

LAND BANK COMMISSION MEETING

February 25, 2025

Paragould Land Bank Commission met in regular session on Tuesday, February 25, 2025, at 4:00 p.m. in the upstairs conference room of City Hall.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman White at 4:04 p.m.

Commissioners present were Keith White, Bobby Kasserman, Pat Austin, and Kimberly Dale. Commissioner Blake Phillips was absent.

Mayor Josh Agee, Director of Economic Development and CEO at the Paragould Regional Chamber of Commerce Allison Hestand, and Secretary/Treasurer Tara Sexton were present.

Old Business

Motion made by Commissioner Dale to approve the January 28, 2025, minutes; seconded by Commissioner Kasserman. All in favor.

Motion made by Commissioner Kasserman to approve the January 30, 2025, minutes; seconded by Commissioner Dale. All in favor.

Commissioners and Mayor Agee discussed the Greene Apartments. The purchase of the apartments is in process. There was a slight hang up with an incorrect lien placed on the parcel by Focus Bank, but it is being cleared, and closing will proceed upon verification from bank.

Commissioners discussed overlay standards for the Labor Overlay District and the need to establish these standards immediately. Motion made by Commissioner Dale to present overlay design standards for the Labor Overlay District to the City Council for adoption; seconded by Commissioner Austin. All in favor.

Commissioners discussed overlay standards for the Midtown Overlay District and the need to establish these standards immediately. Motion made by Commissioner Dale to present overlay design standards for the Midtown Overlay District to the City Council for adoption; seconded by Commissioner Kasserman. All in favor.

Commissioners reviewed and discussed Northend District banner designs. A design was chosen and quotes will be obtained for production. Commissioner Kasserman will inquire with PMU about mounting the signs on existing utility poles.

New Business

Motion made by Commissioner Dale to approve the expenditures and deposits as presented in the financial statement, as well as physical assets; seconded by Commissioner Austin. All in favor.

Commissioners discussed park ideas for the Greene Apartment space once the building has been purchased and demolished. Ideas for the park include a small basketball court/pickleball court, benches, swings and a small pavilion, along with several parking spaces and landscaping. Commissioners discussed applying for a state Matching Grant for funds.

Motion made by Commissioner Dale to establish a resolution for the Mayor and Chairman to make purchases on behalf of the Land Bank Commission up to \$40,000; seconded by Commissioner Kasserman. All in favor.

Commissioners discussed a property at 700 N. 4th Street, wherein the owner has agreed to sell the property to the land bank for \$15,000.00. An offer and acceptance have been drafted and signed by all parties involved (Jeremy Lyles and Micha Straub).

Commissioners were given an update on the curbs and gutters on N. 4th Street and shown a basic engineering rendering of the improvements to be made.

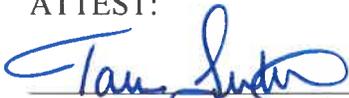
ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the commission, the meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.



Keith White, Chairman

ATTEST:



Tara Sexton, Secretary/Treasurer