



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

MINUTES OF MEETING

July 22, 2021 @ 5:30 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 5:40 p.m. by Chairman Robert Chandler.

ATTENDANCE

The meeting was opened with the following members present;

Mr. Robert Chandler	Present
Mrs. Joyce Henderson	Present
Mr. Tyrone Franklin	Present
Mr. Howell Godfrey	Present
Mr. Terry Lewis	Present

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

ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

The minutes from the May 20, 2021 meeting were presented to the authority for approval. A motion was made by Mr. Franklin and seconded by Mrs. Henderson to accept the minutes from the meeting. It was shared by the Chairman, that the meeting held on June 10th did not consist of a quorum and did not need adoption of minutes.

WELCOME OF NEW DIRECTORS

A welcome was extended to the new members Zhane Slade and Terry Lewis by the Chairman, Robert Chandler. Both of them introduced themselves and shared how they could assist the authority.

Mr. Chandler explained that the purpose of the Board was to work with the county and in the community. He also explained that the EDA Board was established in 1974 and the primary goal should be to help the citizens in Surry boost their economic way of life. The EDA was regrouped in 2017 because of a request from Mr. Drewey. Mr. Chandler stated that his term will expire at the end of July and Mrs. Henderson will be appointed as a vice chairperson.

TREASURER'S REPORT

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

As of 7/22, there was not much changed in the account from the last report a motion was made by Mr. Franklin and seconded by Mr. Lewis to accept the treasurer's report. \$73,299.51 balance

There was a \$1.5 million wire 1st payment to Prince George Electric for the internet services in the county and the project is currently in the Bacon's Castle area working. By the end of the year, the entire county will be ready for service. Their second payment request which was transferred was for 139 thousand.

Mrs. Henderson stated that we are in the process of doing an internal audit of our books which was started by Mr. Sam Edwards and it is now being done by Mrs. Henderson. Mr. Lewis asked if we would be acquiring a firm for this but Mrs. Henderson explained that this will only be an internal audit. Since 2004, the EDA

has never had an independent audit performed of its operations. Rather, the EDA has been incorporated in the County's independent audit.

Mr. Chandler stated that in the past no fee has been charged for their services but this is something that can be considered.

As of now, the EDA has no source of outside funds being received due to the fact that the bond from Windsor Mill has been satisfied.

NEW BUSINESS

DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS & UPDATES

A motion was made by Mr. Godfrey that a section be added in the meetings for director comments second by Mrs. Henderson.

Also, the Agenda will include a report from the EDA Executive Committee when they are doing work on behalf of the EDA.

Mr. Chandler stated that the Town has not received a plan for the Surry Marketplace. The citizens are very upset with the delay in the opening of the supermarket. Mrs. Henderson suggested that we ask the EDO to provide an update on the process and she volunteered to contact Mr. White for a brief status and will share (via email) what she learns.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Clifton Slade and seconded by Joyce Henderson to adjourn the meeting.

Next meeting 9/16/2021 at 5:30 p.m.