

**King and Queen County
Economic Development Authority
Minutes
March 6, 2025**

A regular meeting of the King and Queen County Economic Development Authority was held March 6, 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, Jesse Holmes

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

Call To Order

Chairman Longest called the meeting to order at 9:43 a.m.

A motion was made by Mr. Holmes and seconded by Ms. Coleman to approve the virtual attendance by Mr. Longest. Motion was approved unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Sarah Massey and seconded by Joseph McGuire to approve the January 9, 2025 minutes. Motion was approved unanimously.

Citizens Comments

No comments were received.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's reports for December and January were provided, there were no questions.

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 met with Timmons and the meeting went very well. They are continuing to move forward with Phase I with completion expecting in August or September. There will be another update in June.

New Business

- a. Closed meeting Pursuant to Va. Code § 2.2-3711(A)(5) for discussion of a business where no previous announcement has been made of the business' interest in locating in King and Queen County, the subject being the establishment of a new business on an existing business property in the southeastern part of the county, the Shanghai district. – There was no closed session due to business owner not able to attend.
- b. Hubb 33 – Ms. Seay advised that she is working on the membership agreements for the EDA leased space. She advised that there are already 4 businesses interested in leasing office space.
- c. EDA Budget FY26 – Ms. Evko advised that she has presented the Economic Development as well as EDA budgets to the Board of Supervisors. She included funds for training, new business and exiting business outreach and associational dues. The request again included the request to make the Director of Economic Development position full-time. Mr. Longest noted that he would like EDA to create an action plan containing 5 priorities that the EDA wants to accomplish. Ms. Evko noted that she has been working on a list of top 10 priorities and will provide it at an upcoming meeting.
- d. Highlights from Business Appreciation/Feedback – Ms. Evko noted that the event was a success with approximately 60 people in attendance. Feedback has been positive and she is planning the next event to be in the upper end of the county.
- e. EDA 2025 Calendar – Ms. Evko advised that she will be at the VEDA conference on the date of the April meeting. It was decided to have the April meeting on the 4th to accommodate this schedule . Ms. Evko noted that there will be a speaker from VEDP at the May meeting.
- f. Local Government Updates:
 - 1) Board of Supervisors- Ms. Seay advised that her recommended budget for FY26 has been presented to the Board. The total budget is \$28,897,092 and recommends a .04 increase on the real estate tax rate. An A&E firm has been selected for the master site plan project for the school project. At the Board's retreat in the fall they directed staff to get proposals for a space needs study. This project would address need for additional courtroom space due to the circuit court courtroom not being used as well as space for multiple county offices. She also noted that repairs have begun at the circuit court building replacing the roof and exterior trim.
 - 2) Planning Commission – Ms. Seay advised that the Planning Commission is reviewing a text amendment that would change the requirement for large scale solar projects to be rezoned to Industrial. The change would have them to be allowed in the Agriculture district with a conditional use permit. The concern with the current ordinance is that first, it no longer discourages companies from applying and it also leaving "spot zoned" Industrial properties when or if the facility is closed and decommissioned.
 - 3) Community Programming and Tourism – Ms. Lazar advised that the LOVE signs have been ordered and provided the mockup of the design. She also advised that there will be a quilt show at the library on March 14th and 15th.
 - 4) King and Queen County Schools – It was noted that another joint meeting of

the School Board and Board of Supervisors has been set and that the firm for the master site plan has been selected.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 a.m. to the April 4, 2025 regular meeting in King and Queen County Administration Building, 242 Allen's Circle, King and Queen Court House, VA 23085.

Jesse Holmes, Secretary