

**King and Queen County
Industrial Development Authority/
Economic Development Authority
Minutes
October 1, 2020**

A regular meeting of the King and Queen County Industrial Development Authority/Economic Development Authority was held October 1, 2020 at 8:30 a.m. in the Hearing Room in the Courts and Administration Building.

Members Present: George Longest, Robert Fraser, Jesse Holmes, Plunard Robinson

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Longest opened the meeting at 8:30.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. Fraser and seconded by Ms. Robinson to approve the July 15, 2020 minutes. Motion was approved unanimously.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Ms. Ammons provided the financial reports prior to the meeting. Ms. Ammons advised that several payments had been made that exceeded her \$500 signing authority. Authorization was given by the Chairman provided that the payments were ratified at the next meeting. The payments were as follows:

CARES B2B Program/ Dragon Run Brewery \$2,115.00
CARES B2B Program/Fulcrum Concepts \$9,917.48

A motion was made by Ms. Robinson and seconded by Mr. Fraser ratifying the above referenced payments. Motion was approved unanimously.

Chairman Longest asked that the same action be taken for the repairs that were made at the Famrer's Market building to replace several poles due to rot. Payment was made to AE Samuel Construction in the amount of \$6,600.00

A motion was made by Mr. Holmes and seconded by Mr. Fraser ratifying the above referenced payment. Motion was approved unanimously.

A further motion was made by Mr. Fraser and seconded by Mr. Holmes authorizing the County Administrator to move forward with the remaining repairs needed to stabilize the building. Motion was approved unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. Telework Center** – Mr. Swartzwelder advised that the County has received preliminary site plans. The County has been awarded a feasibility study grant for the addition of the telehealth portion of the building. The Board is still in favor of moving forward even though the preliminary figures exceed the budget estimates. It is hoped

that construction will move forward in the spring. The County is also going to reapply for Go Virginia funding in the spring and there is the possibility of getting up to \$600,000 in funds from DHCD for the telehealth portion of the project.

- B. Fiber to the Home Project** – Mr. Swartzwelder advised that Riverstreet will need locations throughout the County for ‘equipment hubs’. They have asked if they could locate on the Farmer’s Market property. A motion was made by Mr. Fraser and seconded by Ms. Robinson to enter into a lease with Riverstreet for the location of an equipment hub on the Farmer’s Market property. Motion was approved unanimously. Mr. Swartzwelder further updated that the County is using CARE funding to extend Phase I of the project up Route 14 to the high school and up Route 14 to Route 721 to Lawson Marriott Elementary School to assist the school division with distance learning.
- C. Opportunity Zone Grant Status** – There has been no action on these since COVID restrictions began.
- D. Potential Business on Route 360** – This business prospect has also been on hold since the COVID restrictions began. Mr. Swartzwelder advised that there is a new tenant in the old Red Store furniture building on Route 360. Chairman Longest advised that the Stolfi property on Route 360 is also for sale, it is a business use property. In addition, Mr. Swartzwelder asked Donna Sprouse, Director of Community Development to speak on a pending application by Aylett Sand and Gravel for expansion of their mining operations on Route 360 near Aylett.
- E. Thurston Project on Route 33** – Mr. Swartzwelder advised that this project is still ‘in the works’ but on hold until further is known regarding the telework site.
- F. Solar Farm Project** – Mr. Swartzwelder updated the EDA on the status of this project as it moves through approval process. Public hearings on the CUP and siting agreement are scheduled for October 13th.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Rappahannock Tribe Projects** – Mr. Miller had no updates as he has been unable to reach Chief Richardson.
- B. Fulcrum Expansion** – Mr. Swartzwelder advised that this project is moving forward. The airport has approved their lease and they have begun construction on the first items in the plan.
- C. Premier Tech/AFID and COF Reporting** – Mr. Miller advised that he is still working with representatives from Premier Tech and with the state to get all documents prepared.
- D. Interest in EDA site on Route 33** – Mr. Miller advised that he was contacted by Mid Atlantic Commercial asking for plats for the property. He will advise is there is further interest.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Swartzwelder provided an update on the status of the Middle Peninsula Alliance and the Board of Supervisors position regarding funding to the organization until issues are resolved.

Mr. Fraser advised that he may need to take a leave of absence for several months soon due to an upcoming medical procedure.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:27 a.m.

Jesse Holmes, Secretary