

# Economic Development Authority of Patrick County

Meeting of February 10, 2011

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

Also Present: Tom Rose, Economic Development Director; Karl Weiss, BOS; and Nancy Lindsey, The Enterprise

Absent: Wilma Pendleton and Lisa Martin

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A meeting of the Economic Development Authority of Patrick County was held on Thursday, February 10, 2011 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 with additions.

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

Voting Nay: N/A

Abstaining: N/A

The minutes of January 13, 2011 meeting were presented for approval. On motion by Mr. Dalton, seconded by Ms. Harding and carried, the board approved the minutes.

Voting Aye: Glenn Roycroft, Chairman; Gail Harding, Vice Chairperson; Terry Dalton, Secretary; Felecia Shelor, and Dale Puckett.

Voting Nay: N/A

Abstaining: Twyla Neil and Ron Haley

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

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

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

Voting Nay: N/A

Abstaining: N/A

Mr. Rose informed the board that if there was any money left from the line items on the economic development budget that he would be putting that money towards debt service for the EDA.

Mr. Roycroft said the EDA should get reimbursed for part of the \$204,000.00 debt from the Patrick Springs water and sewer project. That was in the original plan when it was started. Mr. Rose said they would have to take another look at the information because some things had changed with the USDA.

## **OFFICE UPDATES:**

### **LG Southside Update**

Mr. Rose informed the board that the Southern Virginia Regional Alliance had sent out a job description in order to contract someone who had experience with grant writing and marketing to promote the initiative for the program. Each director from the five localities would have a vote in the hiring process. They prefer grant writing skills and an economic development background. Cian Robinson, from Martinsville has sent in his resume and application. He has an economic development background and he is a grant writer and teaches grant writing at PHCC and he is passionate about Patrick County.

### **Rich Creek Corporate Park**

Mr. Rose informed the board that the meeting with David Hughes/VDOT was a success and that they had agreed that the back end of the park was sufficient for VDOT standards. Mr. Rose said to applaud Gail because it was her idea and the Board agreed. This should make the entrance stage going into the park easier to get VDOT approval for maintenance once the entrance punch-list has been completed and brought up to VDOT standards.

Ms. Harding informed the Board that according to what she heard the land that belonged to Hemmingway LLC would be sold. The Board had discussion concerning the adjoining property at RCCP.

### **PSA Update-PSW&S**

Mr. Rose informed the board that he would be setting up a budget for the PSA.

Mr. Rose informed the board that they had received the first reimbursement from the Tobacco Commission and had sent in for the second reimbursement and he is getting ready to send in for the third reimbursement for the PSW&S on RT. 58. The first reimbursement was \$253,000.

Mr. Rose informed the board that he was getting several calls from people in the area who needed the water because their wells were just not sufficient and the water was either muddy or discolored.

Ms. Harding noted that she had received, and it is printed in the editorial in the Enterprise, calls from citizens wanting to know about mandatory hookups, inspections, requirements for plumbing, etc. and when was the county going to do a public hearing to explain these questions.

An availability fee will have to be paid whether they decide to take the water or not. Mr. Rose informed the Board that he had spoken with Mr. Turner and they were going to start

working on the user agreement for the project. He stated they would probably adopt an agreement very similar to the Town of Stuart.

Mr. Rose informed the Board that the PSA would be putting together a reputable list of certified contractors who can run the lines from the tap to the houses. The customers will be responsible to pay for the lines being run from the tap meter to the house. There is no set rate; it will depend on how far the lines have to be run.

## **OTHER BUSINESS:**

### **Town of Stuart Update**

Mr. Rose informed the Board that there were four bids for the emergency project on Commerce Street. The first bid was \$150,000.00 over budget, the second was \$180,000.00 over budget, and the third was almost \$170,000.00 over budget. Then Mr. Charles Cauley came in with a very favorable bid. He informed the Board that they had been given a twenty-five percent advance from the Tobacco Indemnification Commission because of the emergency of the project. He informed the Board that things were getting very strict with the Tobacco Commission. Mr. Cauley is coming along very well on the project and they will start the reimbursement on that project shortly. If that line broke it would affect the hospital, the nursing home and assisted living, as well as all the homes and businesses along the 58 corridor.

Mr. Rose informed the Board about the hour phone survey from outside auditors that he completed this week concerning the Tobacco Commission.

### **Rich Creek Corporate Park Surveying**

The board approved during the January meeting for Mr. Rose to have the RCCP entrance resurveyed for no more than \$1800. Mr. Rose informed the board that he received a few quotes and Boundary Hunters gave the lowest quote. Boundary Hunters Land and Surveying completed the job for \$500.00 and they painted the stakes bright orange. The boundary lines were exactly as they had been previously surveyed.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

There was no one present for the public comment period.

Ms. Nancy Lindsey of the Enterprise referenced the Martinsville Bulletin concerning the US 58 corridor. The Martinsville Bulletin reported on February 9, 2011 that TRIP, a national transportation research group based in Washington, ranked completion of U.S. 58 from Stuart to Hillsville as No. 11. Construction of Interstate 73 in Henry, Franklin and Roanoke counties was No. 14 on the list.

Making U.S. 58 four lanes in the 30.26-mile stretch from Stuart to Hillsville is estimated to cost \$326 million, the report states.

“The project will reduce truck congestion and increase safety,” it states. “Upgrading Route 58 will make the historically economically depressed southside of Virginia more accessible, potentially spurring development.”

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

On motion by Mr. Dalton and seconded by Mr. Haley and carried unanimously; the meeting was called into Executive Session under the appropriate codes of Virginia to discuss prospective business matters [Section 2.2-3711(A)(5), 1950 Code of Virginia, as amended.

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

Voting Nay: N/A

Abstaining: N/A

On motion by Ms. Harding and seconded by Ms. Neil 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: Glenn Roycroft, Chairman; Gail Harding, Vice Chairperson; Terry Dalton, Secretary; Felecia Shelor. Twyla Neil, Dale Puckett and Ron Haley

Voting Nay: N/A

Abstaining: N/A

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

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

Voting Nay: N/A

Abstaining: N/A

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Chairperson

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Date

**NEXT MEETING: March 10, 2011**