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MEDCO calls special meeting Dec. 8

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Items tabled from the Marshall Economic Development Corporation's monthly board meeting will resurface Thursday as they meet in a special called session.

The called meeting will begin at 3:30 p.m. Thursday with an executive session. An open session will begin at 4:15 p.m., which the public may attend at the Center for Applied Technology in Conference Room A.

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Items to be considered include approval of a revision to MEDCO's bylaws, which will be subject to approval by the Marshall City Commission.

MEDCO will also approve its nominations for a future board position and finalize its recommendation to the

commission.

An item to approve an engineering design for Phase II of MEDCO's property development of the U.S. Highway 59 and Interstate Highway 20 business park will also be considered.

During its regular meeting on Nov. 29, Director of Business Services Rush Harris detailed his work with the development of multiple MEDCO properties.

He noted in his monthly report that "remaining construction activities at the Highway 59 Park were evaluated to conform to a design-bid-build construction model."

Harris was hired earlier this year to oversee property management and development as Executive Director Donna Maisel provides more focus to generating interest for these sites.

Ms. Maisel's monthly report to board directors included working with four prospects, and continued expansion projects with two existing industries as well as response to one state lead, according to her monthly report.

Routine operations for Ms. Maisel include maintaining connections with a local investment group considering a manufacturing plant start-up, and she is also working with a medical distribution center to provide location information, according to the executive director's report.

MEDCO was a gold sponsor to this year's East Texas Small Business Conference in Longview, held Thursday at the Maud Cobb Convention Center as the corporation continues its support of industry growth in Harrison County, according to Ms. Maisel's report.

Particular interest has been paid by MEDCO to local companies seeking expansions to their workforce and operations.

Local companies looking to expand may be eligible for incentives from MEDCO.

Harrison County's unemployment was at 8.1 percent for October 2011 as compared to the EastTexas Workforce Development area at 8 percent.

From October 2010, the civilian labor force rose while unemployment declined according to the report.