

**PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT MEETING  
JULY 26, 2023 ANNEX BUILDING**

**ATTENDANCE:** Chairman Justice Michael White; Justice Rick Ash; Justice Cecil McDonald; Justice Molly Jackson; Justice Betty Hepler; Economic Development Clif Chitwood; Mallory Darby; Finance Kelli Jones; NEA Town Courier Revis Blaylock.

1. Meeting was called to order by Justice Michael White. Justice Cecil McDonald was present by speaker phone. Meeting was turned over to Clif Chitwood. Mr. Chitwood requested two tax back Resolutions for Hybar and Atlas Tube. Needed one for Hybar and one for Atlas Tube. Motion was made by Justice Cecil McDonald to approve the Resolutions. Second was made by Justice Michael White as a member of the committee. Motion passed.

2. Mr. Chitwood requested \$900,000.00 for 90 jobs for Atlas Tube. Paid between \$28.00 and \$32.00 an hour. Grow Mississippi Couty Foundation requested that Atlas Tube make a contribution of \$300,000.00. Money could be used by the employees for the work here/live here program. When the plant was finished they would receive the incentive for the other \$600,000.00. Justice White wanted to note for the minutes Justice Rick Ash was now in attendance and brought the committee to a quorum. Justice Ash voted yes for the Resolutions. Motion was made by Justice Rick Ash to appropriate the \$900,000.00 for incentives for Atlas Tube to create 90 jobs. Second was made by Justice Cecil McDonald. Motion passed.

3. Mr. Chitwood expected the Hybar project a \$500 million dollar project with 100 to 150 jobs to close on the 31<sup>st</sup> of July. Had a strong interest with the work here/live here program.

4. Numerous e-mail had been sent to the retail strategies firm. The county had gotten very little response. Report had some information on the communities. Mallory Darby was trying to get a year in review.

5. Meeting adjourned.

Minutes submitted by: Cindy George