

Economic Development Authority of Patrick County

Meeting of April 16, 2009

Present: Glenn Roycroft, Chairman; Gail Harding, Vice Chairperson; Terry Dalton, Secretary; Dale Puckett, Felecia Shelor, Twyla Neil and Ron Haley

Also Present: Tom Rose, Economic Development Director; Wilma Pendleton, Administrative Assistant; Terry Tilley, Town Representatives and Stephen Walker, WHEO Radio

Absent: Karl Weiss, and Leslie Shelor

A meeting of the Economic Development Authority of Patrick County was held on Thursday, April 16, 2009, at 7:00 PM in the Second Floor conference room of the Patrick County Veteran's Memorial Building.

Mr. Roycroft called the meeting to order. The agenda was presented for approval. On motion by Ms. Harding, seconded by Mr. Dalton and carried the board approved the agenda.

Voting Aye: Glenn Roycroft, Gail Harding, Dale Puckett, Ron Haley, Terry Dalton, Felecia Shelor and Twyla Neil.

Voting Nay: N/A

Abstaining: N/A

The minutes of February 19, 2009 meeting were presented for approval. On motion by Ms. Harding, seconded by Mr. Dalton and carried, the board approved the minutes.

Voting Aye: Glenn Roycroft, Gail Harding, Ron Haley, Dale Puckett, and Terry Dalton

Voting Nay: N/A

Abstaining: Felicia Shelor and Twyla Neil

FINANCE REPORT (BILLS):

Mr. Rose presented the EDA finance reports for monthly billings. (Finance report is available). On motion by Mr. Puckett seconded by Mr. Haley and carried the board approved to pay the bills.

Voting Aye: Glenn Roycroft, Gail Harding, Dale Puckett, Ron Haley, Terry Dalton, Felecia Shelor and Twyla Neil.

Voting Nay: N/A

Abstaining: N/A

OFFICE UPDATES:

Primland

Mr. Rose informed the board that there were about 158 certificates issued for the Customer Service Certificate program with Primland and the auditorium was filled. So far 62 job interviews have taken place.

HVAC for Results

Mr. Rose informed the board that the HVAC unit at Results has been repaired.

Business Expo

Mr. Rose informed the board that he had worked the booth at the Martinsville Business Expo and that it had been one of the most attended and had 139 booths.

Blue Ridge Parkway 75th Anniversary

Mr. Rose informed the board that he and Ms. Pendleton as well as other members of the community had attend the 75th Anniversary Blue Ridge Parkway meeting that was held in Galax. He informed them that a list of events pertaining to the parkway would be placed on the Blue Ridge Parkway 75th Anniversary website. Mr. Bishop and the Chamber of Commerce will be responsible for listing these events for Patrick County. He also informed them that the main issue that continued to arise was the fact that a Kiosk or informational was needed to direct visitors to the nearest gas station, restaurant or lodging facility. After discussion by the board it was suggested to have one at Mabry's Mill which would serve Patrick and Floyd counties. Mr. Rose also informed the board that Mabry's Mill was one of the most visited sites in the United States.

Broadband

Mr. Rose informed the board the he was asking for wellness as well as broadband stimulus money. He informed the board that he, Ms. Pendleton and Mr. Jim Ingram had listened to the Broadband webinar and that of all the questions that were asked the statement that was constantly given was that the money had to be spent. Mr. Rose informed the board that Laura Lee from Congressman Boucher's office informed him that there would be a Broadband meeting on March 20 in Wytheville along with other information that would be given concerning stimulus money.

Mr. Rose reminded the board of the meeting that Mr. Jonathan Large and Ms. Crystal Harris had attended in Washington DC with a testimony of rural areas for the need of Broadband and that the regulations need to be rewritten concerning unserved/underserved because it was for this reason that one person who had internet access kept the Cluadville area from receiving a RUS broadband grant in the past.

SBTC

Mr. Rose informed the board that he had spoken with Ted Settle and that two final parts of the five part study had been approved with Federal EDA funding money with SBTC.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Meeting Schedule

Mr. Roycroft made comment that some of the members had expressed interest in having the meetings on the third Thursday instead of on Monday and that a motion was needed

in order to change the schedule. On motion by Ms. Harding, seconded by Mr. Dalton and carried, the board approved to change the EDA meeting to the third Thursday of the month.

Voting Aye: Glenn Roycroft, Gail Harding, Dale Puckett, Ron Haley, Terry Dalton, Felecia Shelor, and Twyla Neil.

Voting Nay: N/A

Abstaining: N/A

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

There was no one present for the public comment period.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

On motion by Mr. Puckett and 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, as amended]; prospective business matters [Section 2.2-3711(A)(5), 1950 Code of Virginia, as amended]; real estate [Section 2.2-3711(A)(3), 1950 Code of Virginia, as amended]; and personnel matters [Section 2.2-3711(A)(1), 1950 Code of Virginia, as amended].

On motion by Ms. Harding and seconded by Mr. Dalton 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.

After the board reconvened from executive session they discussed the land-use assessment issue.

Members of the board mentioned the referendum for meals tax for the county and liquor by the drink by each district.

The board discussed the need to do something for Chairperson, Ms. Crystal Harris, of the Patrick County Board of Supervisors, whose son died.

Being no further business to discuss, on motion by Mr. Dalton seconded by Ms. Neil and carried; the meeting was adjourned.

Voting Aye: Glenn Roycroft, Terry Dalton, Dale Puckett, Gail Harding and Ron Haley

Voting Nay: N/A

Abstaining: N/A

Chairperson

Date

NEXT MEETING: May 21, 2009