

**Fayette County Development Authority
Regular Board Meeting
September 12, 2024**

Minutes

I. Call to Order and Welcome of Guests

Chair Pat Hinchey called the Regular Board Meeting of the Fayette County Development Authority to order Thursday, September 12, at 4:00 p.m. in the Fayette County Development Authority's conference room, located at 255 Glynn Street South, Fayetteville.

Members Present:

Pat Hinchey
Tracy Young
Sameera Tillman
Darryl A. Hicks
Dr. Luis Matta
Mayor Edward Johnson
Max Braun

Staff Present:

Niki Vanderslice
Rosie Matta
Katie Quattlebaum
Amanda Fields
Mya Mackiewicz- via conference call
Jackson Francis

Guests:

Nathan Lee, General Council
Brent Payne, Blue Chip Builder
Leonardo McClarty, President & CEO, Fayette Chamber of Commerce
Tom Gray, Chief Financial Officer, FCBOE

II. Approval of Agenda

Mayor Edward Johnson made a motion to approve the agenda. Motion was seconded by Max Braun. All agreed.

III. Approval of Minutes

Dr. Luis Matta, Jr. made a motion to approve both the minutes for the July Regular meeting held on July 25 and the August Called meeting held on August 1, 2024. Motion was seconded Mayor Edward Johnson. Motion passed.

IV. Treasurer's Report

Tracy Young shared that the financials are in uniform with the budget. He also shared that our internal audit was finalized and went well. No need for improvements was noted. Lastly, he shared a review from Reveille Financial Investments.

V. New Business

Storyland Studios' Proposal- Darryl Hicks made a motion to approve Niki Vanderslice to negotiate on the price of the proposal. Motion was seconded by Sameera Tillman. All were in favor.

Disposition of Depreciated Assets- Niki Vanderslice shared that she is negotiating an arrangement with Fayette Chamber of Commerce to trade the old conference table, chairs, and buffet table for a sponsorship package. All were in favor.

VI. Staff Report

Fayette Filmography- Mya Mackiewicz presented Fayette Filmography project. This will significantly assist in identifying and managing current and past filming locations throughout our county. Once completed it will be linked to FCDA website and updated accordingly.

Grant Analysis- Katie Quattlebaum presented the 2024 Community Grant Evaluation

Fayette Works- Amanda Fields shared details on the upcoming event.

VII. President's Report

Southern Crescent Resolution in Support of SCTC Grant Application- Nathan Lee presented the resolution. Max Braun made a motion to approve the resolution with the following change, (Authorized to engage in workforce). Motion was seconded by Mayor Edward Johnson. All agreed. Motion passed.

Nathan Lee was presented with a tapestry from the previous office as a token of FCDA's appreciation.

VIII. Municipality Reports

Chamber- Leonardo McClarty reported on several Chamber events.

Fayetteville- Mayor Edward Johnson shared that the Travis Alley Way project has begun and there is much ongoing progress with QTS and Trilith Live.

Tyrone- no report

BOE- Tom Gray shared the following:

- Steve Cole, former principal of Whitewater High School is now the Superintendent of Rabun County Public Schools
- Enrollment- 19,800
- Down 100 elementary students from last year
- School safety is a priority
- Construction-
 - McIntosh High School- gym
 - Whitewater High School- gym
 - All high school tennis courts
- Cash Flow issue is being addressed with a loan

IX. Executive Session

At 5:25 p.m. Mayor Edward Johnson made a motion to go into executive session for real estate matters. Tracy Young seconded the motion with all in favor.

At 5:45 p.m. Darryl Hicks made a motion to adjourn executive session. Tracy Young seconded the motion, with all in favor.

X. Adjourn

At 5:45 p.m. Dr. Luis Matta, Jr. Made a motion to adjourn. Tracy Young seconded the motion with all in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 5:46 p.m.