## **WOODBURY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY MARCH 8, 2021**

PRESENT: Kera Summers, Pinky Elliott, Kena Kendrick, Terry Malone, and Steve Ledbetter

AGENDA -----Approved; minutes and treasurer's report also approved.

THE BODY THEN SUSPENDED THE AGENDA TO LISTEN TO MAYOR LEDBETTER'S REPORT TO THE MERIWETHER COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION ABOUT AN INNOVATION CENTER BEING LOCATED IN WOODBURY IN THE OLD GEORGE E. WASHINGTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.

The Innovation Center will be used to educate citizens in the West Central Georgia Area to the new technology available for producing more and better agricultural products and training our citizens to take advantage of all the new products and equipment available for farming.

The former elementary building could house classrooms, office space, a farm-to-table restaurant showcasing local products, a conference area, an event center and provide the timber industry with training for the use of the latest equipment.

This center would be able to seek funding from the USDA of up to \$1,000,000.00.

## **Downtown Development**

Old Business: 1911 Building:

- 1. Papparella's Pizzeria is a work in progress with plans for a soft opening around the middle of April with a grand opening two weeks later.
- 2. WDA voted to give Alan Kendrick the go ahead to finish the AC work for the Pizzeria.
- 3. WDA will reimburse for the exterior paint.
- 4. Alan Kendrick will be asked to fix the doors leading to the upstairs.

Sale of the corner lot on Durand and Peachtree has closed.

## **New Business:**

The Chamber of Commerce and the GMA are pushing for bike racks on Dromedary for the "gravel grinders" project along with the paving of this street set to begin in 6-8 weeks.

Kelly Gritts, director of the Main Street project, has resigned citing a family emergency.

Resurrect Antiques plans a grand opening this week. Michelle will be encouraged to keep the sidewalks clean.

Old city hall and police department will need a new survey in order to close. Moreland Survey

will be contacted.

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Mr. Fuller closed on old fire station, and the new owner is working on a design plan.

## **Industrial Development**

Old Business:

The remaining acres in the industrial park will be listed with Mike McDaniel.

**New Business:** 

One hundred acres behind the industrial park has been sold. New owner will be asked if we can market it.

The trailer company is again interested in coming inside our park.