

ALABAMA STATE–COMMUNITY RECOVERY TASK FORCES

Economic Development Task Force Meeting

August 31, 2011

ATTENDEES

NAME	AGENCY & INFORMATION	NAME	AGENCY & INFORMATION
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Evan Kilgore	FEMA LTRC	Chris Cunningham	FEMA LTRC
Bejay Singh	FEMA LTRC	Steve Weatherford	FEMA LTRC
Gregory Jones	City of Birmingham	Joe Sumners	Auburn University Economic and Community Development Institute
Keith Jones	Northwest Alabama Council of Local Governments	Erica Lovell	University of Alabama Center for Economic Development
Billy McFarland	University of West Alabama	Dennis Hopper	Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs
Melanie Bouyer	Seedco Financial	Ivan Holloway	Seedco Financial
Tye Warren	Small Business Development Centers	USDA	Allen Bowen
Al Jones	ADECA	Shabbir Olia	ADECA
Kristin Kizziah	FEMA LTRC	Tami Todd	FEMA ERO
John Olsen	FDIC Community Affairs Specialist		

SUMMARY

ACTION ITEMS

- Find out the options for Hackleburg to build the sewer system in stages
- Get a design for the sewer system to the EDA for funding
- Find out who is administering money
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AGENDA ITEMS

Hackleburg Sewer System and Other Issues

- The biggest obstacle is the lack of a sewer system

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- We know this sewer system will have to attract business to the area
- Currently need 5 million and we have no matching funds
- One concern is will they people decide to hook up to the sewer system once it is put in
- The sewer system will also have to go with the school and wrangler; the sewer will be a long term project and issue
- There are smaller sewer units to look at that will to up to 40 or 50 households; which may not be enough for long term but will get them going
 - These units can be purchased for the cost of the transportation alone
- There will be a meeting with Wrangler next week to discuss their rebuilding which is supposed to be started in 2012 and completed by 2013, will also discuss with them the sewer system
- Concerned that if the sewer system does come to Hackleburg will there be enough money to keep it in operation
- The city will not be able to attract the business without the sewer system
- The city may look into requiring a mandatory hook up to the sewer system
- The treatment for the waste; may be able to use the Phil Campbell treatment facility
 - The USDA would like to see the merger because two communities would have the state of the art plant
 - EDA has been engaged on funds for this but need a design for the funding
 - The funding may need to come from more than one agency
- The city is drawn out to have 50 ft. plot lines which can cause concern on where citizens actual property lines are located
- Carolyn Long is working to find a solution with Piggly Wiggly for them to come back, should have an update this week
- The pharmacy and doctors office will start to go up on Monday
- Even though all schools were insured there are gaps in the re-building

Phil Campbell

- A company in California is looking to move to their industrial park; still talking at this time to gage commitment
- Suggested for Phil Campbell to do a retail survey; Erica Lovell is the contact for that

Cordova

- The Piggly Wiggly structure owner will not rebuild, the actual store owner and operator is looking to rebuild
 - It is vital for Cordova to have a grocery store
- Important to keep in mind they may want things fixed or want an access road; to do so we can possibly look at a float loan

Haleyville

- Fontaine Trailers had significant damage, and have yet to be engaged (SBDC has engaged)

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- Winston Furniture have significant damage

Small Business Lending Fund

- TRAC is a group formed by the Governor
- Need to find out who is administering money
- The biggest obstacle is not tracking funds, it is knowing who has been affected
- TRAC and ADECA's goals and objectives will be parallel
- JFO has invited TRAC to come into the JFO for a briefing on long term community recovery on September 14th
- ADECA received the States 31.3 million State Small Business credit initiative; this is to get people to come back we will try to promise them service roads, etc.
- We have been struggling with this program because it is designated for bankers, when we engaged the bankers we received no interest
 - Alabama does not have a long term program that is funded by the state
 - Have 90 days to get funding programs up and running
 - The goal is to use this money in a manner that does not walk away from the State
 - We will still have to show 310 million in private lending for this program; we are meeting with banks one on one
 - The individual would go to their usual lender and tell them they want to participate with the SSBCI program

Business affected

- List has been compiled of all business affected by the April 27 storm
- Looking for a 'declassified' list to get out there and get the business help
- Figure out a way new markets can be tapped into to come to these communities
- Find a way to tap into the tax credits
 - An issue with this is the investor piece of the transaction, the investor builds the project that her has interest in

FDIC Handout and Emerging Issues

- There are some examples that may apply to the disaster here in Alabama
- There are some links listed that may be helpful; electronic version is available
- There has been talk of FEMA pulling money out of Alabama because of the hurricane – money has been pulled out, all PA eligible are still going through will that process
- We are coming to the end of the budget year for Federal Government; we will obligate more