

**JOINT DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
OF
FRANKLIN, HART AND STEPHENS COUNTIES**

Minutes of Meeting

April 24, 2017

The quarterly meeting of the Joint Development Authority of Franklin, Hart and Stephens Counties was held Monday, April 24, 2017 at The Table restaurant in Hartwell, Georgia.

Members attending were: Doug Cleveland, Roy Crocker, Vernon Edwards, Bob Evans, Don Foster, Brian James, Bill Leard and Dean Scarborough. Also present: Economic Developers Dwayne Dye, Frank Ginn and Tim Martin; Jack Edmunds and M. S. Smith, Secretary. Guests were: Andrew Seaver, Senator Perdue's Office, Kathy Papa, Department of Community Affairs, Amy Turner, Senator Isakson's Office and Marshall Sayer, Hart County Board of Commissioners.

The meeting was called to order at 6:20 pm by Chairman Doug Cleveland. Guests were welcomed and Mr. Edwards gave the invocation.

The minutes of the January 23, 2017 meeting were approved on a motion by Mr. Evans and seconded by Mr. Foster.

Ms. Smith presented a financial summary as of March 31, 2017. The report was accepted on a motion by Mr. Scarborough and seconded by Mr. Evans.

Chairman Cleveland recognized the re-appointment of Brian James and Mayor Ralph Owens of Franklin County to the authority.

Chairman Cleveland appointed the following to the nomination committee:

**Bill Leard, Chairman
Vernon Cape
Greg Roach**

Chairman Cleveland reported on a recent open records training held in Hart County. There is a new open records training manual available.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPERS REPORTS

Mr. Martin, Stephens County

Governor Deal is slated to be in Stephens County for a ribbon cutting at Nifco

Grading has begun at ASI which will create 50 jobs

"County Line" is being filmed in Stephens County and will premiere at the Ritz Theatre

Mr. Ginn, Franklin County

The new industrial park of 150 acres is nearing completion.

Emmanuel College is sponsoring the second annual gala highlighting the agriculture program and Lt. Governor Casey Cagle is slated to attend.

Mr. Dye, Hart County

Prospect activity continues to be steady and there is expansion in existing industry.

The College and Career Academy will be opening soon and is being promoted throughout the community.

The building for Linde+Wiemann is complete and phase two will begin soon.

Construction is in progress at Hearing with target date in 2018.

Any Turner made brief comments regarding Senator Isakson's office as did Andrew Seaver from Senator Perdue's office.

Kathy Papa, Georgia Department of Community Affairs, reported that her department has a new deputy commissioner, Rusty Haygood from Stephens County.

The next meeting was announced for July 24, 2017 and the meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm.

**M. S. Smith
Secretary**