

Bullock County Development Authority
Regular Session Meeting
September 14, 2022

The Bullock County Development Authority held its regular meeting on Tuesday, September 14, 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
Lawrence Penn
Marsha Moffett
Thomas Main

Members Absent

Melma Gillis

Others Present

David Padgett
Meagan Faulk
Elizabeth Smithart
Cynthia Smithart

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.

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

Minutes (August 16, 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. Lawrence Penn made a motion to accept & approve the report for August. Roderick Clark provided the second and the motion passed unanimously. Mr. Padgett said he would request an IST deposit breakdown from Avenu. Marsha Moffett discussed the monthly fee charge on the Money Market account and felt that it was made in error. Mrs. Moffett stated that because it is a government account, it should not have a monthly fee. She informed the board that she will eliminate the fee and make necessary changes to avoid future charges.

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. Board Member Marsha Moffett suggested the automatic bill pay feature

provided by the bank. Attorney Smithart asked to add the request to October's agenda rather than amending the agenda.

David Padgett presented a medical marijuana resolution requesting support from the County and the City of Union Springs. The resolution authorizes the operation of medical cannabis operations within Bullock County. The act provides the medical use for patients with a qualifying medical condition and a valid cannabis card. The resolution authorizes the Medical Cannabis Commission to regulate medical cannabis operations within Bullock County. Any medical cannabis operation would be required to comply with all current and future tax requirements to Bullock County. The Resolution has been passed by the Bullock County Commission and is on the agenda for the City of Union Springs. Roderick Clark expressed his support on behalf of the City of Union Springs. Signatures for the resolution are required from both the City of Union Springs and the Bullock County Commission.

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. Bids have been sent out and advertised in the Herald Newspaper. The scheduled bid opening is September 19, 2022.

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. Mr. Main mentioned the high traffic at the airport and the interest of Wayne Farms & C-Spire wanting to land their planes at Franklin Field.

Ms. Faulk informed the board regarding the BCDA Meeting changes. The Herald Newspaper was notified as well as the notice was posted on the front door of BCDA.

Chairman Caldwell informed the board that the School District may reach out to BCDA regarding storage for excess supplies.

Tourism Annual Meeting is scheduled for October 12th immediately following the BCDA meeting. All board members and staff are invited to attend. The cost is \$15.00 per person.

Business Alabama Magazine featured Bullock County in the spotlight section.

Bullock County Commission has been notified of the BCDA meeting changes.

David Padgett suggested having a work session following the November meeting. Lunch would be provided. The meeting would be two hours maximum.

The Hospital Board owns the property beside the Union Springs Fire Department and wants to add an enclosed building for a cost of around \$1.2 million. The building would house both the Fire Department's rescue truck and the mobile healthcare van.

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

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:38 a.m. on the motion of Roderick Clark and a second by Cope Lawrence. The vote passed unanimously.