

Bullock County Development Authority
Regular Session Meeting
January 5, 2021

The Bullock County Development Authority held its regular meeting on Thursday, January 5, 2021 at 5:00 PM via teleconference (Dial-In Number: 701.802.5491; Access Code: 7850591#), with Vice-Chairman Cope Lawrence presiding. Roll Call was taken by Meagan Faulk.

Members Present

Thomas Main
Cope Lawrence
Lawrence Penn
LaDerrick Caldwell
Marsha Moffett

Members Absent

Roderick Clark
Melma Gillis

Others Present

David Padgett
Meagan Faulk
Elizabeth Smithart
Cynthia Smithart
Mittie Smith

There being a quorum present, the meeting was called to order at 5:02 p.m. by Vice-Chairman Cope Lawrence.

Lawrence Penn made a motion to accept the agenda, and Thomas Main provided the second. Motion passed unanimously.

Minutes (December 1, 2020) were reviewed and approved upon a motion made by Lawrence Penn. Thomas Main provided the second. The motion passed unanimously.

Cynthia Smithart reviewed the financial reports for December. Lawrence Penn made a motion to accept & approve the report. Thomas Main provided the second and the motion passed unanimously.

David Padgett announced that we have officially launched our "Buying Bullock" eGift card program. This program is a collaboration by the processing company Yiftee and the Bullock County Development Authority. We are excited to launch this with the hopes to generate local shopping dollars in Bullock County.

David Padgett gave an update on the Union Springs Telephone Company Wi-Fi Hotspot that was installed last week. The system is designed to cover the parking lot behind the Bullock County Development Authority office and will be configured with a password and designated hours of operation. USTC will provide the bandwidth at no additional cost to support the residents who are unable to access the internet.

David Padgett requested funding on behalf of A & J Boutique and Party Supplies for site prep. A & J Boutique is requesting money for repairs to their building and to purchase inventory. Further details will be given during the February 2, 2021 regular session meeting. The request was tabled for thirty days.

Meagan Faulk gave an update regarding the 2020 Community Revitalization Program. The board members were asked to consider a portion of the CRP be designated towards Covid Relief for the upcoming 2021 Community Revitalization Program. Further details will be given during the February 2, 2021 meeting.

Attorney Smithart recommended that the board consider a thirty-minute work session prior to the meetings to discuss any requests and updates the board members might have.

Thomas Main gave a brief update on the progress at the airport. He informed the board the Airport Authority's meeting in December was canceled. He will give further details during the next scheduled meeting.

Updates include:

Matt Thomason, Goodwyn, Mills & Cawood, recommends putting marketing signs at the airport.

Quotes will be requested for the signs at the airport.

Grow Southeast's major focus is aviation. \$5,000.00 from the Alabama Power donation for industry support will be used towards this for the proper advertisement. Grow SEA is currently putting a marketing plan together to include Bullock County.

Mr. Padgett wants to bring the local utilities partners together for a lunch at the airport. This would include Alabama Power, Dixie Electric and Union Springs Telephone Company.

CNA classes are scheduled to begin on January 23, 2021.

Meagan Faulk and David Padgett are currently working on the website for the County.

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m. on the motion of Marsha Moffett and a second by Lawrence Penn. The vote passed unanimously.