

Attendance

Members:

• Josh Gaita, Chair	Chancellor District (McLaughlin)	Present
• Thomas Welsh	Berkeley District (Marshall)	Present
• Edwin Pardue	Livingston District (Benton)	Present
• Hart Rutherford	Lee Hill District (Skinner)	Present (Remote)
• Donn Hart	Salem District (Trampe)	Present
• Vacant	Courtland District (Ross)	
• Vacant	Battlefield District (Yakabouski)	

Staff and Guests:

- Tom Wack, Wack General Contractor
- Brendan Hefty, Hefty & Wiley, P.C.
- Mark Taylor, County Administrator
- Debbie Sanders, Deputy Director of Economic Development and Tourism
- Meggie Roche, Communication Analyst, Department of Economic Development and Tourism

Call to Order

Mr. Gaita called the meeting to order at 8:09 AM and confirmed a quorum.

Mr. Rutherford joined the meeting by phone at 8:10. He was unable to attend in person due to business in South Carolina.

Mr. Welsh moved to approve the minutes of the October 25th, 2018 meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Pardue, and passed by the following recorded votes:

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

Strategic Plan Committee Update

Mr. Pardue and Mr. Rutherford reviewed what was discussed at the previous EDA meeting regarding the strategic plan. They both emphasized the need for the EDA's strategic plan to align with the County's strategic plan. Mr. Pardue and Mr. Rutherford plan to meet and discuss the plan before the next regularly scheduled EDA meeting.

Closed Session

Mr. Pardue 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 Authority. The motion was seconded by Mr. Welsh and passed by the following recorded votes:

Ayes: 5 Mr. Gaita, Mr. Rutherford, Mr. Welsh, Mr. Pardue, Mr. Hart,
Nays: 0
Absent: 0
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. Pardue seconded the motion, which passed by the following recorded votes:

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

Mr. Welsh moved that the EDA authorize the Chairman to enter into a purchase and sale agreement with Pierson Drive Properties to exchange approximately 10 acres of of the Back 40 Property for a right of way from the Back 40 Property to Pierson Drive, subject to approval of form by the EDA's legal counsel and contingent on the express consent of the county Board of Supervisors. . The motion was seconded by Mr. Pardue and passed by the following recorded votes:

Ayes: 5 Mr. Gaita, Mr. Rutherford, Mr. Welsh, Mr. Pardue, Mr. Hart,

Nays: 0

Absent: 0

Abstain: 0

Unfinished Business

Mr. Gaita informed the EDA that the Palmer's Creek bond was approved by the Board of Supervisors.

Adjournment

The next EDA meeting will take place on January 24, 2018. On a motion by Mr. Pardue, seconded by Mr. Hart, and carried unanimously; the meeting was adjourned at 10:00 AM.