



**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

**November 13, 2018 4:00PM**

**PUBLIC MEETING ROOM - CATOOSA COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING**

**800 LAFAYETTE STREET**

**RINGGOLD, GEORGIA**

**TIME AND PLACE OF THE MEETING**

The called meeting of the Catoosa County Development Authority/ Development Authority of Catoosa County was held on November 13, 2018 at 4:00 pm in the Public Meeting Room of the Catoosa County Administration Building, 800 Lafayette Street, Ringgold, Georgia.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Rick Partain called the meeting to order at 4:03pm and established that a quorum was present. The following members were present: Tammy Cole, Rodney Crowe, Lisa Headrick, Rick Partain, Randall Peters, and Mike Signiski. *Stephanie Dickert, Jim Emberson, and Scott Smith were absent.*

**AGENDA SETTING**

**Additions:** None

**Modifications:** None

**Remove:** None

**MINUTES**

**PROPOSED APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF REGULAR EDA MEETING HELD ON OCTOBER 6, 2018**

*Randall Peters made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular EDA meeting held on October 6, 2018. Mike Signiski second the motion. Chairman Partain called for all those in favor of approving the motion to indicate so by saying aye. There was no opposition and the motion was approved by unanimous consent.*

**NEW BUSINESS**

**REPORTS**

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR REPORT**

Economic Development Coordinator Taylor Kielty explained that she had invited Amy Jackson, the incoming President of the Catoosa County Chamber of Commerce, to give monthly reports in order to increase communication between the EDA and the Chamber. She also introduced Alicia Vaughn, the new Catoosa County Manager. Taylor gave an update on the previous month, including a meeting with Keith Barclift and Nick Perrins from Cornerstone Medical Facility. Cornerstone currently has over 100,000sqft of leasable space that she plans on uploading onto the GISWebtech software. She also asked the Board for input on a project she had been working on with the Catoosa County Board of Education to begin a Work Based Learning Program partnership between the County and the School System. She explained that in this program, students could be employed by the County in exchange for school course credit.

**NORTHWEST GEORGIA JOINT DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY REPORT**

Keith Barclift, Vice President of the Northwest Georgia Joint Development Authority, discussed the information that will be available on the JDA's new website. Different topics for the site included Catoosa County's College and Career

Academy and Walker County Launch Program, and the Appalachian Regional Port in Murray County. He also discussed the option of doing a video page on their website and developing 2-5 marketing videos centered around workforce development. He explained that the videos would be useful on the site as well as in prospect meetings. Keith updated the Board on a prospect that was looking for 30 acres in Catoosa County, as well as his concerns for the lack of available engineering information on the sites that fit the project.

#### **CATOOSA COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE REPORT**

Amy Jackson, the incoming President for the Catoosa County Chamber of Commerce, gave a monthly update on the Chamber. She informed the Board that the Chamber had recently held a State of the County Luncheon, where both Cities and the County gave an overview of the previous year as well as their plans for the upcoming year. Amy reported on this year's Showcase Catoosa Expo, which had the largest attendance yet. She also invited the Board to Martha Eaker's retirement party on December 4, 2018 at the Ringgold Depot.

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

##### **LEGAL AND LAND ACQUISITION**

*Randall Peters made a motion to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of Legal and Land Acquisition. Lisa Headrick second the motion. Chairman Partain called for all those in favor of approving the motion to indicate so by saying aye. The Board unanimously voted to go into Executive Session for the purpose of Legal and Land Acquisition at 4:24 p.m. Tammy Cole made a motion to exit Executive Session. Lisa Headrick second the motion. Chairman Partain called for all those in favor of approving the motion to indicate so by saying aye. The Board voted unanimously to come out of Executive Session at 4:40 p.m.*

##### **ADJOURN**

*Rodney Crowe made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Tammy Cole second the motion. Chairman Partain called for all those in favor of approving the motion to indicate so saying aye. There was no opposition and the motion was approved by unanimous consent. The meeting adjourned at 4:41 p.m.*