

The Economic Development Authority of the County of Accomack, Virginia

Regular Monthly Meeting

January 10, 2012

The Economic Development Authority met in the Conference Room of the Accomack County Airport Terminal Building, on Tuesday, January 10, 2012 at 9:00 a.m.

Members Present: Mary Jester, Vice Chairman  
Robert Marshall  
Shirley Zamora  
Irene Davis  
Ira Ashby-Hope

Members Absent: John Lecato  
Rhet Tignor

**Call to Order**

The EDA meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Vice Chair Mary Jester and she welcomed Steve Miner, County Administrator, Rich Morrison, Director of Planning and Economic Development Chamber of Commerce, John Custis, Attorney and Jean Hungerville from the Chamber of Commerce to the meeting.

**Roll Call**

The following members were present Mary Jester, Robert Marshall, Iravon Ashby-Hope, Irene Davis, and Shirley Zamora.

**Closed Session**

Mr. John Custis brought a confidential matter to the Board and requested a closed session discussion. Ira Hope-Ashby made a motion to go into Closed Meeting pursuant §2.2-3711.5 of the Code of Virginia of 1950, as amended, pursuant to subsection (3) for discussion concerning prospective business or industry for the expansion of an existing business or industry where no previous announcement has been made in the business or

industries interest in locating or expanding facilities in the County. Shirley Zamora seconded the motion. The motion was approved with John LeCato and Rhet Tignor absent.

### **Open Session**

The Mary Jester, Vice Chair declared the meeting open to the public.

### **Certification of Closed Meeting**

Robert Marshall made a motion to reconvene in Open Meeting and to certify by roll call vote, pursuant to Section 2.2-3711.5 of the Code of Virginia, that to the best of each member's knowledge the only matters heard, discussed, or considered during the Closed Meeting were (i) public business matters lawfully exempted from Open Meeting requirements under this chapter and (ii) such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the Closed Meeting was convened. Shirley Zamora seconded the motion. The motion approved with John LeCato and Rhet Tignor absent.

### **Roll Call**

**Ayes:** Mary Jester, Robert Marshall, Shirley Zamora, Irene Davis, Ira Hope-Ashby

**Members Absent:** John LeCato, Rhet Tignor

### **Sale of the Chamber of Commerce**

Robert Marshall made a motion to endorse the sale of the Chamber of Commerce with all real property. Shirley Zamora seconded the motion. The motion was approved with John LeCato and Rhet Tignor absent. Mr. Marshall wanted to be stated on record that he and Mrs. Hungerville serve on a common board but it does not pose a conflict of interest.

### **Approval of December 13, 2011 Minutes**

Robert Marshall made a motion to accept the December 13, 2011 minutes with corrections and Shirley Zamora seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved with John LeCato absent, and Rhet Tignor absent.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Mary Jester stated she had received a written report from Mr. Tignor and read it in the record. Irene Davis made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report and Shirley Zamora seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

### **Information Report from Chairman and Members**

Mrs. Jester gave an update on the lights in the Park that were still not working because of the possibility of deteriorating lines. Mary Jester stated she had spoken with Mr. Jack Tarr and he agreed to come to the Park and check the lighting situation and give a free estimate of the problem/problems he had found. A discussion ensued. Shirley Zamora made a motion to contact Mr. Jack Tarr and get him to come to the Park and identify the problem and let him know the Economic Development Authority appreciated his coming to the Park to give the estimate of his findings for free. Ira Hope-Ashby seconded the motion. The motion was approved with John LeCato and Rhet Tignor absent.

Mrs. Jester stated an invitation had been sent to John LeCato inviting the EDA to a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for the Eastern Shore Community College access road on January 27, 2011 at 11:00 a.m. and would like the EDA members to RSVP.

A discussion ensued on the clerical staff for the EDA. It was the consensus of the EDA and Mr. Miner that Fredia Ward would be the clerical staff support person for the EDA.

### **Marketing**

County Administrator Steve Miner gave a presentation on Economic Development of performance, resources, goals, and public support for Economic Development. Mary Jester stated that the Plan would be looked at again at the February's meeting of the EDA.

Mary Jester gave a power point presentation on the follow up actions of the Smithfield trip.

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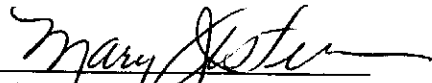
### **Roll Call**

**Ayes:** Mary Jester, Robert Marshall, Shirley Zamora, Irene Davis, Ira Hope-Ashby

**Members Absent:** John LeCato, Rhet Tignor

**Adjournment**

Robert Marshall made a motion to adjourn the EDA meeting and Shirley Zamora seconded the motion. The motion was approved. The meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

  
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Mary Jester, Vice Chair  
Economic Development Authority

2-14-2012  
Date