

HARDEE COUNTY
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (EDA)
(INDEPENDENT BOARD)
COUNTY COMMISSION CHAMBERS
412 WEST ORANGE STREET, ROOM 102
WAUCHULA, FLORIDA 33873
DECEMBER 21, 2010 9:00 A.M.

MINUTES

Members:

David Royal, Vice-Chairman, P
Bill Beattie, A
Paul Samuels, P
Vanessa Hernandez, P
Roger Hood, P

Bridget Merrill, P- Via Telephone
Perry Knight, P
Bill Lambert, Chairman, P
Terry Atchley, P

County Attorney Ken Evers, P
Office Manager Sandy Meeks, P

County Manager Lexton H. Albritton, Jr., P

Chairman Lambert called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

MOTION by Royal, second by Hernandez to approve the agenda with the addition of discussing advertising for a new cycle. **Motion carried unanimously.**

MOTION by Samuels, second by Hernandez to approve the September 28, 2010, regular meeting minutes. **Motion carried unanimously.**

- I. Acknowledge receipt of Clerks Financial Reports for periods ending 09/30/10, 10/31/10, & 11/30/10.

MOTION by Knight, second by Hernandez to acknowledge receipt of Clerks Financial Reports for periods ending 09/30/10, 10/31/10, & 11/30/10. **Motion carried unanimously.**

- II. Acknowledge receipt of Project Status Reports from Town of Zolfo Springs and Hardee County BOCC.

MOTION by Hood, second by Atchley to acknowledge receipt of Project Status Reports from Town of Zolfo Springs and Hardee County BOCC. **Motion carried unanimously.**

- III. Acknowledge receipt of letters to the NCT Group and County Attorney Ken Evers regarding the audit.

Chairman Lambert asked County Manager Albritton and County Attorney Evers if they had any comments regarding the audit. They advised they did not.

Motion by Atchley, second by Royal to acknowledge receipt of letters to the NCT Group and County Attorney Ken Evers regarding the audit. **Motion carried unanimously.**

- IV. Request approval of amended 2010-2011 Budget.

County Manager Albritton explained the difference pertained to actually converting to accrual and how the books were adjusted for about \$300,000 which was accounts payable and needed to be recognized as an expense. He also touched on the amount reserved for disbursement. **MOTION by Atchley, second by Hernandez** to approve the amended 2010-2011 budget. **Motion carried unanimously.**

- V. Request approval of amended Infrastructure Guidelines.

County Attorney Evers advised how the Board had discussed all of the changes at their last meeting and how they included the changes in the documents where they felt they fit and then he briefly touched on each of the changes in the Guidelines, By-laws, and the new Economic Development Authority Application.

MOTION by Royal, second by Hood to approve the amended Infrastructure Guidelines. **Motion carried unanimously.**

- VI. Request approval of amended Job Creation Guidelines.

MOTION by Royal, second by Hernandez to approve the amended Job Creation Guidelines. **Motion carried unanimously.**

- VII. Request approval of amended by-laws.

MOTION by Atchley, second by Hernandez to approve the amended by-laws. **Motion carried unanimously.**

- VIII. Request approval of Economic Development Application.

Hood asked where the wage information referenced in the application came from. County Manager Albritton advised Enterprise Florida and how it was updated each year.

Hernandez asked if the wage information had to be in the application. County Attorney Evers advised it needed to be specific. County Manager Albritton advised the application would be updated with the current wage information. Royal asked if they should add where the numbers on the wage information came from. Chairman Lambert advised they could add that information as a

parenthetical comment. **MOTION by Royal, second by Hernandez** to approve the Economic Development Application with the addition of adding a parenthetical comment identifying the source of the wage data. **Motion carried unanimously.**

- IX. Discuss meeting date for January 2011.

Chairman Lambert asked if they had to meet in January. Sandy Meeks advised they needed to meet because of the appointment information. Chairman Lambert advised that Samuels would be replaced by Kenny Miller, Hernandez would be replaced by Derren Bryan, and Bobby Smith was replaced by Commissioner Terry Atchley. **MOTION by Knight, second by Samuels** to approve 02/01/11 at 8:30 a.m. as the next meeting date. **Motion carried unanimously.**

- X. Public Comment.

There was no public comment.

- XI. Discuss advertising for new cycle.

MOTION by Atchley, second by Hernandez to direct County Manager begin the process to advertise for another cycle. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

William R. Lambert, Jr., Chairman