
Staff Present: F. Arcuri, J. Castilla, R. Duchow, S. DiMeo, J. Karam, S. Papale, R. Seymour

Others Present: J. Brown, A. Picente, D. Roefaro, L. Romano, L. Ruberto

Mr. Grow called the meeting to order at 11:41 AM.

The minutes from the November 29 meeting were unanimously approved upon a motion made by Mr. Valentine, seconded by Mr. Fitzgerald.

A motion to enter Executive Session for the purpose of discussing pending contract negotiations was made by Mr. Fitzgerald, seconded by Mr. Betrus. The Board entered Executive Session at 11:41 AM. Consensus to exit was reached at 12:40 PM.

In other Agency business:

• Mr. Picente thanked Mr. Fahy for his many years of work, dedication and devotion to County business over the years. Mr. Fahy’s experience and contribution to the Agency will be sorely missed. Mayor Brown thanked Mr. Fahy on behalf of the City of Rome for his hard work and dedication to City business throughout the years. Mr. Fahy graciously accepted the accolades and commented that it was his pleasure to work with the many talented people he has come to know and to be a part of supporting the region’s economic growth over the past 17 years.

• A motion to amend the lease to EMI located at 5780 Success Drive was made by Mr. Fitzgerald, seconded by Mr. Valentine. The amendment was unanimously passed.

• Per a written request by Mr. Stephens, a motion to reaffirm the Final Authorizing Resolution for The Hartford/Ryan Companies was made by Mr. Betrus, seconded by Mr. Fahy. The motion was unanimously approved.

• An Initial Authorizing Resolution for Housing Visions to included sales, mortgage recording tax exemptions and a PILOT was brought before the Agency. Mayor Brown commented that the project was presented before the Rome City Council and complies with state law. Terms and conditions of the PILOT will be discussed at a future meeting. A motion to approve the IAR pending approval of all taxing authorities impacted by the project was made by Mr. Valentine, seconded by Mr. Fahy. The motion was unanimously passed.
• A Final Authorizing Resolution for SAES Smart Materials was brought before the Agency. Because total benefit is estimated to be less than $100,000; no public hearing was necessary. The FAR was unanimously approved upon a motion made by Mr. Valentine, seconded by Mr. Betrus.

• The Final Authorizing Resolution for Rome Memorial Hospital will be placed on January’s agenda.

• Mr. DiMeo presented a progress report to the Agency on the status of the Marcy NanoCenter site. EDGE continues to actively market the site to interested parties and is pursuing necessary permitting. A request for a supplemental appropriation of $200,000 from the Agency to EDGE for continued support of the Marcy NanoCenter site was unanimously approved upon a motion made by Mr. Fitzgerald, seconded by Mr. Valentine.

• Mr. Arcuri distributed a summary of the Rome Community Brownfields Restoration Corporation’s activities at the former Rome Cable site. Clean up continues at the site and approval for task order changes is being sought from the Agency. Upon a motion made by Mr. Betrus, seconded by Mr. Grow, the task order changes were unanimously approved.

• Mr. Seymour requested that the Agency approve internet banking for Agency banking business. Upon a motion made by Mr. Fitzgerald, seconded by Mr. Betrus, Mr. Seymour was approved to perform internet banking for Agency business only allowing transfer of funds within existing Agency accounts. The motion was unanimously passed.

• In the Annual Meeting of the Agency, the following officers were appointed by the Agency Board:
  o Chairman – David C. Grow
  o Vice-Chair – Natalie Brown
  o Treasurer – James P. Castilla
  o Secretary – Shawna M. Papale
  o Assistant Secretary – Joseph G. Karam

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:56 PM upon a motion made by Mr. Fahy, seconded by Mr. Betrus. The meeting adjourned to a reception honoring Mr. Fahy for his 17 years of service to the Agency.

Respectfully submitted,

Shawna M. Papale
Executive Director