

MINUTES

LEON COUNTY EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES AUTHORITY

July 15, 2010

The Leon County Educational Facilities Authority met Thursday, July 15, 2010 at noon in the Ballroom at SouthGate Campus Centre, 675 W. Jefferson St., Tallahassee, FL pursuant to public notice.

Authority Members Present: Bob Kellam, Billy Hilaman, Randy Guemple, Craig Fletcher and new member, Joe Weil.

Authority Members Absent: Henry Lewis, Liz Maryanski

Others in Attendance: Calvin Ogburn; Terry Madigan; Southgate Manager Ken Mills; Julie Bonnin, Jason Fort and Randall Husmann, Asset Campus Housing.

The meeting was called to order at 12:21 by Chairman Kellam. He introduced new Authority member, Joe Weil, who has been appointed to a five year term by BCC Chairman Rackleff.

Chairman Kellam stated that BCC Chairman Rackleff has grossly mischaracterized to the public that Leon County and therefore the taxpayers are liable for EFA projects. He said that the Leon County taxpayers have no liability on any EFA project and have never put one cent of public money into the SouthGate project.

The minutes of April 8 2010 were approved with a motion by Billy Hilaman, seconded by Randy Guemple. All were in favor.

The SouthGate budget for the year 2010-2011, which begins August 1, was then discussed in great detail. The discussion was led by committee Chairman, Randy Guemple who was assisted by Randal Husmann (a copy of this budget is on file.) Within this budget there is \$140,000 for capital expenditure items which include elevator and roof repair. Randy Guemple moved that the budget be approved, seconded by Billy Hilaman. [Joe Weil abstained from voting since he had been appointed only 48 hours earlier to the Authority and had not seen the budget prior to the meeting]. All others were in favor.

In response to an earlier request from Craig Fletcher, Jason Fort and Ken Mills led a discussion as to the number of residents that can be accommodated at SouthGate. It was reported that there are total of 570 beds on the property of which 511 are revenue producing. Jason Fort also reported on local real estate activities which may have an impact on SouthGate. The SouthGate summer camp program was discussed by Ken Mills.

Billy Hilaman said that he had had a committee meeting to review the current status of Heritage Grove and to review the draft budget for the next fiscal year. He reported that rents will continue to stay at the same level and that this is going to create funding difficulties in the future. It was agreed that this budget would be reviewed by the Authority once refinements had been made by the management company.

The Executive Director reported for Henry Lewis on the Scholarship Program. As of this date, \$10,000 has been released to each of the three schools and an additional \$10,000 is being held for each school pending identification of needy students who will be living at SouthGate.

The Executive Director gave a brief verbal report on the following:

- BCC actions on appointed boards and committees.
- College Town proposal
- Conversations with the financial advisor and the “A” bond holder representative

It was agreed that the next Authority meeting would be Wednesday, July 28 at noon at Heritage Grove. The purpose of this meeting will be to review the operation and take action on the proposed budget for Heritage Grove for year 2010-2011.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:50 p.m.

Robert E. Kellam, Chairman

Calvin P. Ogburn, Executive Director