

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	
• James Shiels	Battlefield District (Yakabouski)	Present	
• Al King	Courtland District (Ross)		Absent
• H. Vincent Burchett, Jr.	Salem District (Frazier)	Present	

Staff and Guests:

- Brendan Hefty, Hefty & Wiley, P.C. (*remote*)
- Ed Petrovitch, County Administrator (*remote*)
- Wanda Parrish, Assistant County Administrator (*remote*)
- Debbie Sanders, Economic Development Interim Director
- Kevin Marshall, Economic Development, Business Development Manager

Call to Order

Mr. Gaita called the meeting to order at 8:00 AM, confirmed a quorum and welcomed two new members: Mr. Burchett, Salem District and Mr. Shiels, Battlefield District.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Welsh moved to approve the minutes of the February 4, 2021 meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Goosman and passed by the following recorded votes:

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

Public Comment

There were no public comments.

Treasurer's Report

Mr. King had no updates.

Committee Reports

No reports.

Unfinished Business

A. Update-Small Business Reimbursement Program: Staff reported 20 applications have been approved and awarded a total of \$35,008.

B. Back40 Option Update: Staff informed the EDA that there is interest from the parties of the current option to extend the option due to expire in June 2021. Staff also informed the EDA a fence fell along Rosser Drive and requested the EDA's approval for staff to repair. The EDA authorized the repair.

Closed Session

Mr. Goosman moved that the EDA convene in closed session pursuant to section 2.2-3711(A)(5) of the Code of Virginia 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: 4 Mr. Gaita, Mr. Goosman, Mr. Shiels, Mr. Welsh, Mr. Burchett
Nays: 0

Absent: 1 Mr. Rutherford, Mr. King
Abstain: 0

Mr. Welsh 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. Goosman seconded the motion, which passed by the following recorded votes:

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

Next Meeting

The next EDA meeting will be held on May 27, 2021 at 8:00 AM.

Adjournment

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