

THOMASTON-UPSON COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY MINUTES OF THE  
AUGUST 28, 2023 BOARD MEETING CITY/COUNTY MEETING ROOM

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Norman Allen  
Anne Massengale  
J.D. Stallings  
Lonnie Joyce  
Steve Rush

OTHERS PRESENT

Johnnie Caldwell, Attorney  
Susan Hill, IDA Office Administrator

GUESTS

Dave Piper, WTGA Radio  
Bridge Turner, Upson Beacon

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 4:00 PM.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A **MOTION** was made by Mr. Stallings, seconded by Ms. Massengale and approved to accept the July 24, August 7 and August 14, 2023 Minutes.

FINANCIAL REPORT

A **MOTION** was made by Mr. Joyce, seconded by Ms. Massengale and approved to accept the July Financial Reports.

BUSINESS:

1. Election of Secretary

A **MOTION** was made by Ms. Massengale, seconded by Mr. Joyce and approved to appoint Chase Fallin, secretary of the IDA.

2. Discussion and Update on Donnie Basilici (A&B Heating and Cooling)

Mr. Rush updated the board stating the Basilici's had changed their minds on the parcel in the industrial park at this time. They feel they need to wait due to raising interest rates and the condition of the economy right now and want to explore other options.

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A **MOTION** was made by Mr. Allen, second by Mr. Joyce and approved to amend the agenda, to include a discussion on filling the position on the Executive Director and the next step. Mr. Rush stated the IDA needs assistance from the City and County to move forward in a productive manner. Mr. Allen has been in touch with several economic development consultant firms that have experienced in assisting communities with formulating economic development plans and strategies. They also assist with writing job descriptions and executive searches, goals and objectives, with the possibly filling in temporary with the ED position. Mr. Rush stated he is in support of a consultant that will define our purpose. Ms. Massengale voice her approval to seek out a consultant to come in and temporary fill-in, while the IDA has established a job description, job requirement, goals, along with a plan..

A **MOTION** was made by Mr. Joyce, seconded by Ms. Massengale and approved for Mr. Allen to work with Mr. Rush to bring several potential, proposal peoples to September 25<sup>th</sup> meeting, to help us in the community to move forward in economic development. Mr. Allen will reach out to the school board and the county commissioners for their attendance. Mr. Stallings will reach out to the city council for their attendance.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Mr. Joyce discussed the Senior Center's request to use/purchase the 2018 Ford Explorer, which the IDA owns. Mr. Joyce will seek out Allen Salter (Chief Financial Officer) to check the taxable value on the vehicle.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A **MOTION** was made by Mr. Stallings, seconded Mr. Joyce and approved to go into Executive Session. This motion was unanimously approved by the following, which were present; Mr. Joyce, Mr. Allen, Ms. Massengale, Mr. Stallings and Mr. Rush

A **MOTION** was made by Mr. Joyce, seconded Ms. Massengale and approved to exit Executive Session.

The next board meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 25, 2023 at 4:00 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 5:20 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Chase Fallin, Secretary