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Minutes

Monday, July 8, 2019 ♦ 9:00 AM

Putnam County Administration Building – Room 204

The Putnam Development Authority met on Monday, July 8, 2019 at approximately 9:00 AM in the Putnam County Administration Building, 117 Putnam Drive, Room 204, Eatonton, Georgia.

PRESENT

Chairman Ed Waggoner
Member Patty Burns
Member Walt Rocker III (arrived at 9:20 a.m.)
Member Eugene Smith
Member John Wojtas

OTHERS PRESENT

Economic Development Director Terry Schwindler
County Clerk Lynn Butterworth

Opening

1. Call to Order

Chairman Waggoner called the meeting to order at approximately 9:05 a.m.
(Copy of agenda made a part of the minutes.)

2. Special Presentation - Janie Reid-Middle Georgia Consortium-One Stop Career Center to discuss Workforce Solutions and Training

Mrs. Janie Reid, Middle Georgia One Stop Operator – Manager, gave a presentation on the Middle Georgia Consortium-One Stop Career Center. No action was taken.

(Copy of presentation and handout made a part of the minutes.)

Minutes

3. Approval of Minutes
 - a. June 17, 2019 Regular Meeting
 - b. June 17, 2019 Executive Session
 - c. June 20, 2019 Called Meeting

Motion to approve the minutes of the June 17, 2019 Regular Meeting, June 17, 2019 Executive Session, and June 20, 2019 Called Meeting.

Motion made by Member Rocker, Seconded by Member Smith.

Voting Yea: Member Burns, Member Rocker, Member Smith, Member Wojtas

Financials

4. Approval of Financials - June 2019

Motion to approve the June 2019 Financials.

Motion made by Member Smith, Seconded by Member Rocker.

Voting Yea: Member Burns, Member Rocker, Member Smith, Member Wojtas

(Copy of financials made a part of the minutes.)

Reports

5. Economic Development Director Report - July 2019

EDD Schwindler reported the following: (copy of report made a part of the minutes)

- Website visitor sessions and pages viewed per session
- Website analytics
- Project status - 11 projects added
- Projects by Industry - 4 commercial/retail, 2 hospitality, 2 residential, 1 ag, 1 distribution, 1 healthcare
- Project source – 3 existing industry, 5 local referrals, 3 direct
- Business & Industry contacts - 32 MTD, 156 YTD
- Social media - 387 likes on Facebook, 52 followers on LinkedIn, 196 followers on Instagram, 29 followers on Twitter
- Company located – Wing MAXX, 100 Scott Road - \$1 million investment
- Company located – Dollar General, 863 Sparta Highway (GA 16 @ New Phoenix Road) - \$685,000 investment
- Company located – The Mustard Seed Restaurant, 411 Pea Ridge Road - \$70,000 investment
- Company expanded – Georgia Writers Museum, 109-113 S Jefferson Avenue - \$210,000 investment
- Company expanded – TCH WaterSports Inc., 417 Pea Ridge Road – new division: Part Shark, sells new & used parts and accessories retail & online
- Company expanded – Lake Oconee Antique Mall, 871 Harmony Road - \$66,000 investment
- Company expanded – Lake Oconee Tree Farm & Nursery, 813 Lake Oconee Parkway - \$1.5 million investment
- Company update – Cucos moving into the Old China Chef building at 104 N Jefferson Avenue and changing name to El Cazador
- Company update – SIP grading in underway

- Company update – Burger King construction at Rana’s Travel Center
- Company update – Interfor – hiring expo in July at their site
- Company update – Wing MAXX – 2 for 1 wings on Wednesdays
- Company update – Papa John’s Pizza – 50% off pizza on Wednesdays
- Events attended and upcoming events
- WorkSource Sector Partnership Conference takeaways

Regular Business

6. Authorization for Chairman to sign Warranty Deed for N. Jefferson Avenue property
Chairman Waggoner advised that the Deed was not ready. This will be added to the next agenda.

Other Business

7. Other Business
None

Next Meeting Items

8. Next Meeting Items
Warranty Deed for N. Jefferson Avenue property

Executive Session

9. Motion to enter Executive Session as allowed by O.C.G.A. 50-14-4, if necessary, for
Personnel, Litigation, or Real Estate

Motion to enter Executive Session for real estate purposes.

Motion made by Member Rocker, Seconded by Member Burns.

Voting Yea: Member Burns, Member Rocker, Member Smith, Member Wojtas

Meeting closed at approximately 9:58 a.m.

10. Motion to reopen meeting and execute Affidavit concerning the subject matter of the closed
portion of the meeting

Motion to reopen the meeting and sign the affidavit.

Motion made by Member Smith, Seconded by Member Wojtas.

Voting Yea: Member Burns, Member Rocker, Member Smith, Member Wojtas

(Copy of affidavit made a part of the minutes.)

Meeting reopened at approximately 10:20 a.m.

11. Action, if any, resulting from the Executive Session

No action was taken.

Closing

12. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting.

Motion made by Member Smith, Seconded by Member Burns.

Voting Yea: Member Burns, Member Rocker, Member Smith, Member Wojtas

Meeting adjourned at approximately 10:21 a.m.

ATTEST:

Lynn Butterworth
County Clerk

Ed Waggoner
Chairman