

The Economic Development Authority of the County of Accomack, Virginia

December 11, 2012

The Economic Development Authority met in the Conference Room of the Accomack County Airport Terminal Building, on Tuesday, December 11, 2012 at 9:00 a.m.

Members Present: John LeCato, Chair
Shirley Zamora
Wesley Edwards
Irene Davis
Robert Bloxom
Robert Marshall
Ira Ashby-Hope

Others Present: Rich Morrison, Planning Director
Mark Taylor, County Attorney

Call to Order

The EDA meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairman John LeCato.

Roll Call

The following members were present: John LeCato, Robert Bloxom, Shirley Zamora, Wesley Edwards, Irene Davis, Robert Marshall, and Ira Ashby-Hope.

Public Comment

No one from the public was present

Approval of November 13, 2012 Minutes

Robert Bloxom made a motion to approve the November 13, 2012 minutes. Iravon Hope-Ashby seconded the motion. The motion was approved. **Shirley Zamora arrived at the meeting at 9:02a.m.**

Treasurer's Report

Mr. Marshall stated he had not received a statement for this month from the bank. He stated the annual budget was \$7760 and \$2137 was posted and the balance of \$5622 was left in the budget for the period of July 1 through October 31, 2012.

Informational Report from Chairman and Members

Wesley Edwards stated the EDA needed an operations budget and felt the EDA did not have a function without a budget. A discussion ensued concerning a marketing budget for the EDA and the mission for the EDA. Mrs. Zamora stated the EDA had developed a Mission Statement in the past. Robert Marshall stated he felt the EDA did not have support of the Board of Supervisors. Irene Davis told the EDA they needed to develop a mission and a focus as to the work the EDA was going to do and then ask for a budget based on what they were planning on doing. A discussion ensued on a viable game plan for the EDA to follow and present to the County before the \$25,000 would be requested.

Wesley Edwards made a motion that the EDA propose to the Board of Supervisors a \$25,000 marketing budget to support travel and advertising to create jobs on the Eastern Shore of Virginia. Shirley Zamora seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

Shirley Zamora made a motion for Rich Morrison and Wesley Edwards to meet and develop a proposed budget to submit to the Board of Supervisors. Robert Marshall seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

Irene Davis gave the County Attorney the customer service number for Go Daddy, pin number, and the password account number so it would be kept in a safe place and not public access. She continued and stated the website has now gone live and everything had been moved

from the temporary site to the new site Doc Com. Chairman LeCato thanked Irene Davis for all her hard work she had done on the project.

Shirley Zamora told Rich Morrison the person that was interested in fresh water fish would not be able to come until January and she wanted to set up a meeting with him.

Wesley Edwards commented and thought that the Fin Fish Ordinance that had been adopted by the Board of Supervisors should be included on the web page because you never know who would look at the site.

Robert Marshall told the EDA the Antares Project on the Base had passed a huge milestone this weekend and they had defueled the liquid oxygen which was a major hurdle setup and probably by December 21st the Hot Fire Test which would be the big test would be done.

Chairman LeCato stated he had contacted Deborah Christie, Executive Director of Wallops Research Park that was in charge of Wallops regarding the question Mr. Edwards had discussed at the last EDA meeting concerning the businesses that had been turned down by Wallops. He said the answer he had gotten from her was every one of them wanted to be in the Park and none of them wanted to be in any other part of the county beyond a mile or so from NASA and the requests she had were all for large companies related to the rocket launches. Mr. LeCato also stated he told her the EDA was interested in any contacts she did receive. A discussion ensued.

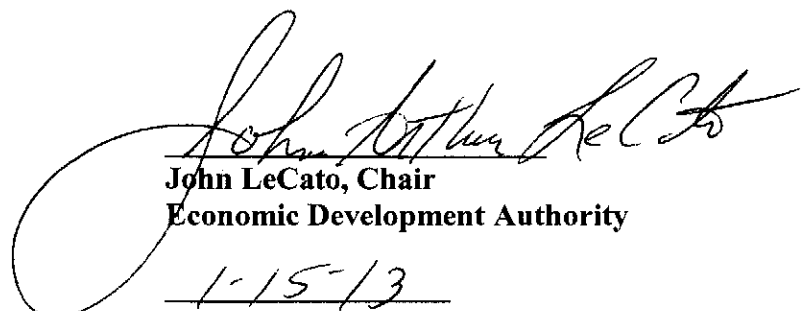
Mark Taylor, County Attorney stated he had the documents for Chairman LeCato's approval for the YMCA to sign and they would be held until the day after the Board of Supervisors Meeting on December 19, 2012 when they approve the document. Mr. Taylor also had the Revised Park Covenant's for Chairman LeCato to sign.

Wesley Edwards commented on the Lucas property that still was in violation of the Park Covenant's and stated it was a worse eyesore than it was before. A discussion ensued. Chairman LeCato asked Mr. Bloxom if he would go and look at the property and give a full report on his findings. Mr. LeCato said once he got the findings of the property he would call and notify Mr. Taylor and get him to send a letter to Mr. Lucas.

Mr. Taylor suggested as preparations were being made for the request for an EDA Budget the Mission Statement for the EDA would be very valuable in getting the Board to consider their budget request and the Mission Statement needed to be submitted as well to the BOS. A discussion ensued.

Adjournment

Shirley Zamora made a motion to adjourn the EDA meeting and Robert Bloxom seconded the motion. The motion was approved. The meeting adjourned at 10:25 a.m.


John LeCato, Chair
Economic Development Authority
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Date