

**HARRIS COUNTY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
REGULAR SESSION**

November 12, 2019
6:00 PM

Members Present: Craig Greenhaw, Alan Feagin, Gene Weldon, Harry Lange, Charles Sweat, Mark Smith, Mike Stewart. Member Absent: Harry Boyd. Staff Present: Nancy McMichael, Recording Secretary.

1. **CALL TO ORDER.** Chairman Greenhaw called the meeting to order.
2. **MINUTES.** The motion to approve the minutes of the September 10, 2019 Regular Session was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Feagin, and passed unanimously. (There was no meeting in October.)
3. **NEW BUSINESS**
 - A. **Economic Growth: Moving Forward Strategically.** Discussion included that the recently trip to Atlanta regarding economic development was good and that something similar should be continued in order to move forward; that Kim Tharp, Executive President of Harris County Chamber of Commerce, had indicated she would try to arrange for future meetings to continue the momentum; that the topics discussed in Atlanta need to be boiled down toward creating a message for the County, the School Board, the Development Authority, and the Chamber of Commerce to be on the same page. In addition, various economic population statistics were discussed.
 - B. **Northwest Harris Business Park.** Mr. Lange said that not much has happened in the Northwest Harris Business Park lately, other than all signs are now in place and the mulching of 35 acres has occurred.
 - C. **Lee County, Georgia.** Mr. Stewart said that he knows the Economic Director of Lee County and would be willing to arrange for the Authority to visit Lee County. There was no consensus to move forward with this suggestion.
 - D. **Drone Video.** Discussion took place regarding a proposal from Denny Road, LLC, to produce drone footage (particularly of the Northwest Harris Business Park), a website/landing page, and promotional strategy; that if funds for such would be paid by the County, the County's procurement process would have to be followed; that if funds were obtained from various sources and provided to the Chamber of Commerce, it could have the drone footage produced, which could then be posted as a link on the County's website. Following discussion, Mr. Sweat said the he would discuss the issue with the Chamber people and let everyone know via email regarding same.
 - E. **Diverse Power & Broadband.** Mr. Stewart said that Randy Sheppard with Diverse Power was unable to attend the meeting to discuss broadband access, but would possibly have something in the future. Mrs. McMichael said that yesterday, November 11, 60 satellites were launched in the SpaceX Falcon 9 rocket that are to be part of a network of satellites to provide internet to places where there is unreliable coverage.
4. **ADJOURNMENT.** There being no further business to discuss, Chairman Greenhaw adjourned the meeting.

Prepared by:

Craig Greenhaw, Chairman

Nancy McMichael, Recording Secretary