

Economic Development Authority of Patrick County

Meeting of July 8, 2010

Present: Glenn Roycroft, Chairman; Dale Puckett, Twyla Neil, Ron Haley, and Felecia Shelor

Also Present: Tom Rose, Economic Development Director; Wilma Pendleton, Nancy Lindsey; The Enterprise, and Lisa Martin; Chamber Representative

Absent: Gail Harding, Vice Chairperson; and Terry Dalton, Secretary

A meeting of the Economic Development Authority of Patrick County was held on Thursday, July 8, 2010 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 Mr. Haley, seconded by Ms. Shelor and carried the board approved the agenda with additions.

Voting Aye: Glenn Roycroft, Dale Puckett, Twyla Neil, Ron Haley, and Felecia Shelor

Voting Nay: N/A

Abstaining: N/A

The minutes of June 10, 2010 meeting were presented for approval. On motion by Ms. Shelor, seconded by Mr. Puckett and carried, the board approved the minutes.

Voting Aye: Glenn Roycroft, Dale Puckett, Twyla Neil, Ron Haley, and Felecia Shelor

Voting Nay: N/A

Abstaining: N/A

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, Dale Puckett, Twyla Neil, Ron Haley, and Felecia Shelor

Voting Nay: N/A

Abstaining: N/A

OFFICE UPDATES:

Lt. Governor meeting update

Mr. Rose updated the board on the regional coalition which consists of Patrick, Henry, Pittsylvania, and Halifax Counties, as well as the Cities of Martinsville and Danville. The contributions will be on per capita bases, which have put Patrick County's contribution at approximately \$16,000. Danville's contribution is \$39,568, Halifax \$30,604, Henry \$47,642, Martinsville City \$12,703 and Pittsylvania \$53,307. It is a one-time appropriation and one half of

this amount can be paid in 2010 with the remaining amount paid in 2011. Governor McDonnell advised the coalition that the Commonwealth was prepared to invest \$200,000 in the development of a regional economic development marketing plan; they will request \$200,000 from the Tobacco commission and the other \$200,000 will be divided among the coalition.

Mr. Rose also informed the board that there would be a meeting with Lt. Governor Bolling, the Economic Development Directors and some very influential people at Primland on October 22, 2010.

On motion by Mr. Haley, seconded by Ms. Neil and carried unanimously the board approved to support the Patrick County Board of Supervisors to commit to the \$16,000 requested of Patrick County for their contribution over a two year period. If the Board of Supervisors did not approve the commitment, then the EDA would consider the commitment.

Voting Aye: Glenn Roycroft, Dale Puckett, Twyla Neil, Ron Haley, and Felecia Shelor
Voting Nay: N/A
Abstaining: N/A

Election of Officers

Mr. Roycroft asked for nominations from the board as to whom they would like to elect as their officers for the FY 2010. The nominations were for Terry Dalton, Secretary/Treasurer; Gail Harding, Vice-Chair; and Glenn Roycroft, Chairman.

On motion by Mr. Puckett, seconded by Mr. Haley and carried; the board approved the nominations for the election of officers for the FY 2010.

Voting Aye: Dale Puckett, Twyla Neil, Ron Haley, and Felecia Shelor
Voting Nay: N/A
Abstaining: Glenn Roycroft

2004 Strategic Plan

Mr. Rose informed the board that the 2004 Strategic Plan needed to be updated, and he proposed that they move forward using the West Piedmont Planning District Commission's Strategic Plan for Patrick County as a starting point with more detailed information.

It was the consensus of the board for Mr. Rose to move forward in updating the Strategic Plan using the WPPDC Strategic Plan as a guideline since it had already been approved by the State of Virginia.

HVAC System for Results

Mr. Rose informed the board that he had received three bids for the HVAC system that needed to be installed at Results, and the lowest quote was from Tom Uhlman with Professional Refrigeration.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Lisa Martin: Announcement

Ms. Lisa Martin, Chamber Liaison from the Reynolds Homestead informed the board that the Reynolds Homestead in partnership with the Patrick County Public Schools and the Stuart site of the Blue Ridge Regional Library has been awarded a Big Read grant by the National Endowment for the Arts. Ms. Martin along with Rick Ward and Stephen Henderson wrote the grant which was one of 75 grants awarded nation wide.

Ms. Martin informed the board that a 2004 report by the National Endowment for the Arts found that literary reading in America is declining especially among the young. Twenty-percent of American workers are reading at a level lower than their jobs require.

The Patrick County Big Read will be held throughout the month of March, 2011, and the chosen book is "The Poetry of Emily Dickinson." Events will be held all over the county, and Ms. Martin personally encouraged each community's involvement.

The members were invited to the official press conference at the Reynolds Homestead on July 26, 2010 at 11:00 a.m.

Ms. Martin also reminded the board of the small business forum on Local Food which will be held at the Patrick County Community Center in the community room on August 24, 2010. More information will follow.

The board congratulated Ms. Martin on her success for the grant award.

Letter to Sarah Capps

Mr. Rose informed the board he sent a letter to Sarah Capps (Southside Tobacco representative) concerning the redistribution of the \$1,436,000.00 grant that was received for the Patrick Springs water and sewer project. Since the project came in under bid the money will not be utilized for that project and \$261,000 is being redistributed to the Town of Stuart in order to reroute the sewer line and repair a bent water line due to the collapsed floor at Stuart Forestry. This problem with the cracked lines will cause great hardship on several businesses including the new jail and several residents.

There are several other things that Ms. Capps has requested before the Tobacco Commission moves forward with the project for the Town of Stuart.

Letter to Board of Supervisors and the public

Mr. Glenn Roycroft, Chairman of the EDA board presented the members with a draft letter that he had written to the Board of Supervisors and to the general public explaining what the EDA does and how it is governed. The EDA voting members are appointed by the Board of Supervisors, but they are governed by the Code of Virginia.

The board had discussion, and on motion by Ms. Neil and seconded by Mr. Haley and carried unanimously the board approved for Mr. Roycroft to publish the letter after making suggested revisions and bring it before the Board of Supervisors at their July 26, 2010 meeting.

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].

Voting Aye: Glenn Roycroft, Dale Puckett, Twyla Neil, Ron Haley, and Felecia Shelor
Voting Nay: N/A
Abstaining: N/A

On motion by Ms. Neil and seconded by Mr. Haley 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, Dale Puckett, Twyla Neil, Ron Haley, and Felecia Shelor
Voting Nay: N/A
Abstaining: N/A

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

Voting Aye: Glenn Roycroft, Dale Puckett, Twyla Neil, Ron Haley, and Felecia Shelor
Voting Nay: N/A
Abstaining: N/A

Chairperson

Date

NEXT MEETING: August 12, 2010