

**Economic Development Authority of Patrick County**

Meeting of September 27, 2023, 7:00 PM

106 Rucker Street, Patrick County Administration Building, Third Floor Court Room

Present: Ron Haley, Chairman; Harold Gregory, Treasurer; Danny Foley; Rick Worley; Clayton Kendrick.

Also Present: Patrick Cooper, EDA Director; Mr. Kurt Bozenmeyer

Absent: Debra Shelor; David Lusk

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**Introduction**

Mr. Haley called the meeting to order and opened the floor for nominations for a new Chairman for the EDA Board. Mr. Foley nominated Mr. Haley. There were no other nominations; Mr. Haley was selected as the Chair. Mr. Haley opened the floor for nominations for Vice-Chair. Mr. Gregory nominated Ms. Shelor. There were no other nominations; Ms. Shelor was selected as the Vice-Chair. Mr. Haley opened the floor for nominations for Treasurer. Mr. Foley nominated Mr. Gregory. There were no other nominations; Mr. Gregory was selected as the Treasurer.

Mr. Haley asked for any changes to the agenda. Mr. Cooper requested to add information regarding the Recompete Pilot Program to New Business. Mr. Haley moved to approve the September 27, 2023 agenda. On a motion by Mr. Foley, seconded by Mr. Worley, the Authority approved the meeting agenda.

**Minutes**

On motion by Mr. Gregory, seconded by Mr. Worley, the August 30, 2023 meeting minutes were approved by the Authority.

**Public Comment**

Mr. Bozenmeyer stated that the county had a new website. He noted that the EDA Page of the Patrick County Website only contained Meeting Minutes from the May EDA Meeting. Mr. Cooper admitted that he did not post the EDA Agendas and Meeting Minutes due to unfamiliarity of the new website and due to the changes that needed to be made to previous meeting prior to signature. Another citizen asked if the EDA Board Meetings occur every fourth Wednesday of the month. Mr. Haley confirmed, with the exception of when that conflicts with Thanksgiving and Christmas. Mr. Cooper stated that the week following the EDA Board Meetings, he notifies the Enterprise of the next meeting.

### **Finance Report**

Mr. Cooper shared financial information with the EDA. Mr. Cooper detailed the automatic drafts and the charges that required signature on checks to process. Mr. Cooper stated that he has changed several accounts, on auto draft, from the Blue Ridge Bank to the Carter Bank. He also stated that he will change the remaining accounts following their next auto draft date. This will effectively close out the need for the Blue Ridge Bank. Mr. Cooper stated that he will look into why the 105 Progress Drive AEP charges are so high. General discussion occurred about the paying of bills.

Mr. Cooper stated that the grant funding the Mobile Health Care Unit will be processed through the EDA Accounts and then reimbursed to Patrick County.

Mr. Cooper shared a memorandum that he drafted detailing the transfer of funding from the EDA VIP Account to the EDA Blue Ridge Bank Checking Account to cover bills that auto drafted prior to the meeting. This was to avoid unnecessary late fees. Mr. Haley stated that it was discussed with him prior to the decision.

On a motion by Mr. Foley and a second by Mr. Worley, the Authority approved the financial report.

### **Old Business**

Mr. Cooper provided an update to the Mobile Health Care Unit Grant. A truck chassis (Ford F450) was procured for the Mobile Health Care Unit. This was due to the fact that interest would begin accruing on the chassis if not paid for soon. Mr. Cooper stated that all critical equipment for the Mobile Health Care Unit have been priced, with the exception of the custom trailer. An email detailing follow-up questions from the last EDA Meeting was presented.

Mr. Cooper provided an update to the Business Development and Recovery Center (BDC). He is currently pursuing a contractor that can conduct Asbestos Abatement and a separate contractor that can monitor the Asbestos Abatement.

Mr. Cooper provided an update on the Child Care Center. An email detailing follow-up questions from the last EDA Meeting was presented. General discussion regarding the Child Care Center.

Mr. Cooper provided an update to Broadband. General discussion regarding Broadband.

**New Business**

Mr. Cooper proposed a revision to the Machine and Tools Tax Grant. General discussion regarding the Machine and Tools Tax. Mr. Cooper will conduct research and propose a revision at the next EDA Board Meeting.

Mr. Worley will follow up on the submission of Worley Machine Enterprises Machine and Tools Tax Grant paperwork and provide them to Mr. Cooper.

Mr. Cooper informed the EDA Board that he is working with Patrick & Henry Community College, Henry County, and The West Piedmont Planning District Commission to expand the skilled trades within the area.

**Executive Session**

On a motion by Mr. Foley and second by Mr. Gregory, the Authority entered Executive Session at 7:40 p.m. under section 2.2-3711 (A) Acquisition and/or disposition of real estate.

On a motion by Mr. Foley and a second by Mr. Worley and carried, the Authority left Executive Session and re-entered Open Session.

On a motion of Chairman's privilege by Mr. Haley the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

**NEXT MEETING: October 25, 2023 at 7:00pm – Second Floor Conference Room**

  
Chairman

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Date