

Economic Development Authority of Patrick County

Meeting of August 6, 2007

Present: Glenn Roycroft, Chairperson; Gail Harding, Vice Chairperson; Steve Swartz; Felecia Shelor; Noel Wood; Dale Puckett; David Young and Jimmy McHone

Also Present: Tom Rose, Economic Development Director; Jane Hughes, Administrative Assistant; Nancy Lindsey, The Enterprise; Jamie Clark, WHEO

Absent: Terry Dalton and Carolyn Beale

A meeting of the Economic Development Authority of Patrick County was held on Monday, August 6, 2007, at 7:00 PM in the Second Floor EMS conference room of the Patrick County Veteran's Memorial Building.

Mr. Roycroft called the meeting to order. The agenda was presented for approval. Mr. Wood made the motion and was seconded by Mr. Swartz to approve the agenda as presented.

Voting Aye: Glenn Roycroft, Felecia Shelor, Gail Harding, Steve Swartz, Noel Wood, Dale Puckett

Voting Nay: N/A

Abstaining: N/A

The minutes of June 21, 2007 meeting was presented for approval. Mr. Swartz made motion and was seconded by Mr. Wood to approve the minutes as presented.

Voting Aye: Glenn Roycroft, Steve Swartz, Gail Harding, Noel Wood, Felecia Shelor, Dale Puckett

Voting Nay: N/A

Abstaining: N/A

FINANCE REPORT:

Mr. Rose presented the EDA finance report that reflects bills paid under the blanket vote June 21, 2007 meeting. Also all the EDA account balances are shown on this report. (Copy attached) No additions or deletions of information were requested by the Board members.

The motion was made by Ms. Harding and seconded by Mr. Swartz to approve the EDA Finance Report as presented.

Voting Aye: Glenn Roycroft, Steve Swartz, Gail Harding, Felecia Shelor, Dale Puckett
Voting Nay: N/A
Abstaining: Noel Wood

OFFICE UPDATES:

Mr. Rose reported on his progress of the Meadows of Dan Enterprise Zone mapping that the process has been changed and he is able to access the files by an excel spreadsheet and is able to sort by the land number. Mr. Rose should have the binders to the Board Members at the next EDA Meeting.

Mr. Rose reported that the Application & Interview Training Workshop, which was coordinated with Wanda Whitlow and the Community College personnel, was well received. The workshop included revamping resumes and mock applications. One of the attendees has since gained employment. Mr. Rose has been contacted by Workforce to present the workshop in other areas. Also, Mr. Rose has been approached by the school system to hold this workshop for the rising seniors. The Board members gave their approval for Mr. Rose to schedule the workshop for the rising seniors in the county.

Mr. Rose reported that Southern States of Mt. Airy, NC has limed and fertilized the land at Rich Creek. Southern States commented that it had been an oversight on their part.

Mr. Rose reported that the solar lighting has been ordered, under budget (total \$742.50), for the signage at Rich Creek and that Mr. Rose will take care of the installation of the lighting, along with pruning some of the brush/trees in and around the RCCP sign area. The lighting will have to be placed on the ground to shine upward on the sign. Mr. Rose informed the members that an email will be sent to them when the installation has been completed. Ms. Harding suggested that Mr. Rose contact the Boy Scouts to see if they would like to use this signage area as a project by placing a nice base and plant flowers around the solar lighting housing unit.

Mr. Rose informed the Board Members that the cubicles, furniture and office equipment have been installed at The Incubator Center – Stuart Site. Mr. Rose invited the Board Members to the 11:00 a.m. Ribbon Cutting Ceremony to be held at the Open House on Wednesday, August 15, 2007 from 11:00 – 1:00 p.m. at the Community Building. Mr. Rose also shared that one person has already requested assistance with starting a new business in the area. One of the things that The Incubator Center will do is to assist individuals with writing their business plans.

Mr. Rose recommended holding the EDA meetings once a month and to be held on the first Monday night unless there is a need for a meeting otherwise. After discussions, the

Board Members agreed to meet once a month on the first Monday of each month. Due to Labor Day falling on the first Monday of September, the next meeting will be Monday, September 10, 2007.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Mr. Rose presented to the Board Members that for the next few months that most of his reporting would be regarding PSA and mapping. On Friday, August 3, 2007, Mr. Rose met with Mr. Art Powers of Rural Development regarding the 29 step agenda (of which three items have been accomplished) before receiving bids for the sewer/water system to Patrick Springs.

Mr. Rose reported that Wendy's would be coming to Patrick County, locating in front of Wal-Mart. Mr. Rose has been working with the utilities and the architect. He has also been talking to the owner of the property and understands that the land is feasible to accommodate the restaurant. An ad, for 40 positions in the Stuart area, was placed in the classified section of *The Martinsville Bulletin*.

Ms. Harding inquired about the Enterprise Zone mapping for Meadows of Dan as to whether it would be helpful for Aerial. Mr. Rose said that all the guidelines have been met.

Mr. Swartz also inquired about the status of the land that was taken from the County by the Town in the annexation. Mr. Young commented that he understood that Mr. Burnette was to follow-up on this. It was suggested that Mr. Rose follow-up with Mr. Burnette regarding the status of the annexation of county land.

Mr. Swartz inquired about the status of the Chamber Liaison. Ms. Harding inquired if a plaque of appreciation has been given to Ms. Beale for her service on the Economic Development Authority Council. Mr. David Young said that he and Mr. Michael Burnette had spoken with Ms. Carolyn Beale on July 4, 2007 and he had understood that Ms. Beale would send an appropriate letter to the EDA. Mr. Roycroft also mentioned that after speaking with Ms. Beale at the Mayo River Rail Trail Ceremony on July 23, 2007 that he thought she would be attending the meeting tonight. Mr. Rose reported that once Ms. Beale informs the EDA of her intent, a plaque will be ordered for her.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

On motion by Mr. Swartz and seconded by Mr. Puckett, the meeting was called into Executive Session under the appropriate codes of Virginia to discuss Legal 2.2-3711 (A)(7). On motion by Steve Swartz and seconded by Dale Puckett, the meeting was reconvened by the appropriate codes. A roll call vote was taken with a unanimous vote that only the items listed was discussed during Executive Session.

Being no further business to discuss, on motion by Steve Swartz and seconded by Dale Puckett, the meeting was adjourned.

Voting Aye: Glenn Roycroft, Steve Swartz, Gail Harding, Felecia Shelor, Noel
Wood, Dale Puckett
Voting Nay: N/A
Abstaining: N/A

Chairperson

Date

NEXT MEETING: September 10, 2007