

**HARRIS COUNTY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
REGULAR SESSION**

March 13, 2018

6:00 PM

Members Present: Craig Greenhaw, Harry Boyd, Ben Williams, Mark Smith, Alan Feagin. Members Absent: David King, Harry Lange, and a vacant position. Staff Present: Nancy McMichael, Recording Secretary. Also in attendance: Colin Martin, President of the Harris County Chamber of Commerce.

1. **CALL TO ORDER.** Chairman Greenhaw called the meeting to order.
2. **WELCOME.** Chairman Greenhaw welcomed Alan Feagin, who was appointed in the position formerly held by Ryan Clements, who did not wish to be reappointed due to moving from the County.
3. **MINUTES.** The motion to approve the minutes of the January 9, 2018 Regular Session was made by Mr. Boyd, seconded by Mr. Williams, and passed unanimously. (There was no meeting in February.)
4. **NEW BUSINESS**
 - A. **Proposal: Business for Hamilton Business Park.** Discussion took place regarding a proposal from Jeff Culpepper to locate a towing business in the park, which would have a fenced and secured impound lot, with two employees on three to four acres of property on the same side of the road (Water Oak Way) as Sturdi Built, and included that more information is needed before a decision could be made, that there may be a need for hi-speed internet, that a condition would be to have the impound lot screened from view by the public.
 - B. **Discussion of Current Economic and Business Trends.** Discussion included various ways to have a web presence to include a video (like the previous website), to develop a marketing strategy to help grow the County, that of the work force of 15,000 in the county, only 1,400 people work in the county; that the Authority could visit Columbia County, near Augusta, which was just like Harris County a few years ago; that there should be a 15-30 year plan for the Northwest Harris Business Park; that the Valley Partnership needs to make quarterly appearances before the Board of Commissioners to bring them up to date as to projects worked and why the County was eliminated; that the School Superintendent should be invited to an Authority meeting to discuss the college and career academy vision; that there is a need for affordable places to live, jobs, and skilled trades people; and that any resulting strategy should be presented to the Board of Commissioners. Mr. Martin said that he would prepare the framework for economic strategy for the Authority to discuss.
5. **ADJOURNMENT.** There being no further business to discuss, the motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Boyd, and passed unanimously.

Craig Greenhaw, Chairman

Prepared by:

Nancy McMichael, Recording Secretary