

Economic Development Authority of Patrick County

Meeting of August 12, 2010

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

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

Absent: Felecia Shelor

A meeting of the Economic Development Authority of Patrick County was held on Thursday, August 12, 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. Dalton, seconded by Mr. Puckett and carried the board approved the agenda with additions. Executive Session was added to the agenda.

Voting Aye: Glenn Roycroft, Dale Puckett, Twyla Neil, Ron Haley, Gail Harding, and Terry Dalton

Voting Nay: N/A

Abstaining: N/A

The minutes of July 8, 2010 meeting were presented for approval. On motion by Mr. Puckett, seconded by Ms. Neil and carried, the board approved the minutes.

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

Voting Nay: N/A

Abstaining: Gail Harding and Terry Dalton

FINANCE REPORT (BILLS):

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

Voting Aye: Glenn Roycroft, Dale Puckett, Twyla Neil, Ron Haley, Gail Harding, and Terry Dalton

Voting Nay: N/A

Abstaining: N/A

OFFICE UPDATES:

Project Lure

Mr. Rose informed the board that he and Ms. Pendleton had completed a very lengthy informational packet concerning Patrick County, its existing available sites, and the aerial shot of Rich Creek Corporate Park and the available acreage. It was a two-day turn around of

information sent to an economic development consulting firm. The firm contacted Patrick County as well as surrounding counties.

Lt. Governor meeting update

Mr. Rose updated the board on the Lt. Governor's regional coalition which consists of Patrick, Henry, Pittsylvania, and Halifax Counties, as well as the Cities of Martinsville and Danville. Mr. Rose informed the board that the coalition would be presenting a video and PowerPoint presentation to Lt. Governor Bolling, the Economic Development Directors and some very influential people at Primland on October 22, 2010.

Mr. Rose also informed the board that there would be a meeting on Thursday, August 19, 2010 at the Riverstone Technology Centre in South Boston concerning a Project Site Planning Grant Fund Program workshop for "mega projects." The coalition will also meet after the workshop to put together some of the assets of each region in preparation for the meeting at Primland.

Mr. Roycroft thanked the Board of Supervisors for their support on letting the EDA commit to the approximate \$16,000 requested of Patrick County for their contribution to the coalition over a two year period.

Ron Haley-New Term

The Board of Supervisors approved the EDA request for Mr. Ron Haley to serve another four year term at their meeting on August 9, 2010. The EDA board thanked Mr. Haley for his commitment to serve once again on the EDA board of directors.

2004 Strategic Plan

Mr. Rose informed the board that he was in the beginning stages of updating the 2004 Strategic Plan using the West Piedmont Planning District Commission's Strategic Plan for Patrick County as a starting point with more detailed information since their regional plan had already been approved by the State of Virginia.

Aerial Layoffs

Mr. Rose informed the board that there had been a few layoffs at Aerial, but there were still a few employees working at the Ararat site. They are hopeful that work will pick back up.

Invitation to Patrick Springs Water & Sewer Groundbreaking

Mr. Rose extended an invitation to the EDA board members for the groundbreaking ceremony with Congressman Boucher, Senator Roscoe Reynolds and Ellen Davis; State Director for the Rural Development Agency. Del. Ward Armstrong might also be there on Tuesday, August 17 at 9:00 AM beside the new Four Rivers Realty office in Patrick Springs.

Resolution for the Patrick Springs Water & Sewer Project

Mr. Rose presented the board with the Patrick Springs Water and Sewer Project resolution which was pretty much the same as the one they approved and signed on August 21, 2009. There was a breakdown of the \$216,000 annually consisting of the water capacity fee agreement of \$8,715.00 per month and the sewer capacity fee agreement of \$9,345.00 per month.

The board had discussion with Ms. Harding reminding the members that there was an arrangement with the BOS, when Mr. Young was a member, in which the county had agreed to make this payment. This is only a pass through cost from the previous agreement and not a payment that the EDA is going to be responsible for. It is supposed to come from the county budget.

On motion by Ms. Harding, seconded by Mr. Haley and carried the board approved the resolution.

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

OTHER BUSINESS:

Lisa Martin: Announcement

Ms. Lisa Martin, Chamber Liaison from the Reynolds Homestead thanked Mr. Rose, Mr. Roycroft, Mr. Scudder, and Ms. Pendleton for attending the official press conference at the Reynolds Homestead for the Patrick County Big Read on July 26, 2010 at 11:00 a.m.

She also thanked Ms. Nancy Lindsey for attending and for doing such a wonderful write-up of the event and printing it in the Enterprise.

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 starting at 5:15 with light snacks.

Town of Stuart update-Letter to Sarah Capps

Mr. Rose informed the board he working with the Health Department and other state and local officials in order to get an emergency plan 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 re-route the sewer line and repair a bent water line due to the collapsed floor at Stuart Forestry.

Small Business Initiative

Ms. Harding requested that the Small Business Initiative be put on the agenda for discussion at the next EDA meeting in September.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

There was no one present for the public comment period.

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 legal matters [Section 2.2-3711(A) (7), 1950 Code of Virginia, as amended].

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

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

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

Chairperson

Date

NEXT MEETING: September 9, 2010