



| DACC Called Board Meeting Minutes | | | |
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| 05.27.15 | | 7:30 a.m. | DACC Conference Room |
| Meeting called by | Chairman, Mark Wills | | |
| Type of meeting | Board Meeting | | |
| Facilitator | Chairman, Mark Wills | | |
| Note taker | Robbie Bennett | | |
| Adjourned | 8:00 a.m. | | |
| Board Attendance | Mark Wills <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hugh Hollar <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mike Holliman <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rick Evans <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jean Garniewicz <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Eric McIntyre | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Phil Gaffney <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Stan Shepherd <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Staff/Guests | Robbie Bennett, Ashley Swain, Chris, Driver, Thom Tuckey, Chairman Ron Cross, Commissioner Doug Duncan, Tammy Shepherd, Andrew Strickland | | |
| Meeting Agenda | | | |
| Discussion | None | | |
| Conclusions | Motion for approval made by Hugh Hollar, Second by Mike Holliman (5-0) | | |
| Action Items | Person Responsible | Deadline | |
| None | N/A | N/A | |
| Minutes of Previous Meeting | | | |
| Discussion | Called meeting. No minutes presented. | | |
| Conclusions | Motion for approval made by Hugh Hollar, Second by Mike Holliman (5-0) | | |
| Action Items | Person Responsible | Deadline | |
| None | N/A | N/A | |
| GAAC Financial Report | | | |
| | Rick Evans | | |
| Discussion | From Statement of Net Assets – April 30, 2015, Current Assets are \$991,661.57, Accounts Receivable is \$156,986.95, and Total Liabilities of \$7,366.27 for a balance in Total Liabilities & Net Assets of \$984,295.30. | | |
| Conclusions | Financial report approved: Motion: Stan Shepherd / Second Eric McIntyre (6-0) | | |
| Action Items | Person Responsible | Deadline | |
| None | N/A | N/A | |
| Chairman’s Report | | | |
| | Mark Wills | | |
| Discussion | Mark Wills discuss the success of the Hoback groundbreaking. We had a great turnout. | | |

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| Conclusions | None | | |
| Action Items | Person(s) Responsible | Deadline | |
| None | N/A | N/A | |
| DACC Committee Reports | | | |
| | Retail Sub-committee & Property Committee | | |
| Discussion | <p><u>Retail Sub-committee</u></p> <p>A) Bench Marking Review: Robbie discussed the findings of the Bench marking study that was required as part of the Economic Assessment Study. Study included many similar counties in Georgia and North Carolina with similar populations and growth. Population based on census 2010 data and numbers were off because information predates the cyber command announcement. Robbie is working with the regional commission to update numbers.</p> <p>B) Trade Area Review: Data showed that the retail gaps were in clothing and restaurants and beverages. We will need to bring in the type of jobs that can support these types of retail. Anne conducted a retail trade area analysis by traveling to many surrounding communities to discuss shopping habits. She discovered that there are 700,000 people in the Evans trade area.</p> <p><u>Property Committee</u></p> <p>A) Horizon South: Robbie discussed moving forward with the creation of an owner's association for Horizon South. He is also getting quotes to clean up the signage and landscaping and to fix the electrical. The owner's association could pay for it if formed.</p> <p>B) John Deere: Traffic and safety for their tractor trailers is a big concern for John Deere. The public uses that road as a cut through to avoid the intersection in Grovetown. Robbie is meeting with John Deere on May 12 to discuss ways to make that area safer.</p> <p>C) Horizon North: Rezoning was pulled for a 55 acre tract in Horizon North to be rezoned from manufacturing to residential. Due to lack of payment by the developer the authority will seek legal advice.</p> | | |
| Conclusions | | | |
| Action Items | Person Responsible | Deadline | |
| None | N/A | N/A | |

| Economic Development Update | | | |
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| | Robbie Bennett | | |
| Discussion | No Update | | |
| Conclusions | | | |
| Action Items | | Person Responsible | Deadline |
| None | | N/A | N/A |
| Old Business | | | |
| | Robbie Bennett | | |
| Discussion | Workforce Study – Bennett Provide an overview of the workforce study and discussed the successful turnout for the unveiling of the study findings. Additional efforts are being made to ensure the report will be utilized effectively. Bennett will be presenting the finding at the Columbia County Chamber of Commerce Executive Luncheon Series in June. | | |
| Conclusions | | | |
| Action Items | | Person Responsible | Deadline |
| None | | N/A | N/A |
| New Business | | | |
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| Discussion | Sponsorship – Bennett presented the recommendation from the Business Recruitment & Incentives Committee to sponsor the Southern Economic Developer’s Council Annual Conference in Savannah, GA this July in the amount of \$1500. | | |
| Conclusions | The motion was made by Stan Shepherd and Second by Eric McIntyre. (6-0) | | |
| Action Items | | Person Responsible | Deadline |
| None | | N/A | N/A |
| Calendar of Events | | | |
| | Mark Wills | | |
| Discussion | N/A | | |
| Conclusions | None | | |
| Action Items | | Person Responsible | Deadline |
| | | N/A | |

| Closed Session | | |
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| Motion to enter Closed Session made by Stan Shepherd; Second by Eric McIntyre | | |
| Personnel – Hiring Ashley Swain as Economic Development Coordinator | | |
| No action was taken in closed session. Upon returning from Closed Session Mike Holliman made a motion to empower the Executive Director with the discretion of selecting a candidate for the Economic Development Coordinator position not to exceed the current salary and benefits allocated for that position. The motion was second by Stan Shepherd. (6-0). | | |
| Action Items | Person Responsible | Deadline |
| None | N/A | N/A |
| Public Comment | | |
| Discussion | | |
| Action Items | Person Responsible | Deadline |
| None | N/A | N/A |
| Adjournment | | 8:09 A.M. |
| Next meeting: June 24, 2015 | | DACC Conference Room All |

CLOSED MEETING AFFIDAVIT

STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF COLUMBIA

Mark Wills, Chairman/Presiding Officer of the Columbia County Development Authority of Columbia County (Committee /Board Name), being duly sworn, states under oath that the following is true and accurate to the best of his/her knowledge and belief.

1. The Columbia County Development Authority (Committee/Board Name) met in a duly advertised meeting on May 27, 2015.
2. During such meeting, the Board voted to go into closed session.
3. The executive session was called to order at _____ a.m./p.m.
4. The subject matter of the closed portion of the meeting was devoted to the following matter(s) within the exceptions provided in the Open Meetings Law:

_____ Consultation with the County Attorney or other legal counsel to discuss pending or potential litigation, settlement, claims, administrative proceedings, or other judicial actions brought or to be brought by or against the County or any officer or employee or in which the County or any officer or employee may be directly involved as provided in O.C.G.A. § 50-14-2(1).

_____ Discussion of tax matters made confidential by state law as provided by O.C.G.A. § 50-14-(2) and (*insert the citation to the legal authority making the tax matter confidential*):

_____ Discussion of the future purchase, disposal or lease of real estate as provided by O.C.G.A. § 50-14-3(b)(1).

Discussion or deliberation upon the appointment, employment compensation, hiring, disciplinary action or dismissal, or periodic evaluation or rating of a county officer or employee as provided in O.C.G.A. § 50-14-3(2).

_____ Other (describe the exemption to the Open Meetings Law):

as provided in _____
(*Insert the citation to the legal authority exempting the topic*)

This 27th day of May, 2015.

Mark Wills
Chairman/Presiding Officer

Sworn to subscribed
Before me this 27th day of May, 2015.

Robert F. Bennett

Notary Public

My commission expires: Notary Public Robert F. Bennett
Richmond County, Georgia
My Commission Expires
January 12, 2016