

# Holmes County Development Commission

Meeting Minutes  
Regular Board Meeting  
Monday, December 16, 2019 5:30 P.M.  
@ "The Log Cabin"

## **Members in Attendance:**

Leigh Ann Sharon, Jeremy Rolling, Rickey Callahan, Judy Powell, George Robertson, Doyle Majors, Ken Capps

## **Members Absent:**

Rhonda Sapp, Brian Schultz, Lance Medley, Rhonda Byrd Lee

## **Others Present:**

Joe Rone, Madison Collins, Ben Armstrong

## **Emergency Items for the Agenda**

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## **A. CALL TO ORDER:**

Rickey called the meeting to order at 5:30 P.M.

## **B. CONSENT AGENDA**

George motioned to approve the minutes. Jeremy seconded and the motion carried.

## **C. BOARD & COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Finance Report** – Joe reviewed the financials for the month of November 2019. The quarterly interest payment for our loan was made. All expenditures for the month were reviewed. He talked about the interest made on the money market account. There was no activity for the month in the grant fund except for the interest accrued. Joe also talked about the investment account report. Ken motioned to approve the financial report and Judy seconded. Motion carried.

## **D. OLD BUSINESS**

Joe talked about the supplies that were bought and will not be used. There was some used metal roofing in the supplies that were bought for \$2,400.00 and an offer to purchase this metal from the board for \$1,000.00. Jeremy motioned to sell for \$1,000.00. Leigh Ann seconded, and the motion carried. Next item from the supplies are trusses that were purchased. Eleven people have responded about purchasing the trusses from the board, but no valid offers. Joe would like to wait until better offers were received before a decision be made.

## **E. NEW BUSINESS**

With the hiring of Joe as the Executive Director, that opens a board seat in district five. It was mentioned that Russell Cole is interested. Leigh Ann suggests Joe speak with Mr. Cole about his interest and then speak to Clint Erikson about making a recommendation. Ben Armstrong spoke about the letter sent to John Hagans regarding the check that was written for high speed internet. He said the letter was sent on December 5<sup>th</sup> and by next meeting he would be able to better give the board recommendation on what direction to go towards next.

## **F. DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

The TransCore building needs carpet. There was a brief discussion and Leigh Ann motions to spend \$2,200.00 for carpet to be put in the building. Jeremy seconded, and the motion carried. Joe informed the everyone that the final payment was made towards the Crown Project building. The construction of offices and bathrooms is currently ongoing. He told everyone about the Tea Project and how they were getting ready to move everything. Project Xtreme was also talked about. The company purchased one of the buildings. Project Doughnut is going well and is still in the gathering information phase. Joe recommends holding off on buying the property for the doughnut company until after the boring test comes back. Joe also wants to investigate what grants might be available for the company. He talked about the middle school property next. He thinks most of the project can be done on grant money. Joe also told the board that it was recommended to him that the board holds off on the purchase of the property until after the grants have been obtained. Joe also asked the board what they would like to do with the \$240,000.00 that was received from the sale of the building. Doyle motioned to pay it towards the principal on the loan. Jeremy seconded, but after some discussion Doyle withdrew his motion. Jeremy opened discussion about a piece of property that is across from Wayne Powell. Mr. Powell is interested in purchasing from the board. Jeremy motions to sale the property to Mr. Powell for \$23,000.00. Leigh Ann seconded, and the motion did not carry. Joe then informed the board that Carlton Treadwell and Ralph Rich would like to donate funds to the Development Commission. The funds originally belonged to the Holmes County Industrial Corporation. Mr. Treadwell and Mr. Rich would like to give the money to the Development Commission because the believe the board is working on great things. Jeremy motions to put the funds in the investment account. Doyle seconded and the motion carried.

## **G. ADJOURN**

Jeremy motioned to adjourn, and Ken seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:10 P.M.