

## **HART COUNTY INDUSTRIAL BUILDING AUTHORITY**

### **Minutes of Meeting**

**December 9, 2019**

**The Hart County Industrial Building Authority held the regular quarterly meeting on Monday, December 9, 2019 at 5:00 pm. The meeting was held in the small meeting room of the Hart County Library on Benson Street in Hartwell, Georgia.**

**The meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm by Chairman Bill Leard. In addition to Chairman Leard, authority member Kevin McCraney was present as well as Commissioner Marshall Sayer, representing the county in Commissioner Joey Dorsey's absence. Others attending were Economic Developer Dwayne Dye, Attorney Robert E. Ridgway, Jr.; County Manager Terrell Partain; M. S. Smith, Secretary/Treasurer; Michael Hall, *The Hartwell Sun* and guest Casey Procter.**

**At the request of Commissioner Joey Dorsey, who could not attend meeting, item VI D, Proposed office for IBA in new Chamber of Commerce location, was removed from the agenda until later date.**

**The minutes of the September 23, 2019 meeting were approved on a motion by Mr. McCraney and seconded by Mr. Sayer.**

**A financial review as of November 30, 2019 was provided by Ms. Smith. This was accepted subject to annual audit.**

### **BOARD MEMBER REPORTS AND COMMENTS**

**Mr. Sayer issued an invitation to the next Board of Commissioners meeting when a plaque will be presented to Mayor Ralph Owens of Lavonia.**

**Mr. McCraney reported, in the absence of Chamber President David Buddenbaum, on the purchase of a new location for the Chamber of Commerce.**

**He also issued an invitation to an open meeting training to be held Monday, December 16 at the Franklin-Hart Regional Airport to be led by Joey Dorsey.**

**Mayor Johnson was absent.**

**Mr. Leard announced the resignation of Anna Strickland, Archway Partnership Executive.**

## **OLD BUSINESS**

**On a motion by Mr. Sayer and seconded by Mr. McCraney, Mr. Leard was given authorization to sign necessary documents as authorized by Attorney Ridgway for the one million dollar REBA Grant for Haering.**

**Attorney Ridgway gave a progress report on the \$800,000 OneGA Edge grant for Haering. On a motion by Mr. McCraney and seconded by Mr. Sayer, Mr. Leard was given authorization to sign necessary documents as authorized by Attorney Ridgway on this grant.**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**A Right Of Way widening was requested by Mr. Casey Procter at Gateway II on property he is purchasing. The ROW shall not encroach on adjoining property owned by Haering nor shall there be any cost incurred by the IBA and will be subject to good title provided by Attorney Ridgway. This was approved on a motion by Mr. Sayer and seconded by Mr. McCraney.**

**Attorney Ridgway explained a request for an easement by Nestle Purina and Walton EMC. A motion to sign easement subject to obtaining proper documentation and with Attorney Ridgway's recommendation was approved on a motion by Mr. Sayer and seconded by Mr. Leard. Mr. McCraney abstained.**

**Attorney Ridgway explained the Graybar (sub-contractor on Haering project) lawsuit. While there is no exposure for the IBA, the lawsuit must be defended. Attorney Ridgway expects this to be resolved in early 2020.**

## **ECONOMIC DEVELOPER**

**Mr. Dye reported that site visits are still strong and there is healthy growth in existing industry.**

**Mr. Dye shared that the Adams spec building opened today and Mr. Adams is very complimentary of the project. The College and Career Academy continues positive.**

**Mr. Dye gave updates on the Lavonia Sewer project and the Gateway III Lift Station.**

**Mr. Dye reported that he was reviewing OSHA guidelines relating to ammonia based refrigeration systems and will work with Attorney Ridgway on updating park covenants.**

**The meeting adjourned at 5:45 pm.**

**M.S. Smith, Secretary**

