



**Surry County Economic Development Authority
of Surry County Virginia**

MINUTES OF MEETING

July 27, 2023@ 6:00 P.M.
Physical Address: 203 Church Street
Surry, Virginia 23883

MEETING CONVENED

A meeting of the Surry County Economic Development Authority (EDA) was called to order at 6:04 p.m. by Chairman Howell Godfrey.

ATTENDANCE

The meeting was opened with the following members present;

Mr. Howell Godfrey	Present
Mrs. Joyce Henderson	Present
Mr. Myron Wooden	Present
Mr. Trenton Howell	Present
Mr. Terry Lewis	Present
Mr. John Price	Present
Mrs. Janet Monahan	Present

The meeting was officially opened with a Moment of Silence and the Pledge of Allegiance by Mr. Howell Godfrey.

AGENDA REVIEW AND ACCEPTANCE (or accepted modifications)

A motion was made by Mr. Trenton Howell to amend the agenda to add a special guest Nita Mensia-Joseph from Winfield Farms to make a presentation concerning Agri tourism. A motion was made **by** _____ and seconded by Mrs. Joyce Henderson.

Roll Call vote:

Mr. Howell Godfrey	yes
Mrs. Joyce Henderson	yes
Mr. Myron Wooden	yes
Mr. Trenton Howell	yes
Mr. Terry Lewis	yes
Mr. John Price	yes
Mrs. Janet Monahan	yes

Ms. Mensia-Joseph introduced herself and explained to the Board her three reasons and concerns. She asked the Board to consider encouraging the Tourism and Economic Development departments to **develop** plans which aligns with some of the state plans. Ms. Mensia-Joseph also shared (**delete this: greatly on the**) information which showed that Surry County had a lot to **offer** in the way of Agri-tourism,

ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

The minutes from the previous meeting from the last meeting was presented to the authority for approval. The following correction was presented for the minutes: the meeting adjournment should be changed to Mr. Myron Wooden and seconded by Mrs. Henderson.

A motion was made by Mr. Lewis and seconded by Mrs. Monahan to accept the minutes from the meeting with the necessary corrections.

Mr. Howell Godfrey	yes
Mrs. Joyce Henderson	yes
Mr. Myron Wooden	yes

Mr. Trenton Howell	yes
Mr. Terry Lewis	yes
Mr. John Price	yes
Mrs. Janet Monahan	yes

TREASURER'S REPORT

The treasurer's report was given by Mrs. Henderson as follows:

As of 6/23, there was an ending balance of \$65,214.42. A motion was made by Mr. Wooden and seconded by Mr. Lewis to accept the report as given.

CLOSED SESSION

Ms. Perkins announced that a motion is required today to convene a closed session pursuant to:

(1) Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711.A (.1) to discuss stipends of appointed members

(2) Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711.A (.8) to consult with legal counsel regarding the award of grant funds.

A motion was made by Mr. Wooden and seconded by Mr. Price to go into closed session.

Roll Call Vote

Mr. Howell Godfrey	yes
Mrs. Joyce Henderson	yes
Mr. Myron Wooden	yes
Mr. Trenton Howell	yes
Mr. Terry Lewis	yes
Mr. John Price	yes
Mrs. Janet Monahan	yes

RESOLUTION CERTIFYING CLOSED SESSION

WHEREAS, the Economic Development Authority Surry County, has convened a closed session on this date pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote made in accordance with the provisions of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act; and

WHEREAS, Section 2.2-3712(D) of the Code of Virginia requires a certification by the Economic Development Authority of Surry County, that such closed meeting was conducted in conformity with Virginia Law;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Economic Development Authority of Surry County, hereby certifies that, to the best of each member's knowledge, (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements by Virginia law were discussed in the closed session to which this certification resolution applies, and (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion convening the closed meeting were heard, discussed, or considered by the Board of Supervisors of Surry County.

A motion was made by Mr. Wooden and seconded by Mrs. Henderson to return to open session.

Roll Call Vote

Mr. Howell Godfrey	yes
Mrs. Joyce Henderson	yes
Mr. Myron Wooden	yes
Mr. Trenton Howell	yes
Mr. Terry Lewis	yes
Mr. John Price	yes
Mrs. Janet Monahan	yes

UNFINISHED/OLD BUSINESS

Surry Marketplace update

Mrs. Renee Chaplain presented an update to the Board and happily shared with them that things are looking good and we almost have a grocery store. Some of the project updates which she shared was:

- the doors are up
- the panels for the refrigeration **rooms** are done
- the electrical permits are currently being called for
- the **new glass** front door is **installed**
- some of the kitchen equipment has started to go in
- she also some of the unexpected programs which they found and the next steps for opening (**suggest deleting unless Renee can rephrase**)

Mrs. Henderson said she would send the Board email updates every 2 to 3 weeks on key updates to keep the Board apprised during the months the Board does not meet.

Charging of Administrative fees for certain services

A motion was made by Mr. Wooden and seconded by Mr. Lewis to table this matter until the next meeting.

Roll Call Vote

Mr. Howell Godfrey	yes
Mrs. Joyce Henderson	yes
Mr. Myron Wooden	yes
Mr. Trenton Howell	yes
Mr. Terry Lewis	yes
Mr. John Price	yes
Mrs. Janet Monahan	yes

NEW BUSINESS

Joint Committee Report

Mr. Wooden presented the following information for the Improvement Grant:

The following businesses received awards

E & E \$7000.00

Just4kicks \$3000.00

Bacon's Castle store \$5000.00

English Connection \$5000.00

A motion was made by Mr. Wooden and seconded by Mrs. Henderson to accept the report as given.

Roll Call Vote

Mr. Howell Godfrey	yes
Mrs. Joyce Henderson	yes
Mr. Myron Wooden	yes
Mr. Trenton Howell	yes
Mr. Terry Lewis	yes
Mr. John Price	yes
Mrs. Janet Monahan	yes

Notifications will be going out to all the awardees.

A motion was made by Mr. Wooden and seconded by Mr. Howell to create a sub-committee to focus on _____.

Roll Call Vote

Mr. Howell Godfrey	yes
Mrs. Joyce Henderson	yes
Mr. Myron Wooden	yes
Mr. Trenton Howell	yes
Mr. Terry Lewis	yes
Mr. John Price	yes
Mrs. Janet Monahan	yes

The committee will consist of:

Howell Godfrey, Anna Hansen and Rose Miller

OFFICE OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REPORT

Ms. Chapline announced that the County is participating in the 5 Dime Tour (which is an initiative launched by the Virginia Department of Tourism) and the County is also working with Green Energy on the zoning of the land the firm is considering for the development of an energy data center park.

CITIZENS COMMENT

None

DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS

Mr. Godfrey and Mr. Wooden thanked the Board for all of their hard work.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mr. Wooden and seconded Mr. Lewis to adjourn the meeting at 8:08 pm. The next meeting will be held October 26,2023.