



**HAWKINSVILLE /PULASKI DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, MARCH 25, 2024
10:00 AM AT COUNTY ANNEX BUILDING AUDITORIUM
45 S. LUMPKIN STREET
HAWKINSVILLE, GA 31036**

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT:

Jeff Hair- Hawkinsville/Pulaski Development Authority Chairman, Donald Johnson-
Hawkinsville/Pulaski Development Authority Vice-Chairman, Joe Sapp, Ken Clark, Gary Dawson,
John Bembry, and Jenna Mashburn

ABSENT:

STAFF & OTHERS PRESENT:

Jamie McDonald- Hawkinsville-Pulaski County Economic Development & Main Street Director
Samual Alderman- Pulaski County Attorney
John Newberry- Health Systems Facilities Attorney
Eric Vickers- Tax Commissioner
Jersy Bray- Hawkinsville-Pulaski County Code Enforcement Officer

CALL TO ORDER: At 10:00 AM, Monday, March 25, 2024, Hawkinsville/Pulaski Development Authority regular meeting was called to order.

REVIEW/APPROVE: Agenda for Monday, March 25, 2024, Regular Meeting

Hawkinsville/Pulaski Development Authority Board Member, Jeff Hair, motioned for the approval of the Monday, March 25, 2024, agenda. Hawkinsville/Pulaski Development Authority Board Member, John Bembry, seconded; the motion was carried out and approved unanimously.

REVIEW/APPROVE: Election of 2024 Chairman of Hawkinsville/Pulaski Development Authority

Hawkinsville/Pulaski Development Authority Board Member, Jenna Mashburn, motioned to elect Jeff Hair as Chairman of the Hawkinsville/Pulaski Development Authority Board. Hawkinsville/Pulaski Development Authority Board Member, John Bembry, seconded; the motion was carried out and approved by Hawkinsville/Pulaski Development Authority Board Members Joe Sapp, Donald Johnson, Ken Clark, Gary Dawson, John Bembry, and Jenna Mashburn. Hawkinsville/Pulaski Development Authority Board Member, Jeff Hair, abstained.

REVIEW/APPROVE: Election of 2024 Vice-Chairman of Hawkinsville/Pulaski Development Authority

Hawkinsville/Pulaski Development Authority Board Member, John Bembry, motioned to elect Donald Johnson as Vice-Chairman of the Hawkinsville/Pulaski Development Authority Board. Hawkinsville/Pulaski Development Authority Board Member, Joe Sapp, seconded; the motion was carried out and approved by Hawkinsville/Pulaski Development Authority Board Members Jeff Hair, Joe Sapp, Ken Clark, Gary Dawson, John Bembry, and Jenna Mashburn. Hawkinsville/Pulaski Development Authority Board Member, Donald Johnson, abstained.

REVIEW/APPROVE: Election of 2024 Secretary & Treasurer of Hawkinsville/Pulaski Development Authority

Hawkinsville/Pulaski Development Authority Board Member, Jeff Hair, motioned to elect Jamie McDonald, Hawkinsville-Pulaski Economic Development Director as the Hawkinsville/Pulaski Development Authority Board Secretary and Treasurer. Mrs. McDonald questioned if that was allowed since she was not a board member. Attorney Sammual Alderman said that if it doesn't conflict with the bylaws of the Hawkinsville/Pulaski Development Authority then it should be ok. Hawkinsville/Pulaski Development Authority Board Member, Donald Johnson, seconded; the motion was carried out and approved by Hawkinsville/Pulaski Development Authority Board Members Jeff Hair, Joe Sapp, Donald Johnson, Ken Clark, Gary Dawson, John Bembry, and Jenna Mashburn.

REVIEW/APPROVE: Lease and Settlement Statement for Health Systems Facilities Inc.

Economic Development Director, Jamie McDonald, introduced Health Systems Facilities Inc. representative, John Newberry, to speak to the Hawkinsville/Pulaski Development Authority Board about the lease and settlement statement for Health Systems Facilities Inc. Mr. Newberry discussed that in 2003, the Hawkinsville/Pulaski Development Authority helped finance the Health Systems Facilities Inc. project by issuing a bond. Since then, the bond has been paid off and it is time to settle the agreement.

Hawkinsville/Pulaski Development Authority Board Member, John Bembry, asked if the agreed upon issuance fee had been paid to the Hawkinsville/Pulaski Development Authority. Mr. Newberry responded that the lease didn't mention a fee.

Hawkinsville/Pulaski Development Authority Board Member, Joe Sapp, motioned to table the approval of the lease and settlement statement for Health Systems Facilities Inc. until the Hawkinsville/Pulaski Development Authority Board spoke to John Way, who was the Hawkinsville/Pulaski Development Authority Chairman at the time of this agreement, to receive more information on if the payments were paid. Hawkinsville/Pulaski Development Authority Board Member, Ken Clark, , seconded; the motion was tabled until more information could be collected on the agreement.

Information/Discussion: Leeward Energy Solar Farm Project

Economic Development Director, Jamie McDonald, reviewed the Leeward Renewable Energy's brochure, the memorandum proposal by Miller & Martin PLLC, the 65% tax abatement schedule, screening layout, Leeward Energy answers to submitted questions, as well as, the recommended practices for responsible siting and design of solar development in Georgia.

Hawkinsville/Pulaski Development Authority members questioned the capital bond and the abatements benefits to the County, as well as the variable costs that might incur due to the approval of this bond issuance and abatement.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT/ MAIN STREET DIRECTOR REPORT:

Economic Development Director, Jamie McDonald, updated the HDDA board on the projects she worked on in February 2024.

ADJOURN:

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 AM.

Jeff Hair, Hawkinsville/Pulaski Development Authority Chairman

Date: _____