

Economic Development Authority of Patrick County

Meeting of July 28, 2021, 7:00PM

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

Present: Bill Clark, Chairman; Ron Haley, Vice-Chairman; Glenn Roycroft; Debra Shelor; Harold Gregory; David Lusk

Also Present: Bryce Simmons, Economic Development Director; Taylor Boyd, The Enterprise Newspaper

Absent: George Stovall, Secretary

A meeting of the Economic Development Authority of Patrick County was held on Wednesday, July 28, 2021 in the Third Floor Board Room of the Patrick County Administration Building at 7:00 PM.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Clark called the meeting to order. A motion to approve the Consent Agenda was made by Glenn Roycroft, seconded by Debra Shelor, and carried, the Authority approved the July 28, 2021 Meeting Agenda and the June 23, 2021 EDA Board Meeting Minutes by General Consent.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

FINANCE REPORT (BILLS):

Mr. Simmons presented the Finance Report, as of July 27, the current unallocated balance is \$596,726.73. The regular monthly bills of Appalachian Power, CenturyLink, and RiverStreet Networks were presented. The non-regular interim bills of Summit Design & Engineering, and Anchor Consulting were presented.

The Financial Report consists of reports on the *Account Balances, Current Month Transactions, FY2021 Transactions, FY2021 Categorized Banking Summary, and Unfunded Liabilities.*

On motion by Ron Haley, seconded by Glenn Roycroft and carried, the Authority approved the finance report and payment of bills for the month of July 2021.

Voting Aye: Bill Clark; Ron Haley; Glenn Roycroft; Debra Shelor; Harold Gregory; David Lusk

Voting Nay: N/A

Abstaining: N/A

Absent: George Stovall

EDA UPDATES

BROADBAND

Mr. Simmons provided an update to the EDA Board regarding Broadband Status; major items discussed are as follows:

- Conversations between the West Piedmont Planning District Commission, Franklin County, Pittsylvania County, and Patrick County continue to discuss the potential for a regional broadband project application to be made to the 2022 VATI Program. The regional application would be made by the West Piedmont Planning District Commission and RiverStreet Networks.

SOVA TASK FORCE & SVRA UPDATE

Mr. Simmons informed that the Southern Virginia Regional Alliance continues to seek funding on behalf of the EDA to develop and masterplan the Rich Creek Corporate Park. The SVRA was approved for \$247,600 by the Virginia Tobacco Commission; however, the total program costs for all SVRA identified sites is \$999,900. The SVRA would like to apply to the Appalachian Regional Commission on behalf of Patrick County for \$200,000.

OLD BUSINESS

STRATEGIC PLANNING

The Strategic Planning Committee will continue to schedule meetings to complete the EDA's Strategic Plan. The Strategic Plan will be presented to the EDA Board at the next regular meeting.

CDBG PROJECT MANAGEMENT

Mr. Simmons notified the Board that, in partnership with the WPPDC, the required Preliminary Work Plan and Public Meeting Minutes for the CDBG Planning Grant has been submitted to DHCD for the Stuart Historic Downtown Revitalization project.

NEW BUSINESS

VIA-SAT NOTICE

The letter received from Via-Sat dated July 20, 2021 was presented to the EDA Board. The Notice states that Rent Start Date is May 21, 2021 and the Lease will conclude May 20, 2024.

BLUE RIDGE BANK - LINE OF CREDIT

An email from Brenda Peters was included in the EDA Board package. The Line of Credit with Blue Ridge Bank will come up for maturity in September.

On motion by Glenn Roycroft, seconded by Debra Shelor and carried, the Authority approved renewing the Line of Credit with Blue Ridge Bank.

Voting Aye: Bill Clark; Ron Haley; Glenn Roycroft; Debra Shelor; Harold Gregory; David Lusk

Voting Nay: N/A

Abstaining: N/A

Absent: George Stovall

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion by Glenn Roycroft, seconded by Harold Gregory and carried unanimously, the meeting was called into Executive Session under the appropriate codes of Virginia to discuss Real Estate [Section 2.2-3711 (A) (3)]; Legal matters [Section 2.2-3711(A) (7),]; Contracts [Section 2.2-3711 (A) (29)]; and Personnel [Section 2.2-3711 (A) (1)] 1950 Code of Virginia.

Voting Aye: Bill Clark; Ron Haley; Glenn Roycroft; Debra Shelor; Harold Gregory; David Lusk

Voting Nay: N/A

Abstaining: N/A

Absent: George Stovall

RECONVENE

On motion by Debra Shelor, seconded by David Lusk 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 the Executive Session.

Voting Aye: Bill Clark; Ron Haley; Glenn Roycroft; Debra Shelor; Harold Gregory; David Lusk

Voting Nay: N/A

Abstaining: N/A


Absent: George Stovall

ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business to discuss, on motion by Glenn Roycroft, seconded by Harold Gregory and carried unanimously, the meeting was adjourned by General Consent.



Chairman



Date

NEXT MEETING: August 25, 2021 at 7:00pm- Third Floor Board Meeting Room