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Called Meeting

Minutes

Monday, March 2, 2020 ♦ 9:00 AM

Putnam County Administration Building – Room 204

The Putnam Development Authority met on Monday, March 2, 2020 at approximately 9:00 AM in the Putnam County Administration Building, 117 Putnam Drive, Room 204, Eatonton, Georgia

PRESENT

Chairman Walt Rocker III
Member Patty Burns
Member Eugene Smith
Member John Wojtas (via telephone)

OTHERS PRESENT

Attorney Kevin Brown (via telephone)
County Clerk Lynn Butterworth

Opening

1. Call to Order

Chairman Rocker called the meeting to order at approximately 9:01 a.m.
(Copy of agenda made a part of the minutes.)

Called Meeting

2. Possible extension of the SIP Grading Contract - P.C. Simonton & Associates

Mr. Paul Simonton provided details of the South Industrial Park grading contract. The contractor has finished everything except for final grading and road paving. In the fall the contractor did not pass on the proof roll and had subgrade compaction problems. In trying to get those issues resolved, the weather caught up with them and it has been raining since. The original notice to proceed was issued in the spring, with a completion date in December; the contractor expected to finish in October but got caught in an OSHA problem with his equipment on another job. Mr. Simonton advised that the request for extension is valid and recommended the board approve it.

**Motion to extend the SIP grading contract to April 13, 2020.
Motion made by Member Smith, Seconded by Member Burns.
Voting Yea: Member Burns, Member Smith, Member Wojtas**

3. Discussion regarding the turnover of the road maintenance in the SIP project to the City of Eatonton

Chairman Rocker advised that he spoke with the City of Eatonton on Friday and they have no formal process for road acceptance.

Motion to start the process to turn over road maintenance in the SIP project to the City of Eatonton.

**Motion made by Member Smith, Seconded by Member Burns.
Voting Yea: Member Burns, Member Smith, Member Wojtas**

4. Discussion and possible action regarding the new GRAD site submittal requirements, and how we need to handle them

Mr. Paul Simonton and Attorney Brown explained that there has been a change in the submittal process for GRAD sites. The change went into effect on January 1, 2020 and much more is required than before. A new pre-application conference call will need to be done before the online submittal can begin. Chairman Rocker requested that this be tabled until the next regular meeting in order to obtain more information.

Motion to table discussion and possible action regarding the new GRAD site submittal requirements until the next regular meeting.

**Motion made by Member Smith, Seconded by Member Burns.
Voting Yea: Member Burns, Member Smith, Member Wojtas**

Executive Session

5. Enter Executive Session as allowed by O.C.G.A. 50-14-4, if necessary, for Personnel, Litigation or Real Estate

Motion to enter Executive Session as allowed by O.C.G.A. 50-14-4 for Real Estate.

**Motion made by Member Burns, Seconded by Member Smith.
Voting Yea: Member Burns, Member Smith, Member Wojtas**

Meeting closed at approximately 9:20 a.m.

6. Reopen Meeting and Execute Affidavit Concerning the Subject Matter of the Closed Portion of the Meeting

Motion to reopen the meeting and execute the affidavit concerning the subject matter of the closed portion of the meeting.

**Motion made by Member Smith, Seconded by Member Burns.
Voting Yea: Member Burns, Member Smith, Member Wojtas**

(Copy of affidavit made a part of the minutes.)

Meeting reconvened at approximately 9:43 a.m.

7. Action, if any, Resulting from the Executive Session

Motion that PDA supports a hotel project in Putnam County.

Motion made by Member Smith, Seconded by Member Burns.

Voting Yea: Member Burns, Member Smith, Member Wojtas

Closing

8. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting.

Motion made by Member Smith, Seconded by Member Burns.

Voting Yea: Member Burns, Member Smith, Member Wojtas

Meeting adjourned at approximately 9:44 a.m.

ATTEST:

Lynn Butterworth
County Clerk

Walt Rocker III
Chairman