



## **GREENE COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**

### **Board Meeting Minutes**

Tuesday, April 19, 2016, @ 6:00 p.m., Economic Development Office Conference Room

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

A meeting of the Economic Development Authority Board of Directors was held at 8315 Seminole Trail, Ruckersville, Virginia on April 19, 2016. Call to order at 6:01p.m., with Ms. Julia Morris, Chairman, presiding.

#### **RECORD OF ATTENDANCE**

**Members in Attendance:** Julia Morris, Don Pamerter, Michael Payne, Amy Hollis, Whitt Ledford

**Members not in Attendance:** Deanna Wills, Karen Willard

**Non-Members in Attendance:** Alan Yost, Diana Gamma, Jay Willer, Bill Martin

#### **ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES**

**Don Pamerter** moved to accept the January minutes. **Michael Payne** seconded. **Motion carried.**

#### **FINANCIALS**

P & L and Balance sheets were distributed via email to all board members and hard copies were available at the meeting.

#### **REPORTS OF OFFICERS OR COMMITTEES**

**Ms. Morris** discussed the next step of bonding participation under Old Business.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

**Bylaws:** **Ms. Morris** indicated that the Board of Supervisors only received the “marked up” copy of the bylaws, not the final version, at the BoS meeting on April 12, 2016. Mr. John Barkley, the County Administrator, has the completed revision of the bylaws and will send it to the County attorney if necessary. Then, he will send it to the BoS for approval.

**Mission Statement/Initiatives:** **Mr. Pamerter and Ms. Willard** prepared a power point presentation of the Mission Statement which was presented to the BoS on April 12, 2016.

**Business Park Lot Update:** Closing on the EDA property in the Business Park is set for April 29, 2016. **Mr. Yost** would like to arrange a meeting with Mr. Svoboda and Mr. Barkley as well as a few EDA board members to discuss how to ease the process of opening a new business in Greene County; he would also

like to set up a meeting with Rapidan Service Authority and the County Administrator to discuss the relationship between RSA and the county.

**EDA Board Presentation:** **Ms. Morris** reviewed the presentation for those EDA members unable to attend the BoS meeting. Then, the discussion centered on “bonding.” **Ms. Morris** indicated that bonding was an initiative that required the most time spent and raised the questions:

- How much revenue is made via bonding?
- What upfront costs, if any, are associated with bonding, i.e. legal expenses?
- Will the county attorney be involved or want to follow up?
- Are there bonding opportunities within Greene County?

**Mr. Martin** suggested several upcoming expenses for the County which could possibly benefit from bonding:

- Water impoundment
- School facility project
- New Ruckersville fire department
- New rescue squad building
- Public safety building
- In a few years, a new school

**Mr. Yost** suggested having a meeting with Mr. Daniel Lauro and Mr. Barkley to discuss bonding. **Ms. Morris** suggested first contacting Daniel Lauro with a request for more information on bonding presented in layman’s terms for the EDA board to gain a better understanding of the procedure. **Mr. Ledford** suggested a meeting to discuss what the members learned after reviewing Mr. Lauro’s information and before meeting with Mr. Barkley. **Mr. Yost** will contact Mr. Lauro and get this process started.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**Ms. Morris** was approached by a new business opening in Greene County about the Small Business Loan. The meeting went into closed session at this point.

- **Enter executive session:** **Ms. Morris** made a motion to enter into executive session pursuant to Section 2.2-3711 (a, 1-7) of the Code of Virginia. Code Section which reads: Discussion or consideration of confidential proprietary records and trade secrets excluded from this chapter pursuant to subdivision 18 of § 2.2-3705.6. **Ms. Morris** will lead a discussion regarding the new business and financials as they would apply to the Small Business Loan program. **Mr. Payne** moved to enter closed session, **Mr. Ledford** seconded. Motion passed.
- **Return to public session:** **Ms. Morris** asked for a motion to return to open session. **Mr. Payne** moved to return to open session, **Mr. Ledford** seconded. Motion passed.
- **Certification:** All members certify that only public business matters lawfully exempted from the open meeting requirement and only such matters as identified by the motion to enter into executive session were discussed.

**Mr. Pamenter** welcomed Mr. Ledford to the EDA Board.

**Mr. Payne** is still looking for donations for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration. **Ms. Morris** would like Tourism to donate. **Mr. Payne** also discussed the possibility of hosting a Hot Air Balloon festival in the county.

**Mr. Martin** stated that an Orange County developer approached Greene County for access to Greene County water. At this time, Greene County only has the water capacity for the Greene community and did not negotiate. However, with the future water impoundment, the financial benefits of allowing adjacent counties to tap into our water resources would be great as other localities would be paying the costs for both EDUs and for water usage to Greene."

**Mr. Yost** would like to discuss a future Blight ordinance at the next meeting.

#### **NEXT MEETING DATE**

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, May 17, 2016, at 6:00 p.m. at the Economic Development Office Conference Room.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

**Ms. Morris** adjourned the meeting at 7:29 p.m.

#### **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

None