

Bleckley-Cochran Industrial Development Authority & Bleckley-Cochran Development Authority
Board of Directors Meeting
Tuesday, August 18, 2020 - 8:00 AM
City Auditorium in person using social distancing

Minutes

Present: Adam Holloway - Vice Chair, Mary Brooks - Secretary – Treasurer, Jackie Bowen, Carla Hon, Billy Yeomans – Mayor and Andy Lucas.

Absent: Matt Fordham - Chair, Michael Williams, Vacant Appointed position from City if Cochran

Guests: Richard Newbern - City Manager, Rusty Lloyd – DDA, James Tidwell - Times Journal Post

Welcome, Call to Order and Invocation - Andy

Approval of Agenda - Motion by Mayor -Billy Yeomans with second from Jackie Bowman. Motioned carried

Approval of Minutes: Tuesday, July 21, 2020. Motion by Carla Hon with second from Adam Holloway. Motion carried.

Financial Report: July 2020 – Not available at the time of this meeting.

Information/Agenda items: Our current lobby hours for the public are:

Monday 8-5 Tuesday 8-5 Wednesday 8-12 Thursday 8-5 Friday 8-12

Directors Reports, include guest(s) and from City/DDA/Chamber

Statewide General Election is November 3, 2020. Advance/Early Voting will begin on October 12, 2020

Online Meet the Candidate Forum Thursday, September 24, 2020 for County Commission, State Rep and State Senate. Virtual Online format and due to current COVID-19 they will be no audience in the city auditorium.

Copier – Current one would not scan anymore and had lots of issues printing. Chamber replaced current one at a cost of over \$5k. Vendor was Alexander’s, who we have been using their services the last few years.

Please encourage others to complete their 2020 Census online! The 2020 Census will determine congressional representation, deliver hundreds of billions in federal funding every year, and provide data that will impact communities for the next decade.

Chamber professional position discussions - New opportunity. 3 groups work from the Cochran Municipal Building including Chamber, DDA and IDA. Chamber Board is considering soft skills including – Friendly, professional communication skills to comprise focusing on event planning, marketing, public relations some graphic design and member services. Chamber Executive Committee will make a recommendation as to how they would like to move forward.

IDA Property Options & Property Options near Exit 32 - IDA Board members would like to reach out to Georgia Power's Jim Lovett and someone from EMC Economic Development to offers counsel on an additional land acquisition to better position our community for economic development.

IDA Legal Counsel option 2021- IDA Board would like to request from Kevin Brown his fees associated to provide us legal service and attend our monthly meetings.

Candidates for County Commissioner – request each IDA board member to bring a question to ask both Commissioner's Candidates. Use the entire 1-hour meeting to use for the candidate's discussion.

Partners in Progress

Regional Commission – Discussion of benefits of Heart of Georgia Altamaha and/or Middle Georgia Commissions.

Other Business

Next Meetings' Date: Tuesday, September 15, @ 8:00 am or Tuesday and October 18, 2020 @ 8:00 AM

Adjourn: Motion to adjourn Mayor, Billy Yeomans second from Jackie Bowman. Motioned carried.