

Attendance

Members:

• Josh Gaita, Chair	Chancellor District (McLaughlin)	Present
• Thomas Welsh	Berkeley District (Marshall)	Present
• Hart Rutherford	Lee Hill District (Skinner)	Present
• David Goosman	Livingston District (Jett)	Present
• Mark Miles	Battlefield District (Yakabouski)	Present
• Al King	Courtland District (Ross)	Present
• <i>Vacant</i>	Salem District (Frazier)	

Staff and Guests:

- Brendan Hefty, Hefty & Wiley, P.C. (*remote*)
- Debbie Sanders, Economic Development Interim Director
- Kevin Marshall, Economic Development Staff
- Meggie Roche, Economic Development Staff

Call to Order

Mr. Gaita called the meeting to order at 8:00 AM and confirmed a quorum.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. King moved to approve the minutes of the January 23, 2020 meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Rutherford and passed by the following recorded votes:

Ayes: 6 Mr. Gaita, Mr. Goosman, Mr. King, Mr. Rutherford, Mr. Miles, Mr. Welsh
Nays: 0
Absent: 0
Abstain: 0

Public Comment

Mr. Gaita declared the public comment period open, and when no one indicated an intention to speak, closed the public comment period.

Treasurer's Report

Mr. King had no updates since the last meeting. Mr. Gaita suggested that the EDA start thinking of a plan for the bond revenue. Mr. Hefty then suggested the EDA develop a budget, and Mr. King offered to put together a draft budget for the next meeting. Mr. Rutherford indicated he would be open to a small business grant program. Mr. King recommended the EDA contact the Fredericksburg Regional Chamber of Commerce to get their input on a grant program.

Committee Reports

No reports.

Unfinished Business

Mr. Marshall informed the EDA that the storm water study for the Back 40 property has not been completed by JMT.

Closed Session

Mr. King moved that the EDA convene in closed session pursuant to section 2.2-3711(A)(5) for discussion concerning a prospective business or industry or the expansion of an existing business or industry where no previous announcement has been made of the business' or industry's interest in locating or expanding its facilities in the county. The motion was seconded by Mr. Welsh and passed by the following recorded votes:

Ayes: 6 Mr. Gaita, Mr. Goosman, Mr. King, Mr. Rutherford, Mr. Miles, Mr. Welsh
Nays: 0
Absent: 0
Abstain: 0

Mr. Rutherford moved that the EDA certify by roll call vote that only the matter identified in the motion to convene in closed session and lawfully exempted under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act was heard, discussed, or considered. Mr. Welsh seconded the motion, which passed by the following recorded votes:

*Ayes: 6 Mr. Gaita, Mr. Goosman, Mr. King, Mr. Rutherford, Mr. Miles, Mr. Welsh
Nays: 0
Absent: 0
Abstain: 0*

New Business

Mrs. Sanders updated the EDA on department activities related to COVID-19. She went over the new resources page on the website specifically for COVID-19, an impact survey that was sent to businesses, the new newsletter, and the virtual coffee talk with local partners and businesses. She also informed the EDA that the County will be receiving money from the federal CARES Act, but the Board of Supervisors must decide how to use the funds. Mr. Marshall informed the EDA that there are two property owners currently interested in the Virginia Business Ready Sites program through the Virginia Economic Development Partnership.

Adjournment

The next EDA meeting will take place on July 23, 2020 at 8:00 AM. On a motion by Mr. Rutherford, seconded by Mr. Goosman and carried unanimously, the meeting was adjourned.