

**HART COUNTY INDUSTRIAL BUILDING AUTHORITY**

**Minutes of Meeting**

**March 23, 2020**

**The Hart County Industrial Building Authority held the regular quarterly meeting on Monday, March 23, 2020 at 5:00 pm. The meeting was held via conference call at 1 717 275 8940, access code 208 5881.**

**The meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm by Chairman Bill Leard. In addition to Chairman Leard, other members on the call were David Buddenbaum, Brandon Johnson and Kevin McCraney. Also on the call was Economic Developer Dwayne Dye; Attorney Robert E. Ridgway, Jr and M. S. Smith, Secretary/Treasurer.**

**Mr. Dorsey joined the meeting at 5:15 pm.**

**Chairman Leard thanked everyone for agreeing to a conference call for the meeting in light of the coronavirus pandemic.**

**The first order of business was the election of officers. Unanimous approval was given for the election of the following officers:**

<b>Chairman</b>	<b>Bill Leard</b>
<b>Vice Chairman</b>	<b>Kevin McCraney</b>
<b>Secretary/Treasurer</b>	<b>M.S. Smith</b>

**The minutes of the December 9, 2019 meeting were approved on a motion by Mr. McCraney and seconded by Mr. Buddenbaum.**

**A financial review as of February 29, 2020 was accepted subject to annual audit.**

**BOARD MEMBER REPORTS AND COMMENTS**

**Mr. Buddenbaum had no report.**

**Mr. Johnson reported that City Hall is closed to the public due to the coronavirus outbreak. He said they are staggering hours between departments in order to be safe and keep city services available.**

**Mr. McCraney reported that Georgia Power is operating under same type of guidelines as the city in order to continue providing services to their users.**

**Mr. McCraney also brought the group up to date on the progress at the Franklin-Hart Airport Authority.**

**Chairman Leard reported that while Archway student participants are working from home, they are still available for projects.**

**OLD BUSINESS**

**None**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**On a motion by Mr. Leard and seconded by Mr. McCraney, Ridgway & Ridgway, LLP was appointed as legal counsel to the Authority.**

**On a motion by Mr. Leard and seconded by Mr. Johnson, Bruch Crooms and Company, LLP was appointed to audit the books of the Authority.**

**Mr. Ridgway suggested that he be given authority to sign property tax returns. Mr. Leard made the motion that Mr. Ridgway be given this authority, Mr. Dorsey seconded the motion and it passed.**

**Mr. Leard reported that he had received a letter from the chairman of the Franklin-Hart Airport Authority requesting financial aid in the amount of \$19,500.00 from the Hart County Industrial Building Authority as phase one of the project is completed. The same amount was being requested from Franklin County.**

**Mr. Dorsey made a motion that the authority fund this request from economic development funds contingent on Franklin County contributing the same and as a one-time deal only. Mr. Buddenbaum seconded the motion and it passed with Mr. McCraney abstaining from voting.**

**Mr. Ridgway brought the authority up to date on the ongoing lien issue with Haering and asked for guidance on how handle going ahead. After some discussion, it was decided that no action would be taken now but Mr. Ridgway would let Haering know that the authority is not comfortable with the situation.**

**Mr. Ridgway presented a resolution for approval:**

**RESOLVED, that the Chairman and Secretary of the Authority be authorized to negotiate a Limited Warranty Deed back to Ritz Corp.**

**Mr. Dorsey made a motion to approve this resolution, Mr. McCraney seconded the motion and it passed.**

**Mr. Dye reported that activity is curtailed due to travel limitations at this time.**

**He stated that local manufacturing companies are open but observing much caution.**

**Mr. Dye reported that there is communication from government agencies regarding programs for small businesses etc. at this time and he is staying abreast of this to be able to offer help when possible to our small businesses.**

**The meeting adjourned at 6:00 pm.**

**M. S. Smith  
Secretary**

