

## **Economic Development Authority of Patrick County**

Meeting of May 12, 2016

7:00pm-Second floor conference room

Present: Dale Puckett, Chair; Bill Clark, Vice Chair; Glenn Roycroft, Ron Haley, Clayton Kendrick

Also Present: Rickie Fulcher, Board of Supervisors; Tom Rose, County Administrator; Denise Stirewalt, Associate; Joseph Quesenberry, Director of Tourism & Marketing

Absent: Brenda Roberson, Secretary; Jerry Hopkins

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A meeting of the Economic Development Authority of Patrick County was held on May 12, 2016 at 7:00 PM in the second floor conference room of the Patrick County Veteran's Memorial Building.

Mr. Puckett called the meeting to order. The agenda was presented for approval. Mr. Rose requested that Joseph Quesenberry and Bill Clark be added to the agenda. On motion by Mr. Roycroft seconded by Mr. Haley and carried, the authority approved the amended May 12, 2016 agenda.

Voting Aye: Dale Puckett, Chair; Bill Clark, Vice Chair; Glenn Roycroft, Ron Haley, Clayton Kendrick  
Voting Nay: N/A  
Abstaining: N/A

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the March 10, 2016 meeting were presented for approval. On motion by Mr. Kendrick, seconded by Mr. Roycroft and carried, the authority approved the March 10, 2016 meeting minutes.

Voting Aye: Dale Puckett, Chair; Glenn Roycroft, Clayton Kendrick  
Voting Nay: N/A  
Abstaining: Bill Clark, Vice Chair; Ron Haley

### **FINANCE REPORT (BILLS):**

Mr. Rose presented the EDA finance report. (Finance report is available). On motion by Mr. Roycroft, seconded by Mr. Kendrick and carried, the authority approved the finance report and payment of bills.

Voting Aye: Dale Puckett, Chair; Bill Clark, Vice Chair; Glenn Roycroft, Ron Haley, Clayton Kendrick  
Voting Nay: N/A  
Abstaining: N/A

Mr. Rose recommended EDA contract with Carolina Generators LLC to service the generators at Results. Carolina Generators is 1/3 of the cost of the current service contract with Cummins Atlantic. On motion by Mr. Clark, seconded by Mr. Haley and carried unanimously, the authority approved entering into a maintenance agreement with Carolina Generators LLC to service the generators.

Voting Aye: Dale Puckett, Chair; Bill Clark, Vice Chair; Glenn Roycroft, Ron Haley, Clayton Kendrick  
Voting Nay: N/A  
Abstaining: N/A

Mrs. Stirewalt distributed copies of the audit. After discussion, it was requested that Mr. Rose express EDA's concern regarding the second party auditor. On motion by Mr. Clark, seconded by Mr. Haley and carried, the authority, in working with the BOS, want assurances that the EDA will have a competent consultant to assist the authority staff with preparation of the 2015-2016 annual audit.

Voting Aye: Dale Puckett, Chair; Bill Clark, Vice Chair; Glenn Roycroft, Ron Haley, Clayton Kendrick  
Voting Nay: N/A  
Abstaining: N/A

Mr. Rose stated he would speak with our Finance department and would have a secondary auditor by the next meeting. Mr. Clark stated he would check with the firm he uses to see if they would be willing to do the job.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Quesenberry stated that Martinsville and Mt. Airy provide free wireless internet service to business districts. Martinsville offered to provide a hotspot to cover Main Street in Stuart as they can go 60 miles outside their area. He will get quotes and present at a future meeting.

Mr. Clark expressed his concerns about the unemployed employable in our area and the fact that they can obtain government assistance making up to approximately \$40,000 tax free income a year. He spoke with former Governor Baliles who suggested he get statistics on the percentage of Patrick County's population receiving benefits and the average benefit paid. Mr. Clark suggested EDA take this on as a project to assist businesses with potential employees, reducing the population receiving benefits and educating people why they would be better off in the long run not accepting benefits. Mr. Rose stated he would research what statistics were available. More information will be discussed in closed session.

Mr. Rose stated that he and Mrs. Stirewalt will be visiting area businesses, and plan to invite general managers and business owners to present at EDA meetings.

Mr. Fulcher stated he received a call from a constituent who expressed concern about the lack of new business in the county. Several suggestions were made that EDA sing their own praises, including advertising EDA's accomplishments for the past 10 years and ask businesses

that have benefited from EDA to issue press releases. The authority discussed requesting a small allocation from the county to be used for attracting new business.

### EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion by Mr. Clark , seconded by Mr. Haley and carried unanimously, the meeting was called into Executive Session under the appropriate codes of Virginia to discuss Legal matters [Section 2.2-3711(A) (7),]; [1950 Code of Virginia, and Contracts [Section 2.2-3711 (A) (29)], 1950 Code of Virginia. A roll call was taken with unanimous vote.

Voting Aye: Dale Puckett, Chair; Bill Clark, Vice Chair; Glenn Roycroft, Ron Haley, Clayton Kendrick

Voting Nay: N/A

Abstaining: N/A

### RECONVENE

On motion by Mr. Clark and seconded by Mr. Roycroft and carried unanimously, the meeting was reconvened by the appropriate codes. A roll call vote was taken with unanimous vote that only the items listed above were discussed during Executive Session.

Voting Aye: Dale Puckett, Chair; Bill Clark, Vice Chair; Glenn Roycroft, Ron Haley, Clayton Kendrick

Voting Nay: N/A

Abstaining: N/A

Voting Nay: N/A

Abstaining: N/A

### ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business to discuss, on motion by Mr. Clark, seconded by Mr. Kendrick and carried unanimously, the meeting was adjourned.

Voting Aye: Dale Puckett, Chair; Bill Clark, Vice Chair; Glenn Roycroft, Ron Haley, Clayton Kendrick

Voting Nay: N/A

Abstaining: N/A

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Chairman

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Date

**NEXT MEETING: June 9, 2016, 7:00pm- Second floor conference room**