

Bullock County Development Authority
Regular Session Meeting
April 6, 2021

The Bullock County Development Authority held its regular meeting on Tuesday, April 6, 2021 at 5:00 PM at the Richard Stone Complex and via teleconference (Dial-In Number: 701.802.5491; Access Code: 7850591#), with Chairman LaDerrick Caldwell presiding. Roll Call was taken by Meagan Faulk.

Members Present

Marsha Moffett
Cope Lawrence
Lawrence Penn
LaDerrick Caldwell
Melma Gillis
Roderick Clark
Thomas Main

Members Absent

Others Present

David Padgett
Meagan Faulk
Elizabeth Smithart

A work session was held prior to the meeting at 4:30 pm.

There being a quorum present, the meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Chairman LaDerrick Caldwell.

Roderick Clark made a motion to accept the agenda, and Cope Lawrence provided the second. Motion passed unanimously.

Minutes (March 2, 2021) were reviewed and approved upon a motion made by Lawrence Penn. Cope Lawrence provided the second. The motion passed unanimously.

David Padgett reviewed the financial reports for March. Cope Lawrence made a motion to accept & approve the report. Lawrence Penn provided the second and the motion passed unanimously.

Meagan Faulk gave an update regarding the 2021 Community Revitalization Program. She informed the board that an advertisement had been submitted to the Herald Newspaper. The ad ran for two weeks at \$75.00/week. Out of thirty-six packets either picked up or delivered, ten were returned/submitted for approval. Mrs. Faulk also stated that she is currently working with the applicants making sure that all the required information is included in their packets. The deadline was April 5, 2021. Mrs. Faulk will update the board during the May 4th meeting.

Cope Lawrence notified the board that the landscaping bid at Welch Industrial Park is up for renewal. Mrs. Faulk will submit an approved bid advertisement to the Herald. The advertisement will run for two weeks. Attorney Smithart recommended a contract be required for the landscaper. Ramirez Lawn Services has been the landscaper for two years at \$145.00 per cut, every other week or as requested by the BCDA.

Thomas Main recommended purchasing a larger vehicle for the BCDA Director for the purpose of hosting industrial prospects and visitors to Bullock County. After much discussion, the board gave Mr. Padgett permission to shop around and get more information as to which vehicle would be most appropriate. Mr. Padgett said he would get quotes for various options. Further details will be given during the May 4, 2021 meeting.

Cope Lawrence gave a brief update on the progress at the airport. He informed the board that the completion of the fence will be paid for by FAA 100% as well as the right-of-way being cleared. There's an estimate of fifty acres within the fence. Chairman Caldwell asked about the Calhoun Property. The attorney for the airport is current working on the contract. Cope Lawrence will give further details during the next scheduled meeting.

Mr. Padgett's updates include:

A tour of Bullock County has been scheduled for April 7, 2021 with ADECA Director, Kenneth Boswell. Further details will be given during the next meeting.

Recently spoke with Mr. Bufford regarding the old DHR building.

Delta Regional Authority is working with Opportunity Alabama to highlight various properties in Bullock County.

Bonnie Plants has made major progress as far as clearing land and moving dirt for construction.

Once approved by the Airport Authority, quotes will be requested for the signs at the airport to advertise for an industrial park.

Grow SEA is currently putting a marketing plan together to include Bullock County. Grow SEA will also include Bullock County in the drone footage as part of the annual dues.

CNA classes have concluded at the Career Tech. A ceremony was recently held for the graduates.

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:46 p.m. on the motion of Roderick Clark and a second by Cope Lawrence. The vote passed unanimously.