

**King and Queen County
Economic Development Authority
Minutes
January 9, 2025**

A regular meeting of the King and Queen County Economic Development Authority was held January 9, 2025, 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, Melinda Coleman, Joseph McGuire, Sarah Massey, Pam Ashley

Staff Present: Vivian Seay, Tina Ammons, Kelly Evko, Erin Lazar

Call To Order

Chairman Longest called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Pam Ashley and seconded by Melinda Coleman to approve the December 12, 2024 minutes. Motion was approved unanimously.

Citizens Comments

No comments were received.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's report was not available.

Chairman's Report

Chairman Longest had no report.

Committee Reports

There were no committee reports.

Old Business

- a. Timmons Site Study – Ms. Evko advised that she, Ms. Seay, Ms. Sprouse and Chairman Longest have been working with Timmons and there is a meeting scheduled for next Friday to narrow the sites down from the top 10 sites identified down to 3 to 5 highest ranking sites.
Ms. Ashley noted that she has received an inquiry from Mr. Via regarding the property that the EDA owns on Route 33. Chairman Longest stated that no decision on selling the property is going to be made right now. The EDA needs to finish the

site study and make sure that if a decision is made to sell that it will be to someone who will develop the property.

New Business

- a. Bylaws – Ms Seay presented the section of the bylaws related to electronic meeting participation. This section needs to be readopted every year and there are no changes this year.

A motion was made by Ms. Ashley and seconded by Ms. Coleman to readopt the electronic meeting participation policy. Motion was approved unanimously.

Election of Officers – A motion was made by Ms. Ashley and seconded by Mr. McGuire to set the 2025 slate of officers the same as 2024 as follows:

*Chairman – George Longest

* Vice Chairman – Plunard Robinson

*Secretary/Treasurer – Jesse Holmes

The motion was approved unanimously.

A motion was made by Ms. Ashley and seconded by Mr. McGurie to set the first Thursday of each month at 9:30 a.m. as the date and time of the regular monthly meetings of the EDA.

The motion was approved unanimously.

- b. Economic Development Update – Ms. Evko provided copies of flyers from VEDA with Economic Development information for the entire state. It is her goal to have something similar to them for King and Queen County. She also provided the 2025 Public Policy Platform and update on state funding and priorities.

There was lengthy discussion related to data centers, the legislative update and the recent announcement of the nuclear fusion plant in Chesterfield County. Several items of concern noted were water usage and possible contamination and noise levels.

Other Updates provided:

1. The joint dinner meeting with the Board of Supervisors will be on January 27th at 6:00 p.m., all members were encouraged to attend.
2. The Business Appreciation Event will be on February 6th at Hub33.
3. VDACS has reached out regarding performance benchmarks for the AFID grant to Premier Tech. Ms. Evko has passed along current contact information to them for Christian Noel with Premier Tech. She will update as this continues to move forward.
4. The FY26 budget requests have been submitted to the County Administrator. The request to have the Economic Development Director position be made fulltime has been included again as well as funding for education opportunities for the EDA.

c. Local Government Updates

- a. Board of Supervisors – Vivian Seay noted that Hub33 is now open. The PDC moved in on December 23rd. There are still a few punch list items to be worked out but Sentara is expected to open up soon. She also advised that the FY26 budget process is well underway. In addition, the work group for the E&E contract on the school property master plan is moving towards approval of a contract for that project.
- b. Planning Commission – The Planning Commission is considering a Comprehensive Plan update and several zoning ordinance amendments.

- c. Community Programming – Erin Lazar advised that they continue to have four programs each month, two for adults and two for children.
- d. King and Queen Schools – Dr. Carter advised that schools have been closed lately due to the inclement weather but the division has days built into their schedule so they will still meet the required 990 educational hours or 180 days. The School Board recently voted to not consolidate the two elementary schools. She advised that they will have boys and girls basketball, wrestling and scholastic bowl this year. She also noted that she is appreciative of the invite to be a part of the EDA meetings.

Ms. Ashley asked how the school vote will affect the school construction project. Ms. Seay advised that the Board is committed to building one school to accommodate all of the elementary school students. The School Board will have to make the funding work if they choose not to utilize it.

Chairman Longest stated that even though the meeting has been long, the discussion has been robust, productive and meaningful. He thanked everyone for coming.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m. to the joint meeting with the Board of Supervisors on January 27, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. King and Queen County Administration Building, 242 Allen's Circle, King and Queen Court House, VA 23085.

Jesse Holmes, Secretary