

Attendance

Members:

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

Staff and Guests:

- Brendan Hefty, Hefty & Wiley, P.C. (remote)
- Ed Petrovitch, County Administrator (remote)
- Ben Loveday, Assistant County Administrator (remote)
- Debbie Sanders, Economic Development Interim Director
- 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. Welsh moved to approve the minutes of the September 24th, 2020 meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Goosman and passed by the following recorded votes:

Ayes: 4 Mr. Gaita, Mr. Goosman, Mr. King, Mr. Welsh
Nays: 0
Absent: 1 Mr. Rutherford
Abstain: 0

Public Comment

None

Treasurer's Report

Mr. King informed the EDA that he has been appointed to a subcommittee of the cable commission that will discuss the availability and progress of internet availability in the County. He will report to the EDA on any findings.

Closed Session

Mr. Goosman moved that the EDA convene in closed session pursuant to section 2.2.-3711(A)(3) of the Code of Virginia for discussion or consideration of the acquisition of real property for a public purpose, or of the disposition of publicly held real property, concerning the Back 40 property where discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of the Economic Development. The motion was seconded by Mr. King and passed by the following recorded votes:

Ayes: 4 Mr. Gaita, Mr. Welsh, Mr. King, Mr. Goosman
Nays: 0
Absent: 1 Mr. Rutherford
Abstain: 0

Mr. King 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: 4 Mr. Gaita, Mr. Welsh, Mr. King, Mr. Goosman

Nays: 0
Absent: 1 Mr. Rutherford
Abstain: 0

Mr. King moved that the EDA authorize the Chairman to enter into an option to purchase agreement in the amount of \$2,500 with Nature's Medicine to purchase approximately 10 acres of the Back 40 Property, with the final sale price being \$600,000. The motion was seconded by Mr. Welsh and passed by the following recorded votes:

Ayes: 5 Mr. Gaita, Mr. Welsh, Mr. Pardue, Mr. Hart,
Nays: 0
Absent: 1 Mr. Rutherford
Abstain: 0

New Business

The next regular EDA meeting will be held on January 28th, 2021 at 8 am.

Adjournment

On a motion by Mr. King, seconded by Mr. Welsh and carried unanimously, the meeting was adjourned.