Inc. to provide among other things, for the Re-conveyance of all Leased Property subject to the payment of all closing costs and accrued PILOT payments for 2019.

Mr. McCraney moved for approval of this resolution. Mr. Dorsey seconded this motion and it passed.

Mr. Ridgway reported for information only on activity of several other entities.

Mr. Dye reported on unemployment rate. He said activity is steady but nothing that can be announced at this point. He gave an update on the sewer lift station and the speculative building project of the Joint Development Authority on Gateway I property. He also gave a report of the positive activity of the College and Career Academy.

The next meeting was announced on June 24, 2019.

The meeting adjourned at 6:20 pm.

**M. S. Smith
Secretary**

