

Bullock County Development Authority
Regular Session Meeting
May 4, 2021

The Bullock County Development Authority held its regular meeting on Tuesday, May 4, 2021 at 5:00 PM in the Conference Room at 106 Conecuh Avenue East, with Chairman LaDerrick Caldwell presiding. Roll Call was taken by Meagan Faulk.

Members Present

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

Members Absent

Marsha Moffett

Others Present

David Padgett
Meagan Faulk
Elizabeth Smithart
Cynthia 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.

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

Minutes (April 6, 2021) were reviewed and approved upon a motion made by Cope Lawrence. Lawrence Penn provided the second. The motion passed unanimously.

Cynthia Smithart reviewed the financial reports for April. Cope Lawrence made a motion to accept & approve the report. Melma provided the second and the motion passed unanimously.

Meagan Faulk gave an update regarding the 2021 Community Revitalization Program. She informed the board that a committee meeting was held on May 3, 2021, at the Richard Stone Complex to review the applications submitted. The CRP Committee made the following recommendations: Hall's Xroad Grocery \$4,750.00; Jackie's Fashion \$4,750.00; Rutland Law \$2,000.00; Union Springs AG \$4,750.00; Napa Auto Parts \$4,750.00; Evelyn Smart \$2,000.00; Taylormade Boutique \$2,000.00. The CRP Committee members are Cecilia Moorer, Essie Thomas, Meagan Faulk, Melma Gillis and Dr. Mark Moore. Roderick Clark made a motion to approve the CRP recommendations, and Cope Lawrence provided the second. Motion passed unanimously.

Cope Lawrence notified the board that the landscaping bid at Welch Industrial Park is up for renewal. Mrs. Faulk submitted an approved bid advertisement to the Herald. The advertisement ran for two weeks. Ramirez Lawn Service submitted a bid for \$145.00/bi-weekly. Ramirez Lawn

Service was the only bid submitted. Cope Lawrence made a motion to approve the request, and Lawrence Penn provided the second. Motion passed unanimously.

Thomas Main recommended purchasing a larger vehicle for the BCDA Director for the purpose of hosting industrial prospects and visitors to Bullock County. The Board recognizes the need for BCDA to be able to use this vehicle for tours of Bullock County when hosting visitors from local, regional and state government as well as potential industrial and retail development organizations that are interested in Bullock County.

The BCDA will become more active, post pandemic, in participation of national and regional trade shows promoting Bullock County and will need a vehicle with the capacity to carry the equipment and brochures for these shows. The request is for a 2021 Ford Explorer XLT from the Alabama State Contract(t-191) for \$31,308.00 (via IST funds) from Stivers Ford. BCDA is currently working with USDA to hopefully procure a reimbursable grant for the vehicle, 35% or \$10,957.80. Thomas Main made a motion to approve the request, and Roderick Clark provided the second. Motion passed unanimously. Approval for the signature of Chairman Caldwell for Resolution 2021-01 regarding the BCDA vehicle was made by Cope Lawrence, with a second made by Melma Gillis. The motion passed unanimously.

Cope Lawrence gave a brief update on the progress at the airport. He informed the board that the completion of the fence has been delayed due to inclement weather. He also stated that the airport is currently looking to upgrade the fuel system to an above ground tank. The Calhoun Family has been given sixty days to relocate via funds provided by FAA. The attorney for the airport is current working on the contract.

Mr. Padgett's updates include:

A tour of Bullock County was given on for April 7, 2021 to ADECA Director, Kenneth Boswell. The tour included To Your Health Sprouted Flour, Bonnie Plants, Bullock County Courthouse and Franklin Filed Airport.

Franklin Field Airport informational flyer

Currently working on BCDA website

Meeting with Main Street Alabama

Representation at the Orlando Conference by Grow Southeast. 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.

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:33 p.m. on the motion of Roderick Clark and a second by Lawrence Penn. The vote passed unanimously.