

CLAY COUNTY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

POLICY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

January 20, 2016

Present: Chereese Stewart, Cathy Chambers, Chip Dobson

Staff: Josh Cockrell, Grady Williams, Counsel, Taylor Mejia

Call to Order: **Chereese Stewart** called the Clay County Development Authority (“CCDA”) Policy Committee Meeting to order at 4:04 PM.

Comments from the Public: No comments from the public were made.

Goals and Objectives: **Josh Cockrell** explained that the goal of the committee was to determine how CCDA can be an asset to Clay County and promote economic development. The committee needs to address if (and how) the CCDA will express support for externally projects and individuals within the community.

Policy Updates and Review: **Chereese Stewart** stated that the CCDA should retain the policy of not endorsing or supporting individual candidates. The committee discussed that it would be in the best interest of the CCDA to have a general position of supporting projects and businesses that promote economic development within Clay County. **Chip Dobson** stated that the CCDA should have a defined policy on charitable giving. The committee discussed whether or not charitable giving and sponsorship should be based on how the CCDA is reflected within the community or based upon a return in relationship to economic development. **Josh Cockrell** explained to the committee that the CCDA does not currently have contracts with the entities it is sponsoring, including the Clay County Economic Development Corporation. The committee agreed that Memorandum’s of Understanding (“MOU’s”) should be used to define relationships between the CCDA and the entities that it sponsors. **Cathy Chambers** stated that it would be in the CCDA’s best interest to write a letter to the editor in support of Governor Scott’s economic development plan and budget.

Adjourned: 5:00 PM.