



HARDEE COUNTY
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

MINUTES

**Hardee County Economic Development Council
Hardee County Industrial Development Authority**

Special Meeting

October 5, 2023, at 8:00 AM

**Commissioner Chambers
412 W. Orange Street, Room 102, Wauchula, FL 33873**

Board Members

Lee Mikell, Chairman
Barney Cherry, Vice-Chairman
Gene Davis
Calli Ward
Courtney Green
Chris Idsardi
John Gill



HARDEE COUNTY
INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

1. CALL TO ORDER

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Lee Mikell	Chairman	Present	
Barney Cherry	Vice-Chairman	Present	
Gene Davis	Board Member	Present	
Calli Ward	Board Member	Present	
Courtney Green	Board Member	Present	
Chris Idsardi	Board Member	Present	
John Gill	Board Member	Present	

Visiting: County Commissioner Renee Wyatt, County Commissioner Russ Melendy, Jessica Newman, County Manager Terry Atchley, and Michael Kelly.

Staff: Denise Grimsley, Sarah Evers, Justin Smith, Krystin Chapman, and Kristi Schierling

EDC/IDA Attorney:

Chairman Mikell called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Board Member Barney Cherry and second by Board Member Courtney Green to approve as presented.

Motion carried

Ayes – Mikell, Cherry, Davis, Ward, Green, Idsardi, and Gill

Nays- None

Absent- None

3. AGENDA ITEMS

1. Sarah Evers- Sale/Purchase Contract for Real Property Located at 122 W. Main St.

Sarah Evers started off the discussion with the background of this building. Main St. Wauchula purchased the building earlier this year. They were aware of the amount of work that the building needed as well as a new roof. The summer storms came, and water intrusion was noticed on our building, 126 W. Main. We share a brick wall with the building. We have brought in consultants to assess the damage. The building owned by Main Street needs a new truss system for the roof and these repairs have to be made before we can begin the repairs to our building. We approached Main Street Wauchula and discussed us purchasing the building so we can begin the repairs immediately. The purchase contract has an option to lease as an exhibit. The purchase price is \$53,000, 15 day inspection period, and a 45 day closing. Once the roof is complete, Main Street can lease the building. It will be a triple net lease with a five year term. The lease amount is \$1,000 month. The lease payments will go towards the purchase price.

Lee Mikell abstained from the vote because he works for First National Bank of Wauchula and the loan Main Street Wauchula has is with them.

Motion by Board Member Calli Ward and second by Board Member Barney Cherry to approve the sale/purchase contract for real property located at 122 W. Main St and authorize the Chair or Vice Chair to sign all related documents.

Motion carried.

Ayes- Cherry, Davis, Ward, Green, Idsardi, and Gill

Nays- None

Absent-None

Abstain- Mikell

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS/OTHER BUSINESS/PUBLIC COMMENTS

8. ADJOURNMENT