

Patrick County Economic Development Authority

Meeting of December 4, 2006

Present: Glenn Roycroft, Chairperson; Gail Harding, Vice-Chairperson; Jimmy McHone; Dale Puckett; Steve Swartz; and David Young

Also Present: Jamie Hutchins, Economic Development Director; Jeannie Frisco, Tourism Coordinator; Michael Burnette, Assistant County Administrator; Nancy Lindsey, The Enterprise and Keith Wright, WHEO

Absent: Carolyn Beale and Terry Dalton

A meeting of the Patrick County Economic Development Authority was held on December 4, 2006 at 7:00 PM in the Second Floor Conference Room of the Patrick County Veteran's Memorial Building.

Mr. Glenn Roycroft called the meeting to order. The agenda was presented for approval. Ms. Harding made the motion and was seconded by Mr. Swartz to approve the agenda. Minutes of the November 6, 2006 meeting was presented for approval. Ms. Harding made the motion and was seconded by Mr. Swartz to approve the minutes as presented.

Voting Aye: Roycroft, Harding, Puckett, & Swartz

Voting Nay: None

WIRELESS BROADBAND SEMINAR REPORT

Mr. Hutchins informed the Board that about 15 people were present for the seminar provided by CIT. Information presented at the seminar indicated wireless broadband growth is occurring more in rural areas than metropolitan ones.

RCCP SHELL BUILDING BUILD OUT

Mr. Hutchins informed members that estimates will be needed for damage to the storm drain caused by deterioration. Adams and Heath are looking at it. VDOT has approved the temporary patching by the maintenance department. There is some eroding on the opposite side of the road which may be an original design problem. Adams and Heath noted that around Results and the Dialysis Center the drainage ditch has sediment on it. This is something the maintenance department can take care of. Mr. Burnette indicated a close watch should be kept on the crush and run area. The project will go out to bid in early spring so it can be packaged with the seeding and various other construction work needed at the site. This will result with one advertisement and one bid awarded. This issue will be readdressed at the February meeting. Meanwhile, soil samples will be taken before the spring to see what the ground needs for seeding. The Extension Office will be contacted regarding this. According to Mr. Hutchins the outdoor lighting for Results has been awarded to Royal Electric in the amount of \$3851 for the installation of seven wall packs. Estimated time of completion is December 16th.

STUART FOREST PRODUCTS

A motion to execute the lease, deed and easement was made by Mr. Swartz and seconded by Ms. Harding.

Voting Aye: Roycroft, Harding, & Swartz
Voting Nay: Puckett

Discussion ensued regarding the performance agreement. Mr. Burnette presented information that the company met the conditions of the agreement currently. However, the company must have 43 employees at the end of 48 months which would be June 2007. Mr. Hutchins was directed to develop a way to track performance agreements.

OFFICE UPDATE

Mr. Hutchins provided information to the Board regarding the Virginia Institute for Economic Development seminar that he attended on November 13-16th which was hosted at Virginia Tech. Mr. Hutchins indicated a scholarship was received from VEDP to pay for his attendance.

With this meeting being the last meeting Mr. Burnette will attend due to his promotion to County Administrator, he asked for a few minutes to address the Board. Mr. Burnette said he was honored working with the EDA Board and thanked them for their support and vision. He informed the members that the recent 3.4% unemployment rate was the lowest since 2000 and that only 300 people were unemployed. He congratulated the EDA and the Board of Supervisors on their efforts that resulted in the drop in unemployment from 10% to approximately 3%.

Ms. Harding thanked Mr. Burnette for his hard work. She indicated that most of the vision came from Mr. Burnette's hands and that he lead the Board well. Mr. Young said that you regularly hear that the Patrick County Economic Development Office had no purpose and should be done away with. In 2003, Mr. Young indicated the County had 10% plus unemployment and if the EDA didn't exist and didn't work well with the Board of Supervisors, the County would still have a 7% or so unemployment rate. He indicated that Mr. Burnette has gone above and beyond in his capacity as Economic Development Director. Mr. Roycroft said he had worked with Mr. Burnette for five years and seen pretty thin times. Mr. Burnette has managed to work with the Board to get through those hard times. Mr. Roycroft wished Mr. Burnette the best of luck with his County Administrator position.

BILLS:

On motion by Mr. Puckett and seconded by Ms. Harding, the following bills were approved for payment:

General EDA Checking Account:

815	Sprint	Pump Station Phone Service	\$	32.00
816	AEP	RCCP Pump House	\$	19.92

Rich Creek Project Account:

1102	BB&T	Note #1, Payment #15	\$	3526.64
1103	BB&T	Note #2, Payment #15	\$	3074.50

Project General Revenue and Expenditures

1031	Sasser Signs, Inc.	RCCP Sign	\$	999.37
1032	Bassett Office Supply	Shell Building – Add'l cubicles/desks	\$	48,639.59
1033	Midway Gas Company	Shell Bldg-propane tank	\$	230.10

1034

BB&T

Installation
Note #3, Payment #3

\$ 6011.75

Voting Aye: Roycroft, Harding, Puckett & Swartz
Voting Nay: None

Mr. Swartz made a motion to approve a blanket vote authorizing payment of monthly installments as billed on Note #3 for shell building build-out to BB&T. The motion was seconded by Mr. Puckett.

Voting Aye: Roycroft, Harding, Puckett & Swartz
Voting Nay: None

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

On motion by Mr. Swartz and seconded by Mr. Puckett, the meeting was called into Executive Session under the appropriate codes of Virginia to discuss Unannounced Prospective Business 2.2-3711 (A)(5) and Legal 2.2-3711 (A)(7). On motion by Ms. Harding and seconded by Mr. Swartz the meeting was reconvened by the appropriate codes. A roll call vote was taken with a unanimous vote that only the items listed were discussed during Executive Session.

A motion was made by Mr. Swartz and seconded by Ms. Harding, to initiate the process to procure professional services concerning the build-out of the remainder of the shell building.

Voting Aye: Roycroft, Harding, Puckett & Swartz
Voting Nay: None

With no further business to discuss, on motion by Mr. Swartz and seconded by Ms. Harding, the meeting was adjourned.

Voting Aye: Roycroft, Harding, Puckett & Swartz
Voting Nay: None

Chairman

Date