

THOMASTON-UPSON COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 27, 2023 BOARD MEETING
CITY/COUNTY MEETING ROOM

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Lonnie Joyce
Anne Massengale
Norman Allen
Steve Rush, Chairman
J. D. Stallings
Chase Fallin

OTHERS PRESENT

Johnnie Caldwell, Attorney
Susan Hill, Office Administrator

GUESTS

Dave Piper, WTGA Radio
Bart Gobeil, Platform Strategies
Lisa Pierce

CALL TO ORDER,

Meeting was called to order at 4:00 PM, by Steve Rush, Chairman

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A **MOTION** was made by Mr. Fallin seconded by Ms. Massengale, and approved to accept the October 23rd 2023 board minutes.

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORT

A **MOTION** was made by Mr. Joyce, seconded by Mr. Fallin, and approved to accept the October financial reports.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Update and Discussion on Economic Development Consultants

After a brief discussion, the board has decided not to hire a consultant. Instead, they have decided to proceed with the hiring of a new executive director. They sincerely thank them for taking the time for their presentation.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Discussion and Potential Approval of Contract for Executive Search Services

A **MOTION** was made by Mr. Fallin, seconded by Ms. Massengale to move forward and enter into a contract with Next Move Group LLC, in order to find an Industrial Development Director and to authorized the Chairman and legal counsel to manage the job description. Next Move Group specializes in economic director's job search.

The contract was modified as below:

- a. Delete in paragraph three (3), No additional fee for paying with a check.
- b. Due to the upcoming holidays the time frame is 120 days.

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2. Discussion and Possible Consideration FY 2024 Budget

A **MOTION** was made by Mr. Allen, seconded by Ms. Massengale the approved with changes to the proposed 2024 IDA budget. Increase the line item "Consulting Fees-Engineer" from \$30,000.00 to \$54,000.00. Setting the budget to \$318,472.00.

OTHER BUSINESS

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

A **MOTION** was made by Mr. Allen seconded Mr. Fallin and approved to exit Executive Session.

A **MOTION** was made by Mr. Allen, seconded by Ms. Massengale, and approved to accept a 53.63-acre property located on McIntosh Parkway in tax parcel 057-001, from AMC Upson Holdings, LLC; and to pay \$3,326.64 FY 2023 property taxes.

The next board meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 18, 2023 at 4:00 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Chase Fallin, Secretary