In June, the Conyers Rockdale Economic Development Council (CREDC) announced Kevin Hanna as the new president and chief executive officer. The position became vacant earlier this year when former executive Marty Jones announced his decision to retire.

Rockdale Planning and Development is excited to work with our new Economic Development Director. Kevin Hanna has proven himself as invaluable to several other cities and metropolitan areas over the course of his career. Hanna served as President and CEO of Donaldson Development Group LLC, Principal of Kevin Hanna & Associates LLC, and Chairman of the Board for Liberty Group Senior Services, Inc.

Hanna has also operated as Director of Real Estate Development for New Orleans Redevelopment Authority and Director of Redevelopment Authority of Philadelphia. From 1997 to 2002, he served as President for the Atlanta Development Authority, now known as Invest Atlanta.

Hanna received a Master’s of Business Administration from University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and received his Bachelor’s with a concentration in Economics from Davidson College in Davidson, North Carolina. Vince Evans, former mayor of Conyers, says of Mr. Hanna, “Kevin is a great fit for our community and for CREDC. The Search Committee was looking for a visionary in terms of economic and community development. Kevin has proven himself in these areas in several metropolitan cities. His determination to build collaborative partnerships with our local, regional and state partners was key in the committee’s decision to select him as the new leader.”

Creating Opportunities
Making a good first impression

You can now submit applications and make payments online!

With the new Citizen Portal, Rockdale residents and guests will be able to pay for permits, licenses and more online.

We are very excited to announce the citizen portal is now live! With this portal, paying for inspections, permits, licenses and more will be faster and easier than ever. If you still want to pay in person or over the phone, that works too!

For more information go to rockdale.onlinegovt.com

Use 24/7 Citizen Portal to:

Apply for a Building Permit
Apply online for a permit for your different projects.
NOTE: You must pay your permit fees before the application will be accepted by Rockdale County.

Apply for a Planning Permit
Apply online for a Zoning Permit or Wetlands License

Apply for a Business License

Renew your business license.
Apply for a new license, or renew your existing one.
Dewatering project on Highway 20

Dewatering removes groundwater from solid material, like soil. This makes construction at the worksite safer and more stable.

Good Dirt

Over the summer, Rockdale Planning and Development, with the help of SouthEast Connections, received approval to begin a dewatering process at 5180 Highway 20. Instead of simply removing soil and disposing of it in landfills, dewatering effectively recycles the dirt—by removing, processing and replacing it. This allows construction more stability and safety, while minimizing environmental impact in the area.

To do this, SouthEast Connections and Rockdale Planning & Development applied for a special use permit, which was approved with conditions on August 10, 2021.

Safety first

To ensure the project does not impact our watershed, a number of conditions will be required:
- Site will be less than 1 acre
- No dewatering will be within 250 feet of state waters
- There will be a 250-foot buffer on all property lines
- Activities will only be conducted during normal business hours

Getting involved

Rockdale’s New Leaders

Dr. Wendolyn Norris-Bouie is this newest member of the Conyers-Rockdale Planning Commission, while Khari Lewis is the latest addition to The Rockdale County Board of Adjustment.

In September, Dr. Wendolyn Norris-Bouie was officially appointed by the Board of Commissioners to join the Conyers-Rockdale Planning Commission. Dr. Norris-Bouie has worked in education for over 30 years, ranging from middle school math teacher, to Deputy Superintendent in P-12 Education.

Currently, Dr. Norris-Bouie teaches Education Leadership at Mercer University and serves on the board of the Homeowner’s Association at Grand Cayman Estates.

Making Adjustments

In September, Khari Lewis joined Rockdale County’s Board of Adjustment.

Khari Lewis currently serves as Operation Manager for Quickflight Services. Previously, Mr. Lewis spent several years abroad in Nanjing, China studying Civil Engineering and served as a member of MARTA’s Rider Advisory Council.