

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

**Minutes of Meeting
January 28, 2013**

The quarterly meeting of the Joint Development Authority of Franklin, Hart and Stephens Counties was held Monday January 28, 2013 at the Currahee Campus of North Georgia Technical College in Stephens County.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Chairman Doug Cleveland. Chairman Cleveland welcomed Greg Roach, new member from Stephens County and Attorney Andrea Grant from Franklin County.

Members present were Cary Bennett, Vernon Cape, Roy Crocker, Bob Evans, Don Foster, Vernon Edwards, Bill Leard, Ralph Owens, Dean Scarborough and Gerald Voyles. Others in attendance were Lyn Allen and Dwayne Dye, Economic Developers, Walter Gordon, Attorney Jack Edmunds, Treasurer and Pudge Smith, Secretary.

Dwayne Dye gave the invocation and the meal followed.

The minutes of the October 1, 2012 meeting had been e-mailed or mailed. There being no corrections or additions, the minutes were approved on a motion by Mr. Evans and seconded by Mr. Scarborough.

Mr. Edmunds presented the financial summary and a copy is attached. On a motion by Mr. Leard and seconded by Mr. Scarborough, the financial summary was accepted. Mr. Edmunds reported that due to illness, Mr. Wayne Bowen had not completed the June 30, 2012 audit and that it should be ready for review at the next meeting.

Chairman Cleveland recognized Bill Leard for receiving the Hart County Chamber of Commerce Business Person of the Year at the recent awards banquet.

Mr. Dye gave a final report of the work ready program since it will no longer be a state program. Hart County and probably Stephens and Franklin will use work keys in the future.

Ms. Allen reported that this would probably be the last report for the Lake Hartwell Marketing Alliance since interest is waning with South Carolina. She is not sure if South Carolina will go forward with the program or not.

Mr. Cleveland announced the reappointments on terms expiring December 31, 2016 for the following:

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| Hart County | Doug Cleveland and Bill Leard |
| Stephens County | Bob Evans and Dean Scarborough |

Franklin County reappointments will not be made until next week.

Ms. Allen reported that project activity in Franklin has been light although there are two open projects and that they have reapplied for Tier 1 status again. Bosal and Shark Solutions have both received national awards and a new EMS station will be located on Gerard Road.

Mr. Scarborough reported in Mr. Martin's absence that although project interest has been low, they have recently received some interest. He gave an update on the four lane expansion in the area.

Mr. Dye reported that although project interest has been light, he is seeing a pick up in activity. He is working with two fairly large sewer user prospects at present.

Mr. Dye reported that Nicki Duncan is available for assistance for training new employees.

Ms. Allen reported that she will try to schedule a Tri County Manufacturer's meeting in late February and invite Nicki Duncan to give details of the assistance she has to offer.

Ms. Allen gave an update on the Broadband progress.

Mr. Gordon reported that he and Janney Sanders had recently met with a representative of OneGeorgia to review the progress of the Broadband construction grant/loan. He indicated all the documentation necessary for closing was about complete and recommended that action be taken to authorize the chairman and secretary to execute a \$150,000.00 promissory note, security agreement or other necessary documentation to OneGeorgia Authority, such action to be subject to approval by legal counsel. On a motion by Vernon Edwards, seconded by Bob Evans, the recommendation was approved unanimously.

Mr. Roach briefed the group on the construction underway at the Currahee Campus stating that it is a new wing for health sciences.

The next meeting was announced for April 22, 2013 in Franklin County.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:10 pm.

**M. S. Smith
Secretary**