

**Fayette County Development Authority
Regular Board Meeting
May 25, 2023**

Minutes

I. Call to Order and Welcome of Guests

Chair Darryl Hicks called the board meeting of the Fayette County Development Authority to order on Thursday, May 25 at 4:00 p.m. on the second floor of the courthouse in Fayetteville.

Members Present:

Darryl Hicks
Dr. Luis Matta
Pat Hinchey
Mayor Edward Johnson
Sameera Tillman
Jim Kuo
Max Braun
Tracy Young

Staff Present:

Niki Vanderslice
Rosie Matta
Melissa Hill

Guests:

Maggie Reenstra, Coweta-Fayette EMC
Nathan Lee, General Council
Tom Gray, Fayette County Board of Education
Clint Holland, Peachtree City Council Member
Christa Foxx, Fulton & Kozak
Geoff Fulton, Fulton & Kozak
Jessica Mueller- Magnolia Studios
Sam Tuggle, Contour Engineering

II. Approval of Agenda

Tracy Young made a motion to approve the agenda. Motion was seconded by Mayor Edward Johnson. All were in favor.

III. Approval of Minutes

Mayor Edward Johnson made a motion to approve the minutes and executive session minutes for April Regular meeting held on April 27, 2023. Motion was seconded by Pat Hinchey. All were in favor.

IV. Treasurer's Report

Tracy Young reported that we were over-budget related to changes already approved. He also reported that Business Development Account and the Money Market Account would be combined.

V. New Business

Easement Agreement-

Max Braun made a motion to approve easement agreement. Motion was seconded by Tracy Young. All in favor.

Fulton & Kozak Update-

Geoff Fulton and Christa Foxx from Fulton and Kozak gave an accounting report.

VI. Film Update

Melissa Hill shared the monthly film project report. Jessica Mueller from Magnolia Studios gave a review on their "green-filming" project.

VII. Existing Industry Update

Rosie Matta shared that the Manufacturing Council met on May 2 at United Radio in PTC. Lastly, she reported that she attended GEDA Spring Workshop in Athens.

VIII. President Report

Niki Vanderslice report included the following:

Metro Atlanta Chamber of Commerce Economic Development team met in Fayetteville on May 15. Additionally, there is a potential project from this that the MAC brought to the FCDA. The FCDA's purchase of Lot #2 at Burke Square was completed. She gave an update on the investment placements with each firm. Staff is working with Tracy Young to prepare a FY24 Budget. Vanderslice has been working to solidify FCDA job descriptions. She participated in a lunch meeting with Georgia Power and other Economic Developers today. She is working on obtaining information for a Study on the Economic Impact of Film for Fayette County. Finally, she gave a presentation on the Focus Group recommendations from the focus group and how they align with the County's Comprehensive Plan (2021).

IX. Municipality Reports

Chamber- Niki Vanderslice shared that they have engaged a search firm to fill the Chamber President position. Also, informed the board that they were invited to the Bray Elected Officials Appreciation Dinner on June 6th.

Fayetteville- Mayor Johnson reported that the city is planning to host a Bi-centennial celebration on June 3 to commemorate the city's 200th anniversary. The celebration will include live music, food, and fireworks. They are also in search of an Economic Development Director via a hiring firm. Also, that they were having a Memorial Day ceremony on May 29.

Peachtree City- Council Member Clint Holland reported that a Film Industry ordinance was recently passed. Peachtree City also won three Telly Awards. They will also have a Memorial Day ceremony. Lastly two candidates have already signed up for council seats.

Tyrone- Tracy Young reported that the special election was completed, and run-offs were going to take place in June. He also shared that Atlanta Regional Commission awarded the Town of Tyrone a \$160,000 LCI grant. Tracy reported that a meeting has been scheduled to review all of Tyrone's sites.

BOE- Tom Gray reported that a total of 1,500 students will graduate this year in Fayette County. He also shared that on June 6 they would have Chris Clark as one of presenters at their FCBOE Administrative Institute.

X. Executive Session

At 4:56 p.m. Sameera Tillman made a motion to go into executive session for personnel and real estate matters. Motion was seconded by Tracy Young, with all in favor.

At 5:19 p.m. Dr. Luis Matta made a motion to adjourn the executive session, Mayor Edward Johnson seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

XI. Return to Regular Session and Motion

The Board discussed the potential and possibility of a revolving loan fund.

A motion was made by Tracy Young to amend agenda to include Contract with Blue Chip Builders, Sameera Tillman seconded the motion with all in favor. Mayor Johnson made the motion to approve proposed contract with stipulated changes; motion was seconded by Dr. Luis Matta. All were in favor.

XII. Adjourn

At 5:43 p.m. Sameera Tillman made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Dr. Luis Matta with all in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 5:43 p.m.