

## CHAPTER 2020-200

### House Bill No. 1465

An act relating to Hardee County Economic Development Authority, Hardee County; amending chapter 2004-394, Laws of Florida, as amended; authorizing the Hardee County Economic Development Authority to approve an operating budget for specified purposes under certain circumstances; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Subsection (2) of section 4 of chapter 2004-394, Laws of Florida, as amended, is amended to read:

Section 4. Authority powers; mandatory and discretionary.—

(2) The authority may:

(a) Appropriate funds that have been paid by the state Chief Financial Officer, the first such payment to occur in calendar year 2006, to the clerk, in the distribution of the tax on severance of phosphate rock pursuant to section 211.3103, Florida Statutes, as amended from time to time, for the administrative costs, including payroll costs and other expenses as provided by this act, of the authority and for economic development and infrastructure projects in the county.

(b) Conduct the business of the authority and receive funds on its behalf, including those transferred by the state Chief Financial Officer and any others that may have been made by loan, gift, or grant.

(c) Sue and be sued.

(d) Approve an annual operating budget in compliance with the requirements of the Special District Accountability Program of the Department of Economic Opportunity. The annual operating budget may only provide for the consideration and approval, approval with modification, or denial of applications for grants funding public infrastructure projects submitted by Hardee County or an incorporated municipality within the county. The authority must consider each application submitted by the county or a municipality at a public hearing before rendering a final decision. Funding for an approved application under this paragraph shall be by appropriation from the authority directly to the applicant.

~~(e)~~(d) Approve or amend and approve time and costs sheets submitted by specified county employees for payment as well as travel and per diem expenses submitted by a member of the authority as further provided by this act.

(f)(e) Establish written bylaws for its internal governance, including the signatures required for the expenditure of funds from any of its authorized accounts.

(g)(f) Enter into contracts, interlocal agreements, and other written documents necessary to conduct the business of the authority.

(h)(g) Perform any other acts reasonable and necessary to implement and enforce the provisions of this act and any rules adopted in accordance with this act.

Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.

Approved by the Governor June 9, 2020.

Filed in Office Secretary of State June 9, 2020.