

MINUTES
MERIWETHER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
Meeting was held by Zoom and not in person due to COVID-19
December 16, 2020

Commissioners Present: Chairman Bryan Threadgill, Vice Chairman Alfred McCoy, Commissioner Shirley Hines, Commissioner Mary Bray, and Commissioner Beth Neely-Hadley
Staff Present: County Administrator Theron Gay, County Clerk Beverly Thomas, and Finance Director Bill Gregory
Staff Absent: County Attorney Nathan Lee

- I. CALL TO ORDER** – Chairman Threadgill called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.
INVOCATION – Commissioner Beth Neely-Hadley
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

II. ADOPT AGENDA

Motion was made by Vice Chairman McCoy and seconded by Beth Neely-Hadley to adopt the Agenda. Voting in favor were Vice Chairman McCoy, Beth Neely-Hadley, Mary Bray and Chairman Threadgill. Commissioner Hines had not logged into the meeting at that time and was unable to vote. The motion passed.

III NEW BUSINESS

Administrator Gay stated The Industrial Development Authority and Ms. Jane Fryer had worked hard to get prospects in the County. Today, the Board has an Agreement from the IDA to purchase land owned by the County and referred to as the “Ballfield” property. The track consists of several mobile homes and some buildings. The overall acreage of the property is approximately 72 +/- acres. There are 18.7 acres where the ballfield is located. The IDA is interested in purchasing all of the property. There is an industry who is looking to invest \$40M and will have 150-180 jobs. They are looking at building on the 18.7-acre property. The IDA is interested in closing within 45 days and they are asking for the right to enter the property for inspection during the due diligence period. Currently, the mobile homes on the property are leased month to month. If the Board decides to sell the property, the renters will be notified. Attorney Lee had reviewed the document and suggested to change a word on pg. 4, 5.3 from conveyed to convey. The IDA has offered \$221,208 as a purchase price. The ballfield property is priced at \$7,500 per acre and the other property was priced at \$1,500 per acre. After the IDA has the property surveyed the price may change due to how much property is confirmed following the survey. Administrator Gay reviewed the purchase agreement and recommended approval.

Commissioner Bray asked about the Lease. Administrator Gay stated it was an existing lease on the mobile homes. The only contingency, for the purpose of the sale, is that the remaining acres could be more or less following the survey.

Commissioner Hines stated they had talked earlier about the property and said a portion of this would go toward recreation. Chairman Threadgill stated since this is a Special Called Meeting, we would discuss the funds and recreation at a different meeting.

Commissioner Bray stated the Board said we would invest the money back into Recreation. Chairman Threadgill stated we would discuss that later. Commissioner Bray stated her vote depends on whether the money from the sale of the property will be used for recreation and thought that was a valid question. Motion was made by Vice Chairman McCoy and seconded by Beth Neely Hadley to accept the Agreement of Purchase and Sale between Meriwether County Board of Commissioners and Meriwether County Industrial Development Authority and allow the Chairman to sign. All were in favor.

IV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

VI. FUTURE MEETINGS & NOTICES

Future Meetings were announced.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Vice Chairman Alfred McCoy and seconded by Commissioner Neely-Hadley to adjourn the Special Called Meeting at 9:13 a.m. All were in favor.

Approved by: *majority vote of the Board of Commissioners*

Attest: *Beverly A. Thomas, County Clerk*

Date: *December 22, 2020*