

**Minutes of
The Economic Development Authority
Of the County of Accomack, Virginia**

The Economic Development Authority met in the Conference Room of the Accomack County Airport Terminal Building, on Tuesday, June 9, 2009 at 9:00 A.M.

Members Present: John LeCato, Chairman
Robert Conklin, Vice Chairman
Mary Jester
Shirley Zamora
Rhet Tignor
Ira Ashby-Hope

Members Absent: Robert Marshall

Others Present: Larry Forbes, Economic Development Director
Mark Taylor, Accomack County Attorney
Stephen D. Mallette, Accomack County Board of Supervisors
David Fluhart, Accomack County Building & Zoning
Jim McGowan, Accomack County Planning
Ken Ward, Facilities Maintenance Supervisor
Lynn Sherwood, Airport Departmental Secretary
J. T. Holland, BayCoast Railroad
Larry LeMond, BayCoast Railroad
Dan Runde, NAES/ELPS
Cheryl Tyson, E.S. of Virginia Broadband Authority
Nick Pascaretti, E. S. of Virginia Broadband Authority
George Bryan, Small Business Development Center

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 A.M. and declared open to the public.

Public Comment

Mr. LeCato welcomed all of the public present.

Closed Session

Ms. Jester moved to go into Closed Session, pursuant to Section 2.2-3711.-A.5 of the Code of Virginia for the discussion concerning a prospective business or industry or the expansion of an existing business or industry where no previous announcement has been made of the business' or industry's interest in locating or expanding its facilities in the community; Mr. Tignor seconded the motion; the

motion carried unanimously. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss a new business in Accomack County.

Closed Session convened at 9:10 am.

Chairman LeCato declared the meeting open to the public at 10:22 am.

Certification of Closed Session

A roll call vote was taken pursuant to Section 2.2-3712-D of the Code of Virginia immediately after reconvening in Open Meeting, at which time each member certified by his vote that (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under this chapter and (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened were heard, discussed or considered in the meeting by the public body.

Ms. Zamora	aye
Mr. Conklin	aye
Mr. LeCato	aye
Ms. Ashby-Hope	aye
Ms. Jester	aye
Mr. Tignor	aye
Mr. Marshall	absent

Ms. Jester moved to adopt a resolution authorizing the issuance of a series of taxable industrial development revenue bonds to a business looking to acquire, develop and construct a facility in Accomack County; Mr. Tignor seconded the motion; the motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of Proposed Minutes

Ms. Zamora moved to approve the minutes; Mr. Tignor seconded the motion; the motion carried unanimously.

Eastern Shore Broadband Authority Presentation

Ms. Tyson introduced herself and Mr. Pascaretti as part of the Eastern Shore of Virginia Broadband Authority. Ms. Jester said that the EDA had requested this presentation so that the members could have a better understanding of Broadband which would help to find businesses interested in utilizing the service. Mr. Pascaretti said this type of structure was critical to future development. Ms.

Tyson explained that the Broadband Authority was similar to a utility and is the owner of a public access network. Ms. Tyson showed a timeline for establishing community networks within the county. Ms. Tyson said that the project was government funded but the intent is to be fully sustainable in the near future. Ms. Tyson said the EDA could help by keeping the Broadband Authority informed of development. Ms. Tyson said that Broadband is about internet speed and volume. A lengthy discussion ensued. Mr. LeCato thanked Ms. Tyson and Mr. Pascaretti for their presentation.

Other

Mr. LeCato introduced Mr. Bryan of the Small Business Development Center. Mr. Bryan said that the Center was looking for ways to assist in business development through arch lending and bonds. Mr. LeCato asked that Mr. Bryan be added to July's agenda and thanked him for his time.

Treasurer's Report

Ms. Jester presented the treasurer's report which is included with the minutes. Ms. Jester brought up the subject of how the EDA is reimbursing the County for bills that are being paid. A discussion ensued. Mr. LeCato will work this out and report back next month.

Informational Report from Chairman or Members

Mr. Ward said that ANEC was still working on the transition of the Park lighting.

Mr. Ward requested \$125 for chemicals to spray within the Park. Mr. Tignor made a motion to authorize this request for up to \$150; Ms. Ashby- Hope seconded the motion; the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. LeCato read a letter from VDOT thanking the EDA for participating in the Adopt a Highway Program.

Report from Economic Development Director

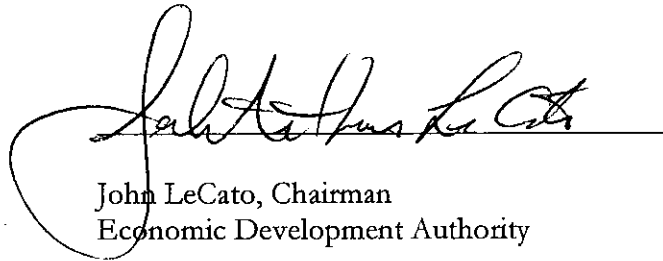
Mr. Forbes said that the Farmer's Market was looking to build four new buildings which include a seafood facility. Mr. Forbes asked that Mr. Stern from the Farmer's Market be added to the July agenda.

Mr. Forbes said that he had been working with a data center company to locate at the Wallops

Research Park and a contract is being prepared. Mr. Forbes said that he attended the grand opening of the Marine Science Consortium. Mr. Forbes said that the Northrop Grummon building was complete and that a ribbon cutting ceremony is scheduled for July 15th.

Adjournment

There being no further business for discussion, the Chairman declared the meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.



John LeCato, Chairman
Economic Development Authority