

**Minutes of Development Authority of McDuffie County and the City of Thomson
Board Meeting
March 8, 2018 - Minutes**

Members in Attendance: Riley Stamey; Chairman, Bobby Hildreth; Bud Lunceford; Gloria Thompson, Larry Thompson and Marcelles Barr. Also attending; Jade Morey, President/CEO, Forward McDuffie, Belinda Campbell, Recording Secretary and Linda Green, Reporter, McDuffie Progress.

Welcome and Call to Order: A meeting of the Development Authority was held at the Forward McDuffie office in Thomson, GA on March 8, 2018. The meeting convened at 10:00 a.m., Riley Stamey, Chairman, presiding. Mr. Stamey welcomed everyone and declared a quorum.

He introduced Jade Morey, newly hired President/CEO of Forward McDuffie, and provided a brief overview of the structure of the Forward McDuffie committee. Mr. Stamey asked for a motion from the Board to officially appoint Ms. Morey to the position of Executive Director of the joint Development Authority with all rights and authorities. Mr. Hildreth made the motion and it was seconded by Ms. Gloria Thompson. Approved unanimously.

President/CEO Report:

- After speaking with Project Managers from the Georgia Department of Economic Development and Site Consultants, Ms. Morey is recommending we update Phase I of our Grad Site which is currently outdated, and will advise the Board at the next meeting of the cost. A motion was made by Mr. Hildreth to update Phase I as required and it was seconded by Mr. Thompson. Approved unanimously.
- Ms. Morey has been visiting local Industries over the last two weeks and highlighted the positive aspects of each visit as well as needs expressed to her. Those Industries were: Advance Auto Distribution Center, Georgia Pacific and Chardan, Ltd.
- As a part of the Strategic Marketing Plan she is recommending a unified look of the Development Authority, The Chamber of Commerce and Tourism under the umbrella of Forward McDuffie. This would begin by Logo rebranding, and the cost to Economic Development for this project would be \$2,500.00. The Chamber and CVB Boards are in agreement and will allocate funds to support this effort.

Review and Approval of January, 2018 Meeting Minutes: Mr. Hildreth stated the minutes should reflect he recused himself from the NextSite discussion and voting process. With that correction, a motion to accept the minutes was made by Mr. Larry Thompson, and Ms. Gloria Thompson seconded the motion. Approved unanimously.

Old Business:

Mr. Stamey met with David Crawley, County Manager and Don Powers, City Manager and provided an update regarding agreed upon changes to the Intergovernmental Restructure Agreement.

- Item #5 was amended to state there would be a monthly meeting, or as often as necessary.

- Item #4 was amended to state the number of members appointed to the Board of Governors would consist of the Commission Chairman, the Mayor and the Board Chair of the other entities for a total of five (5). The other entities may appoint an additional individual, but each entity will have one vote (not individuals). He provided a summary of the positives of having this structure, and stated Charlie Newton would present the agreement at the City/County Retreat on March 9, 2018.

New Business:

- Amcor has initiated a building program and expansion at highway 278. A review of the Government GIS site and original plans from Civil Designs was done to determine where the water line stops which is in front of the Amcor building. A water loop must be completed to correct the current water flow issues. There is money for infrastructure in the SPLOST IV & V funds. Per Civil Designs, the cost to place 915 linear feet of 12-inch pipe (from office to cul-de-sac) would be approximately \$76,000 and would complete the loop. The purpose of bringing this information to the table is for approval of funding the cost of placing the water lines after the Water/Sewer Commission meets.

Other Business:

- Mr. Hildreth is requesting this committee establish a regular day and time for a monthly meeting going forward. After discussion, it was determined the Economic Development Committee will meet on the 4th Thursday of each month at 10 a.m. If there is no business to be conducted in any particular month the meeting will be cancelled.

All business being concluded, the meeting was adjourned at 11:35 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Belinda Campbell, Recording Secretary