

**Minutes of Development Authority of McDuffie County and the City of Thomson
Board Meeting
September 24, 2018**

Members in Attendance: Riley Stamey; Chairman, Gloria Thompson, Larry Thompson, Lem Brooks and Marcelles Barr. Also in attendance, Jade Morey, Executive Director of Economic Development, Belinda Campbell, Office Administrator, and Bert Pollard, Pollard Lumber Company.

Welcome and Call to Order: A meeting of the Development Authority was held at the Forward McDuffie office in Thomson, GA on September 24, 2018. The meeting convened at 10:00 a.m., Riley Stamey, Chairman, presiding. Mr. Stamey welcomed everyone and declared a quorum.

Mr. Brooks introduced Mr. Bert Pollard who was invited to attend this meeting to provide details on a tentative proposal to remove lumber from the high bay area of the old Thomson Company. During his presentation he also stated they would be willing to remove the old water tower. They would complete a contract stating no cost or liability to the Development Authority. It was determined there should be a discussion with the County/City officials prior to a final decision.

Review and Approval of the May 21st Meeting and September 4th called Meeting Minutes: After a brief review, Mr. Brooks made a motion to approve the minutes as written; seconded by Mr. Larry Thompson and approved unanimously.

Review and Approval of August, 2018 Financials: Mr. Stamey noted the financials reflect that money from the sale of the Dyco building has been deposited into the money market account. All payables are up to date. Mr. Larry Thompson made a motion to approve the financials and it was seconded by Mr. Brooks. Approved unanimously.

Old Business: Mr. Stamey stated the loan request from Chardan has been approved by both the Economic Development Board the City Loan committee. Jimmy Plunkett, Attorney is in the process of completing all documents and the closing will be in the near future. I was noted that this loan satisfies requirements to meet compliance for revolving loans.

New Business:

- **Demolition of the Old Thomson Company** – discussed above.
- **Thomson Company Roof Replacement** – Mr. Stamey is requesting bids for this venture, and stated there is money in SPLOST IV to complete the project.
- **Stone Business Park – GRAD Site Improvements** – Ms. Morey stated there is some additional work that needs to be done in order to develop and market the 187 acres as a prospective sight. After discussion regarding the issues, Mr. Brooks made a motion that Ms. Morey be given the authority to begin the process of preparing a budget with all necessary expenses to develop the 187 acres in order to have a product developers want to see, and a plan with revenue projections. Seconded by Mr. Barr. Approved unanimously.

➤ **Forward McDuffie Requests for Top Two Priorities from all Entities:**

- Grad Site Development
- Thomson Company Roof and Demolition of High Bay Area
- Discuss and Develop Incentive Package for Prospective Industry
- 2019 SPLOST Requests

Mr. Stamey will present the first two listed as the Development Authority's top two priorities. He stated after these discussions the Development Authority Board and other groups will be aware of projects to be addressed.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Belinda Campbell, Recording Secretary