King and Queen County
Economic Development Authority
Minutes
October 17, 2024

A regular meeting of the King and Queen County Economic Development Authority was held October 17, 2024, at 9:30 a.m. in the conference room of the King and Queen County Administration Building, 242 Allen's Circle, King and Queen Court House, VA 23085.

Members Present: George Longest, Jesse Holmes (arrived at 9:45), Melinda Coleman, Joseph McGuire

Staff Present: Vivian Seay, Tina Ammons, Kelly Evko, Erin Lazar, Dr. David Curran

Call To Order

Chairman Longest called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. Due lack of quorum the order of the agenda was changed.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes from the September meeting were not available. This item was postponed until the next meeting.

Citizens Comments

There were no comments received.

Treasurer's Report

 Ms. Ammons provided copies of the monthly financial report. She advised that the only item of note was the final payment for changing the locks at Marriott School in the library area to be on the same system as courthouse complex buildings.

Chairman's Report

Chairman Longest had no report.

Committee Reports

There were no committee reports.

Old Business

   a. Timmons Site Study – Kelly Evko explained the next steps in this process. The first phase has been completed but phase 2 will "drill down" on specific properties to get to the next level of consideration for development. The cost of the second phase is an additional $50,000. There was discussion among members regarding how much more

money it will cost to get the county where they want to be for development, where the funds would come from and how far the authority is willing to go in the process. **

Members also discussed the impact of solar facilities on some of the areas being considered.

It was the consensus to table a decision until the November meeting to allow members time to "digest" all of the information provided. It was also noted that this may be something that can be discussed at the board's retreat.

**Mr. Holmes arrived during this discussion.

New Business

a. Community Programming Update – Erin Lazar advised they have had lots of events going on and are making an effort to be more "present" in the press. She is open to more ideas to get the word out. She has had about 250 people sign up for *Regroup*. Noted that library card holders now have access to the Times Dispatch and Daily Press at no charge. The LOVE sign project is coming along but she is not sure when they will be installed.

b. Local Government Update – Vivian Seay advised that review and update of the Comprehensive Plan is underway, and a comprehensive review is also underway. The Board of Supervisors recently had a public hearing on truck restrictions for secondary roads between the courthouse area and Walkerton. There were 6 responses to the RFP for the school master plan design and the selection committee will be meeting next week. The certificate of occupancy for the telework center was received on Tuesday and furniture is set to arrive in mid-November. The PDC is set to move in December 1st and Sentara will be in January.

c. Board Retreat – Ms. Seay advised that the time for the EDA to participate in the Board's retreat is tentatively set for Friday the 15th at 11:00. This will be the time for the Board and the EDA to set priorities for the coming years.

d. Comprehensive Plan Update – Copies of the section pertaining to economic development were provided for review. A recommendation to the Director of Community Development can be made at the November meeting.

e. King and Queen County Public Schools Update - Dr. Curran advised that the SPED students at Central High School are selling coffee in the mornings as a life skill activity. There is also discussion about having them help with a food truck at school events also.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:10 a.m. to the next meeting on November 7, 2024, at 9:30 a.m., King and Queen County Administration Building, 242 Allen's Circle, King and Queen Court House, VA 23085.

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Jesse Holmes, Secretary