

Washington County Board of Commissioners

Called Meeting
November 5, 2019
11:30am

Commissioners Present: Horace Daniel, Doug Watkins, Edward Burten, James Hitchcock, Frank Simmons

Call to Order

Business

- Fall Line East Property
 - The County Administrator explained that the Development Authority is working with Project Falcon and upon deed work being done, the property in which the project is supposed to be located is still in the name of the County and City of Sandersville. The County and City jointly purchased the property in the early 2000s. For the project to move along, this property would need to be deeded to the Development Authority. The City voted at their regular meeting to convey the remaining property, approximately 152 acres, to the Development Authority for economic development purposes. The County Administrator asked the County Attorney to present the resolution required to approve the action.
 - The County Attorney explained that the resolution was simple and written to deed the property over the Development Authority for the sole purpose of economic development.
 - Chairman Daniel asked if there were any provisions in the resolution to return the property back to the County and City if it could not be utilized or developed. The County Attorney stated that there was not, but that it could be amended to add such language.
 - Chairman Daniel asked the commissioners what a suitable amount of time would be for the Development Authority to have the property developed. Commissioner Watkins stated five years. Commissioner Burten stated that the Development Authority should be given a little longer time since economic development is somewhat slow to occur. Commissioner Daniel asked if ten years would be agreeable, to which each of the commissioners agreed.
 - Commissioner Simmons made a motion to approve the resolution to deed the property to the Development Authority with the condition that language be inserted to return the property to the County and City if it cannot be used for economic development, seconded by Commissioner Watkins. The motion was passed unanimously.

Meeting Adjourned


Horace Daniel, Chairman

Attest:


Dustin Peebles, County Administrator/Clerk