

The Economic Development Authority of the County of Accomack, Virginia
Regular Monthly Meeting

September 13, 2011

The Economic Development Authority met in the Conference Room of the Accomack County Airport Terminal Building, on Tuesday, September 13, 2011 at 9:06 a.m.

Members Present: John LeCato, Chairman
Mary Jester, Vice Chairman
Robert Marshall
Rhet Tignor
Shirley Zamora

Members Absent: Iravon Ashby-Hope
Irene L. Davis

Call to Order

The EDA meeting was called to order at 9:06 a.m. by John LeCato and he welcomed Steve Miner, County Administrator, Rich Morrison, Community Economic Development Director, Deborah Christie, Wallops Research Park Director Executive Director, and Chris Carbaugh, Atlantic Town Center to the meeting.

Roll Call

The following members were present: John LeCato, Mary Jester, Robert Marshall, Rhet Tignor, and Shirley Zamora.

Public Comment

No public were in attendance.

Atlantic Town Center Presentation

Chris Carbaugh gave a presentation on the Atlantic Town Center and discussed the proposed wastewater treatment facility and the proposed Atlantic Community Center and responded to questions concerning the proposed Atlantic Community Center site.

Approval of August 9, 2011 Minutes

Robert Marshall made a motion to accept the August 9, 2011 minutes as amended and Mary Jester seconded the motion. The motion was approved with Rhet Tignor and Shirley Zamora abstaining and Ira Ashby-Hope, and Irene Davis were absent.

Treasurer's Report

No report was given.

A discussion ensued on the Economic Development authorization on paying the bills. Chairman LeCato asked Mr. Tignor to get a copy of all the paperwork and bring the information at the next meeting.

Chairman LeCato stated he had received a letter from the ANEC to fill out to have the lights turned back on. He continued and stated that a new membership had to be filled out in order for the lights to be turned on and submit the paperwork back to ANEC and pay the membership fee and the connection fee, the lights would be turned on at that point. A discussion ensued. Mr. Tignor stated once the paperwork was completed he would give it to Chairman LeCato so he could take it to the ANEC.

Informational Report from Chairman and Members

Mary Jester commented on the Accomack Northampton Planning District Commission and continued by saying she had emailed the EDA members the updates as she receives them. She talked about the group of Countywide business people that were in support of the Economic Developments future and would go before the Board of Supervisors and ask for their support as well.

Mary Jester stated she had heard from Frank Thomas (the Economic Development's Real Estate person) and was told three (3) prospects were interested in land in the Park. Ms. Jester continued her informational report and said she had attended the Eastern Shore Defense Alliance Meeting and there was a need for the Economic Development

Authority to make comments periodically not only in support of the Wallops Research Park but also Chincoteague needs this as well. She asked that she would like for the EDA to appoint someone from their Board to be a point person for these kind of comments. Mary Jester felt an input from the EDA members comments should be circulated and the point person could represent the group. A discussion ensued.

Mary Jester made a motion to appoint Shirley Zamora as the point person for legislative comments. Rhet Tignor seconded the motion. The motion was approved with Ira Ashby-Hope and Irene Davis absent. Shirley Zamora said she would draft the comment letter and submit for signature to Chairman LeCato. A discussion ensued on the National Park Service, Fish and Wildlife Service, and Wallops Flight Facility.

Mr. Miner gave a VDOT Report. He said he had spoken with Stewart Hall, Public Works Director, and a new spider had been ordered and the work on the ditches in the Park should be done by Christmas. Mr. Miner also spoke on the road ownership in the Park and he stated that in 2002 the Industrial Development Authority now known as Economic Development asked the Board of Supervisors to ask VDOT to take Atlantic Drive and Chesapeake Drive in the secondary highway system. He said he would call VDOT to see if this happened. He asked Fredia Ward to check the office files and see what action the Board of Supervisors had taken on this issue. Mr. Miner continued his report and told the EDA that the Joint Land Use Study had been funded.

Shirley Zamora told the EDA members as of November 29, 2011 Go Daddy will no longer support websites, but she is going to a friend and get him to help with this issue. She stated she will give a report in October and report of her findings.

Chairman LeCato stated the amount the County has requested for reimbursements to them was \$4,588.80. The Chairman said he had received an email from Frank Thomas

and Sam Segar Associates and negotiations were in progress with prospective clients for land in the Park, and he would keep the EDA informed.

Marketing Strategies

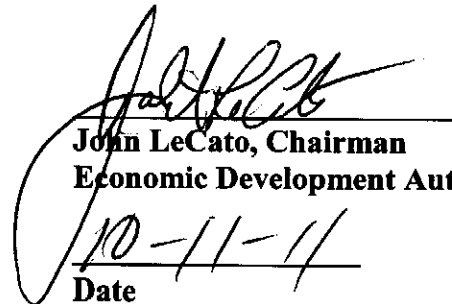
No report was given.

Closed Session

No Closed Session was held.

Adjournment

Robert Marshall made a motion to adjourn the EDA meeting and Shirley Zamora seconded the motion. The motion was approved with Ira Ashby-Hope and Irene Davis absent. The meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.



John LeCato, Chairman
Economic Development Authority
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Date