

The England Economic and Industrial Development District met in Regular Session at its regular meeting place, the England Authority Board Room, Building 1803 Arnold Drive, England Industrial Airpark and Community, Alexandria, Louisiana, on Thursday, February 27, 1997, at 4:00 p.m. (Central Standard Time).

There were present: Mr. Barry Hines, *Chairman*, Ms. Bridgett Brown, *Vice-Chairman*, Mr. Tom Fowler, Mr. George Thompson, Mr. Jim Meyer,

Mr. Kit Provine, Mr. H. K. Stanley, Mr. Charles Stewart, Mr. George Thompson and Mr. Gene Cotton,

Also present were members of the England Authority staff, legal counsel, members of the public, press and media.

Mr. Barry Hines gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance. The Chairman requested a roll call. All commissioners were present except Mr. Gene Cotton, Mr. Kit Provine, Mr. H. K. Stanley, Mr. Charles Stewart and Mr. George Thompson.

The England Economic and Industrial Development District was duly convened as the governing authority of said District by Mr. Barry Hines, *Chairman*, who then stated that the England Economic and Industrial Development District was ready for the transaction of business.

APPROVE ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

Motion made by Ms. Brown, seconded by Mr. Meyer to add the following items to the agenda.

1. Motion to authorize executive director to execute runway clear zone easement agreement same being requested by the EEIDD and granted by the City of Alexandria.
2. Motion to authorize executive director to amend the agreement between the Louisiana Department of Public Safety and Corrections and EEIDD.

The Chairman called for a vote. There being no opposition, the items were added to the agenda.

APPROVE MINUTES.

Motion made by Ms. Brown, seconded by Mr. Meyer to approve Minutes of January 23, 1997 Board of Commissioners Meeting. On vote, motion carried. 08-1997

MOTION TO APPROVE PAYMENT OF ATTORNEY'S BILL

Motion made by Ms. Brown, seconded by Mr. Fowler to approve payment of attorney's bill for the month of January, 1997. On vote, motion carried. 09-1997

MOTION TO APPROVE NAMING OF BACK GATE HOUSING AS ENGLAND ESTATES
Motion by **Mr. Fowler**, seconded by **Mr. Meyer** to approve the naming of back gate housing as England Estates. 10-1997

MOTION TO AUTHORIZE MS. BROWN TO ATTEND ANNUAL NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY OFFICIALS (NACO) CONFERENCE, MAY 25-29, 1997.
Motion by **Mr. Tudor**, seconded by **Mr. Meyer** to authorize Ms. Brown to attend annual National Association of County Officials (NACO) Conference, May 25-29, 1997. On vote, motion carried. 11-1997

MOTION FOR EEIDD TO COMMIT \$15,000 TO AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT TO SUPPORT AN INTERMODAL TRANSPORTATION COORDINATOR.
Motion by **Ms. Brown**, seconded by **Mr. Meyer** for EEIDD to commit \$15,000 to an intergovernmental agreement to support an intermodal transportation coordinator. On vote, motion carried. 12-1997

MOTION TO AUTHORIZE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE RUNWAY CLEAR ZONE EASEMENT AGREEMENT SAME BEING REQUESTED BY THE EEIDD AND GRANTED BY THE CITY OF ALEXANDRIA.

Motion by **Ms. Brown**, seconded by **Mr. Meyer** to authorize Executive Director to execute Runway Clear Zone Easement Agreement same being requested by the EEIDD and granted by the City of Alexandria. On vote, motion carried. 13-1997

MOTION TO AUTHORIZE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO AMEND THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND CORRECTIONS AND EEIDD.

Motion by **Ms. Brown**, seconded by **Mr. Meyer** to authorize Executive Director to amend the Agreement between the Louisiana Department of Public Safety and Corrections and EEIDD. Explanations were offered by **Mr. Ronnie Hair** concerning this amendment and the addition of one man for each of two crews. On vote, motion carried. 14-1997

COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS BY COMMISSIONERS

Mr. Tudor asked how the proposed name of England Estates actually came into effect. **Mr. Meyer** explained the process that took place during committee meeting and how the name recommendation originated.

Ms. Brown requested that each commissioner be given a list of all of the dates for the 1997 Board Meetings. She passed the date list to all Commissioners.

Mr. Fowler stated that he and **Mr. Meyer** were interested in researching the idea of the supply and demand for a new hangar. **Mr. Fowler** stated that he would like to pursue this demand and ask staff to research options of a study of costs, alternative financing, potential tenants, potential rental income, etc. **Mr. Meyer** stated that at the next meeting, he would like to explore the

possibility of getting a consultant to study the feasibility. Mr. Meyer stated that he would like to have this on the next committee meeting agenda for further discussion and proposals.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Financial Report: Mr. Slowinski gave the Financial Report. Mr. Slowinski stated that the revenues and expenditures were at the appropriate level. Fund balances are in good shape.


Legal Counsel explained the tax issue to the board.

Operations Report: Mr. Ronnie Hair reported that Brightway Signs had began their base work for the signage on the Airpark. Questions were asked about the date for beginning construction of the Fire Station. He responded that once the plans were approved and in his hands, the Police Jury would put them out for bids.

Economic Development Report: Mr. Sammy Bonnette informed the board that there was a spreadsheet in their binders regarding leased and non-leased properties to date. Ms. Brown questioned Mr. Bonnette about future uses of the area formerly used to locate trailers. Mr. Bonnette stated that staff felt that this property was the number one greenfield site in the Airpark because of its location. It is the long range plan to remove the storage buildings, the old hospital and the three wooden structures immediately inside of the old gate. This would be open space for building construction for profitable income.

Public Comments: Ms. Phillips stated that she had submitted a letter to the board approximately a month ago regarding a potentially dangerous situation with railings. Mr. Bonnette stated that an opinion was received from counsel that this was within building codes and that this was not a problem. Another copy of the letter of September 10, 1996 was given to the board. Mr. Bonnette is to research the answer from legal counsel and send a copy to Ms. Phillips. Further discussion ensued regarding Ms. Phillips lease square footage. Mr. Hines asked Mr. Hair to consult with an architect regarding character of use for the subject building.

There being no further business, it was motioned by Ms. Brown, seconded by Mr. Tudor to adjourn meeting.



Mr. Barry Hines, Chairman
*England Economic & Industrial Development District
Board of Commissioners*



Mr. H. K. Stanley, Secretary-Treasurer
England Economic & Industrial Development District