

**HARRIS COUNTY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
REGULAR SESSION**

January 10, 2023

6:00 p.m.

Members Present: Craig Greenhaw, Harry Boyd, Rob Grant, Chris Butzon, Charles Sweat. Members Absent: Tommy Wright, Mike Stewart, Mark Smith. Staff Present: Andrea Dzioba, Recording Secretary.

1. **CALL TO ORDER**. Chairman Greenhaw called the meeting to order.
2. **MINUTES**. The motion to approve the minutes of the December 13, 2022 Regular Session was made by Mr. Sweat, seconded by Mr. Grant, and passed unanimously.
3. **OLD BUSINESS**
 - A. **Update on Northwest Harris Business Park Project**. Chairman Greenhaw brought the Development Authority up to date on the project. He stated that some infrastructure has been going in and that there has been additional interest from four to five possible individuals and Ed Moon is still working with an individual that has also expressed interest.
 - B. **Update on TNT Steel Structures Property**. Chairman Greenhaw advised that there was not enough time prior to the end of the year to fully consider finalizing the TNT Steel Structures Property. He added that we will continue under the current contract with TNT Steel Structures. TNT Steel Structures has continued to work towards obtaining their building permits.
 - C. **Economic Development Position**. Chairman Greenhaw advised that the Joint Resolution has been agreed to and is in place. He stated that in concert with that, we are trying to work with others to take a more regional approach to economic development and run more concurrently. The Center for Rural Prosperity and Innovation would like to have a footprint in Harris County but they would like it to be a group effort and approach. The Center for Rural Prosperity and Innovation would like for promotion to be for the entire County and they are willing to help provide funds to fund a study (which would include an Economic Development Plan) which would take approximately 2 to 3 months to complete and would be through a consensus with the Harris County Chamber of Commerce, the Harris County School Board, the Harris County Board of Commissioners, and the Development Authority. Mr. Grant stated that Harris County has been a good partner with the Center. Mr. Sweat stated that we will still need to get the contract information completed and finalized for the Economic Development position. Mr. Grant advised that the corridor that was added in Leesburg has created controlled growth while still maintaining the rural feel. Mr. Boyd informed the Authority members that we have been very fortunate to have people with vision participating to make the County better like Harry Lange, Danny Bridges, and Frank Groves. Mr. Grant stated in the past four years that we have come a long way and that everything is going at a good pace to continue moving forward.
4. **NEW BUSINESS** - None
5. **ADJOURNMENT**. The motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Boyd, seconded by Mr. Butzon, and passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 6:34 p.m.

Prepared by:

Craig Greenhaw, Chairman

Andrea R. Dzioba, Recording Secretary