



**HARDEE COUNTY**  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

## **MINUTES**

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

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**Regular Meeting**

**January 11, 2024, at 8:30 AM**

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

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### **Board Members**

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

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**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	Absent	
Chris Idsardi	Board Member	Present	
John Gill	Board Member	Present	

**Visiting:** Bailey Tinsley, Steven Southwell, Bruce Stayer, County Manager Terry Atchley, and Michael Kelly.  
**Staff:** Denise Grimsley, Krystin Chapman, and Kristi Schierling  
**EDC/IDA Attorney:** Shannon Nash

Chairman Mikell called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

## 2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Board Member Chris Idsardi and second by Board Member Barney Cherry to approve as presented.

Motion carried  
Ayes – Mikell, Cherry, Davis, Ward, Idsardi, and Gill  
Nays- None  
Absent- Green

## 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. November and December 2023 EDC/IDA Minutes

Motion by Board Member Calli Ward and second by Board Member John Gill to approve the November and December 2023 EDC/IDA minutes as presented.

Motion carried  
Ayes – Mikell, Cherry, Davis, Ward, Idsardi, and Gill  
Nays – None  
Absent- Green

## 4. EXECUTIVE REPORT

### 1. Krystin Chapman- Executive Report

Krystin Chapman started off by discussing Building a Vibrant Community. There have been around 50 participants that have come to the classes. The next group will start January 29<sup>th</sup> and go through March 4<sup>th</sup>. They will be from 4-6pm. Our inaugural business meeting will be on April 16<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Bill Yeargin will be the keynote speaker. We are

engaging with the community with a survey and want to hear from them what their goals are for the County, and what's working and not working. Hardeespeaks.com is the website to visit to complete the survey. We are the sponsor for the Chamber Lunch N Learn on February 22<sup>nd</sup>. We have invited Julie Burch to come and speak.

## **5. BOARD EDUCATION**

### **1. Krystin Chapman- Marketing**

Krystin Chapman began the presentation by going over her background and the various boards that she serves on. She then went on to describe the differences between marketing and communications and what each phase entails. Krystin also reviewed the social media numbers from the fourth quarter of 2023. She also spoke to other things that are being worked on, like podcasts, time-lapse videos of projects, and different recruitment. Also, March 28<sup>th</sup> is State of the County.

## **6. AGENDA ITEMS**

### **1. Denise Grimsley- Resolution 2024-01 Authorizing Closing of Real Property Located at 101, 107, and 111 East Main Street**

The closing for this property is scheduled for January 18<sup>th</sup>. This resolution is the last item needed to be completed.

**Motion by Board Member Calli Ward and second by Board Member Chris Idsardi to adopt Resolution 2024-01 approving and authorizing purchase of real property located at 101, 107, and 111 East Main Street, Wauchula, Hardee County, Florida, authorizing the transfer of funds and confirming the authority of the Chair or Vice Chair to sign all documents necessary for closing and providing for an effective date.**

**Motion carried.**

**Ayes- Mikell, Cherry, Davis, Ward, Idsardi, and Gill  
Nays- None  
Absent- Green**

### **2. Kristi Schierling- Interlocal Agreement between Hardee County Industrial Development Authority and Hardee County**

This interlocal agreement is for the water/wastewater project that Hardee County asked us to fund for the Bostick Rd. housing project. The funds will be transferred from the County to us, less the \$800,000 for the water/wastewater infrastructure. The remaining funds will be transferred within two years after the effective date of the interlocal agreement.

**Motion by Board Member Barney Cherry and second by Board Member Chris Idsardi to approve the Interlocal Agreement between Hardee County Industrial Development Authority and Hardee County and its signing by the Chair or Vice Chair, subject to further review and modification to be approved by legal counsel and Denise Grimsley.**

**Motion carried.**

**Ayes- Mikell, Cherry, Davis, Ward, Idsardi, and Gill  
Nays- None  
Absent- Green**

## **7. FINANCIAL REPORT**

### **1. November 2023 EDC/IDA Financials**

Kristi Schierling noted that the property taxes had been paid for the year.

**Motion by Board Member Calli Ward and second by Board Member Chris Idsardi to approve the November 2023 EDC/IDA Financials as presented.**

**Motion carried.**

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

**Nays – None**

**Absent- Green**

### **2. December 2023 EDC/IDA Financials**

**Motion by Board Member Chris Idsardi and second by Board Member John Gill to approve the December 2023 EDC/IDA Financials as presented.**

**Motion carried.**

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

**Nays – None**

**Absent- Green**

## **8. ANNOUNCEMENTS/OTHER BUSINESS/PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Shannon Nash advised the board that the representation agreement is up for renewal next month and Swaine & Harris have elected to not renew for another term. Denise Grimsley advised the board that she has been working with Gray Robinson to prepare a proposal for us. Shannon Nash let everyone know that she will still be around to help us transition to a new attorney.

## **9. ADJOURNMENT**