

Bullock County Development Authority
Regular Session Meeting
October 12, 2022

The Bullock County Development Authority held its regular meeting on Tuesday, October 12, 2022 at 11:00 a.m. in the Conference Room at 106 Conecuh Avenue East, with Chairman LaDerrick Caldwell presiding.

Members Present

Cope Lawrence
Roderick Clark
LaDerrick Caldwell
Thomas Main
Marsha Moffett

Members Absent

Melma Gillis
Lawrence Penn

Others Present

David Padgett
Meagan Faulk
Elizabeth Smithart
Cynthia Smithart
Tim Tompkins
Robert Tompkins
Carlos Pickens

A work session was held prior to the meeting at 10:30 a.m.

There being a quorum present, the meeting was called to order at 11:00 a.m. by Chairman LaDerrick Caldwell.

Marsha Moffett made a motion to accept the agenda with an addendum (Public Information Request by Eric Crawford), and Roderick Clark provided the second. Motion passed unanimously. Ms. Faulk informed the board that Mr. Crawford requested to be taken off the September agenda and be added to the November agenda.

Minutes (September 14, 2022) were reviewed and approved upon a motion made by Cope Lawrence. Thomas Main provided the second. The motion passed unanimously.

Cynthia Smithart reviewed the financial reports for August. Marsha Moffett made a motion to accept & approve the report for September. Cope Lawrence provided the second and the motion passed unanimously. Moffett discussed the monthly fee charge on the Money Market account and informed the board that she had eliminated the charge and refunded the account for the previous charges. Mrs. Moffett stated that because it is a government account, it should not have a monthly fee.

Cynthia Smithart asked for authorization to make certain payments by credit card instead of mailing a check. The payments would include Riley Harris Landscaping, Ramirez Lawn and WideNet Consulting. Roderick Clark made a motion to approve the request. Marsha Moffett provided the second with the motion passing unanimously.

During the September meeting, the request was made to increase the Internal Budget's Admin Office Salary from \$33,600 to \$37,000; Director Salary from \$58,600 to \$62,000. The Bullock County Commission denied any changes in salary. The amounts will remain the same as the 2021-2022 salaries. Roderick Clark made a motion to approve the amendment. Cope Lawrence provided the second with the motion passing unanimously.

Bullock County Development Authority was awarded \$299,600.00 for the Track One: Recovery Grant to purchase a vehicle to be used as a Mobile Healthcare Clinic, as well as equipment to be able to utilize the vehicle to provide a Mobile Healthcare Clinic to citizens of Bullock County. Bids were sent out and advertised in the Herald Newspaper. The bid opening was September 19, 2022. The total project cost is \$400,000. PRM will match the project up to \$100,000. BCDA will utilize \$300,000 of IST funds to cover the reimbursable grant. There is a \$400 difference that BCDA will fund through IST. Once the vehicle is purchased and paid for, USDA will reimburse BCDA \$299,600. Thomas Main made and motion to approve the request for \$300,000 to be funded by IST with the understanding that BCDA will be reimbursed \$299,600 by USDA. The remaining \$400 (non-reimbursable) will be paid for by BCDA via IST. Marsha Moffett provided the second. The motion passed unanimously.

Election of Officers occurred: Chairman – LaDerrick Caldwell; Vice-Chairman – Cope Lawrence; Treasurer – Marsha Moffett; and Secretary- Thomas Main. Roderick Clark made a motion to keep the officers the same as 2021-2022. Cope Lawrence provided the second with the motion passing unanimously.

Tim Tompkins, Fire Chief of Fitzpatrick VFD requested \$35,000.00 to order the building for Station #2. This station will be located on Hwy 82 in the Shopton Community. Fitzpatrick VFD has secured funding for the site work and the pad has been completed. They have secured funding for the concrete slab which will be completed soon. Fitzpatrick VFD will be purchasing additional trucks and equipment for this station. Fitzpatrick VFD has received an ISO rating of 6. Thomas made a motion to approve the request. Marsha Moffett provided the second. The motion passed unanimously.

Thomas Main informed the Board that the Airport Authority met last month and the fuel sales have increased significantly. Mr. Main mentioned it's time for the last mow of the season. He also stated the grant money leftover from the last fiscal year will rollover to the new fiscal year and hopefully applied towards new hangars.

Ms. Faulk informed the board regarding the BCDA Meeting changes. The Herald Newspaper has the update listed in the Community Events section.

South Bullock Water Authority will receive a grant to expand the waterlines and increase water pressure to homes.

Chairman Caldwell asked for an update for Shampoodles.

The CNA class recently had a fourth graduation.

Wallace State Community College is applying for a DRA grant to renovate the back building of Career Tech.

Business Alabama Magazine featured Bullock County in the spotlight section.

Mr. Will Tolbert has shown interest in taking ownership of the building that he currently occupies on Welsh Avenue. Mr. Padgett suggested forming a committee within the BCDA Board to discuss the different options.

Liberty Station is scheduled to open mid-October.

Twin Lakes Grocery is scheduled to open November 1st. They have applied for the required licenses and permits.

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:37 a.m. on the motion of Thomas Main and a second by Roderick Clark. The vote passed unanimously.