

Bullock County Development Authority
Regular Session Meeting
August 16, 2022

The Bullock County Development Authority held its regular meeting on Tuesday, August 16, 2022 at 5:00 PM in the Conference Room at 106 Conecuh Avenue East, with Chairman LaDerrick Caldwell presiding.

Members Present

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

Members Absent

Roderick Clark

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.

Cope Lawrence made a motion to accept the agenda. Lawrence Penn provided the second. Motion passed unanimously.

Minutes (June 14, 2022; No meeting in July) were reviewed and approved upon a motion made by Cope Lawrence. Thomas Main provided the second. The motion passed unanimously.

David Padgett reviewed the financial reports for June and July. Lawrence Penn made a motion to accept & approve the report for June. Marsha Moffett provided the second and the motion passed unanimously. Cope Lawrence made a motion to accept & approve the report for July. Thomas Main provided the second and the motion passed unanimously.

David Padgett reviewed the budget for 2022-2023. Requests made to increase the Internal Budget are Admin Office Salary from \$33,600 to \$37,000; Director Salary from \$58,600 to \$62,000; FICA Tax from \$6,800 to \$8,500; Health Insurance from \$13,704 to \$15,000; Retirement Match from \$8,200 to \$8,540; Conference Expenses from \$1,000 to \$2,000; Fuel for BCDA Vehicle from \$1,500 to \$2,500; Bonds/Insurance from \$20,000 to \$22,000; Professional Services from \$12,000 to \$13,200; Utilities from \$4,500 to \$5,500. Website Design and Management decreased from \$3,500 to \$3,000. Requests made to increase the External Budget are Industrial Sales Tax Budgeted from \$525,000 to \$600,000; Black Belt Foundation Dues from \$2,000 to 2,500; Bullock County Chamber of Commerce from \$1,200 to \$4,000; add line item BCDA Site Development \$30,000. Cope Lawrence made a motion to accept & approve the proposed 2022-2023 Budget. Lawrence Penn provided the second and the motion passed 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 supplies and equipment to be able to utilize the vehicle to provide a Mobile Healthcare Clinic to citizens of Bullock County. The services provided by the MHC will include Covid-19 vaccine clinics, Covid-19 testing clinics, primary care clinic services including management of chronic health conditions such as diabetes and high blood pressure, and outreach to community workforces including farm workers. The services will be provided through a partnership with BCDA, Bullock County Healthcare Authority and the Bullock County Hospital. PRM has agreed to pay up to fifty percent in matching funds. PRM will run the day-to-day operations & provide any supplies needed for the mobile clinic but BCDA own the vehicle. Bids have been sent out and advertised in the Herald Newspaper. The scheduled bid opening is September 19, 2022.

Wallace State Community College and the Bullock County Board of Education is applying for a Delta Regional Authority grant for the renovation of the old daycare building at Career Tech. The grant will not only renovate the outdated building but it will provide robotics equipment for their students. The DRA grant will provide up to \$500,000 towards the renovation and equipment.

Thomas Main informed the Board that the Airport Authority met last month and the fuel sales have increased significantly. There is also a waitlist for hangars. He will give an airport update during the next board meeting.

David Padgett had a request to change the day and time of the BCDA Regular Session Meeting. We currently meet on the first Tuesday of every month at 5:00 pm. He requested changing the meeting to the second Wednesday at 11:00 am to better suit the board members' schedules. Thomas Main made a motion to accept & approve the request. Marsha Moffett provided the second and the motion passed unanimously. Ms. Faulk will post the notice on the front door of the BCDA office as well as sending the notice to the Herald Newspaper.

EDAA Conference was in July.

Barry Moore is scheduled to have a Town Hall meeting for Bullock County on August 23rd.

Department of Commerce reached out via email inquiring about available property in Bullock County called "Project Blue Snowman." Bullock County did not meet the specified requirements for the project.

Lunch with Grow Southeast and C-Spire in Troy.

Old Dairy Deluxe is currently being renovated.

Antique store opened in Downtown Union Springs.

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:07 p.m. on the motion of Thomas Main and a second by Marsha Moffett. The vote passed unanimously.