

Economic Development Authority of Patrick County

Meeting of October 15, 2009

Present: Gail Harding, Vice Chairperson; Terry Dalton, Secretary; Twyla Neil, and Dale Puckett

Also Present: Tom Rose, Economic Development Director; Wilma Pendleton, Administrative Assistant; Karl Weiss, Alan Black, Nancy Lindsey; The Enterprise, and Joan Hullett from West Piedmont Planning District Commission

Absent: Glenn Roycroft, Chairman; Lisa Martin, Ron Haley, Felecia Shelor and Town Representative

A meeting of the Economic Development Authority of Patrick County was held on Thursday, October 15, 2009 at 7:00 PM in the Second Floor conference room of the Patrick County Veteran's Memorial Building.

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

Voting Aye: Gail Harding, Terry Dalton, Dale Puckett, and Twyla Neil

Voting Nay: N/A

Abstaining: N/A

The minutes of September 24, 2009 meeting were presented for approval. On motion by Mr. Dalton, seconded by Mr. Puckett and carried, the board approved the minutes.

Voting Aye: Gail Harding, Terry Dalton, Dale Puckett, and Twyla Neil

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. Dalton and carried, the board approved to pay the bills.

Voting Aye: Gail Harding, Terry Dalton, Dale Puckett, and Twyla Neil

Voting Nay: N/A

Abstaining: N/A

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

There was no one present for the public comment period.

OFFICE UPDATES

West Piedmont Planning District Commission: Joan Hullett

Mr. Rose introduced Ms. Joan Hullett from the West Piedmont Planning District Commission to the board, and she proceeded to inform the board of the different types of grants that were available. However, as was mentioned to the board in a former meeting, one has to know where to look for these grants, have the finances to match the grants, and have the staff to manage the grants once they have been awarded. Ms. Hullett also informed the board that each grant is different, requires different information when applying for them, and that some grants require as much as a year in advance planning before even applying. Some of the common problems/issues with grant applications according to Ms. Hullett are the eligibility requirements, the project does not address the goal set by the grant program, it is not project ready, the documentation is unclear, there are poor maps, it lacks coordination with regional projects or there are incorrect budget forms or incomplete narratives.

She informed the board that the Appalachian Regional Commission grant application was due by September 29, 2009 and that there would be a summer workshop in 2010 for the Appalachian Regional Commission grant in which Patrick County would be invited to attend, so they would be prepared for the September 2010 deadline. She suggested making a list of the projects that Patrick County would like to work on.

One of the projects suggested by Ms. Neil was building a gym at the Patrick County Community Center above DeHart Park on Johnson Street in Stuart. The gym would serve multiple purposes including it being a recreational facility, but more importantly it being used for after school educational programs for children and as an indoor track facility for senior citizens to be able to walk inside when the weather prevents them from walking outside. The facility would be maintained by the county and create approximately five to ten jobs. It would also be an excellent opportunity for college internship programs.

Ms. Hullett informed the board that the WPPDC had helped Patrick County write the grant for the Mid Atlantic Broadband service which was completed several years ago. She informed the board that they would be more than happy to proof any grant applications that we wrote, or answer any questions that we might have concerning grants.

She gave the board some handouts with websites such as www.cfda.gov which is the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance and provides a full listing of all Federal programs, and www.grants.gov which is a source to find and apply for federal grants. She informed the board that most of the grants are for state and local governments; however, there are also some grants for private profit and nonprofit organizations.

Mr. Weiss inquired as to whether grant money could be used for a tourism project which required the purchase and/or development of land, perhaps as much as 600 acres. Ms. Hullett informed the board that she was uncertain about it, but that it was worth checking into. Mr. Weiss and Mr. Knight sit on the WPPDC board to represent Patrick County.

Resolution: Mr. Alan Black

Mr. Alan Black presented the resolution stating the Economic Development Authority will release the 12 acres of land and the Deed to said land for the jail property, and the Deed of Trust to the County of Patrick upon the County's payment for such expense.

On motion by Mr. Puckett, seconded by Mr. Dalton and carried by roll call vote, the board approved the resolution as written.

Voting Aye: Gail Harding, Terry Dalton, Dale Puckett, and Twyla Neil
Voting Nay: N/A
Abstaining: N/A

GIS, Jack's Creek Covered Bridge & Mayo River Rail Trail

Mr. Rose informed the board that an RFP has been prepared for the GIS in-house system. The RFP has been sent out for Jack's Creek Covered Bridge and interested applicants are beginning to call. He also informed the board that VDOT has requested a Kick-off meeting for the Mayo River Rail Trail on October 28, 2009 at 10:00 AM, and Mr. Weiss requested to sit in on that meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

On motion by Mr. Dalton, seconded by Mr. Puckett 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: Gail Harding, Terry Dalton, Dale Puckett, and Twyla Neil
Voting Nay: N/A
Abstaining: N/A

On motion by Mr. Dalton, 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: Gail Harding, Terry Dalton, Dale Puckett, and Twyla Neil
Voting Nay: N/A
Abstaining: N/A

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

Voting Aye: Gail Harding, Terry Dalton, Dale Puckett, and Twyla Neil
Voting Nay: N/A
Abstaining: N/A

Chairperson

Date

NEXT MEETING: November 19, 2009