

July 24, 2003

The Joint Industrial Development Authority of Wythe County, Wytheville, and Rural Retreat held a regular meeting Thursday, July 24, 2003, at 3:00 p.m. in the Council Room of the Wytheville Municipal Building, 150 East Monroe Street, Wytheville, Virginia.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Steven D. Irvin, Chairman	George T. Johnstone, Treasurer
Robert J. Ayers	Gerald Brewer
Joseph W. Freeman	Danny B. Gordon

MEMBERS ABSENT

Thomas Green III, Vice-Chairman

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS PRESENT

R. Cellell Dalton, Wythe County Administrator

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS ABSENT

Raymond E. Matney, Rural Retreat Town Manager
Wayne Sutherland, Wytheville Town Manager

DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

The meeting was called to order and a quorum determined to be present by Mr. Irvin, Chairman. Mr. Irvin thanked Authority members for their attendance and welcomed visitors. Mr. Gordon gave the invocation and Mr. Irvin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CITIZENS' TIME

Mr. Irvin stated the next agenda item is Citizens' Time. He inquired if there are persons present who wish to address the board during Citizens' Time. There being none, he proceeded with the agenda.

RESOLUTION - R. E. JOHNSON

Mr. Irvin presented a resolution to Mrs. R. E. Johnson (see appended) to recognize Mr. Johnson for the years of leadership and dedicated service given by him to the people of Wythe County to the furtherance of economic development. Mrs. Johnson thanked the board and stated that she is privileged to accept the resolution on behalf of Mr. Johnson.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Robert Eley Johnson served as the executive director of the Wythe County Industrial Development Corporation, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Johnson was founding president of the Virginia Economic Developers Association, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Johnson was a founding director and first secretary of the Wythe County Chamber of Commerce, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Johnson was one of the leaders in establishing Wytheville Community College, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Johnson worked diligently and cooperatively with local officials and governing bodies to identify and recruit new industry and aid existing industry expansion to increase the number of jobs and wage scale for Wythe County citizens, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Johnson served continuously on the Smyth-Wythe Airport Commission from 1977 until he resigned in fall 2002, and

WHEREAS, Robert Eley Johnson departed this life on the 11th day of April, 2003.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Joint Industrial Development Authority of Wythe County, Wytheville, and Rural Retreat does hereby express to the family of Robert Eley Johnson its sincere sorrow and condolences at his passing and its deep and sincere appreciation for the years of leadership and dedicated service given by him to the people of Wythe County to the furtherance of economic development.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be presented to the family of Robert Eley Johnson.

Adopted this 22nd day of May, 2003.

Steven D. Irvin, Chairman

ATTEST:

Linda Lester, Secretary

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Mr. Irvin requested Mr. Webb preside during the election of chairman of the Joint IDA in the absence of Dr. Hawthorne. Mr. Webb asked for nominations for the office of chairman. Mr. Johnstone made a motion to reappoint Mr. Irvin as Chairman. Motion was seconded by Mr.

Brewer and passed unanimously. Mr. Webb turned the meeting over to Chairman Irvin. Mr. Irvin opened nominations for Vice-Chairman. Mr. Gordon made a motion to nominate Mr. Brewer as Vice-Chairman. Mr. Irvin inquired if there is a second to Mr. Gordon's motion. There being none, the motion died for lack of a second. Mr. Brewer made a motion to nominate Mr. Freeman as Vice-Chairman seconded by Mr. Gordon. Mr. Johnstone made a motion to nominate Mr. Green as Vice-Chairman seconded by Mr. Brewer. Mr. Gordon made a motion that the nominations for Vice-Chairman be closed seconded by Mr. Freeman and passed. Mr. Irvin called for a vote for the nominations of Vice-Chairman. The nomination results for Vice-Chairman were a tie vote, which deferred the nominations until the next board working session meeting. Mr. Irvin opened nominations for Treasurer. Mr. Brewer made a motion to nominate Mr. Johnstone as Treasurer seconded by Mr. Gordon and passed with Mr. Johnstone abstaining from voting. Mr. Gordon made a motion that the nominations for Treasurer be closed seconded by Mr. Freeman and passed. Mr. Gordon made a motion to reappoint Mrs. Lester as Secretary. Motion was seconded by Mr. Brewer and passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by Mr. Gordon that the minutes of the regular meeting held on June 26, 2003, be approved as presented, seconded by Mr. Ayers and passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF INVOICES

Mr. Gordon asked about check #3954, Local Government Investment Pool. Mrs. Lester explained that this invoice represents funds that are being transferred from the Wythe/Carroll checking account into the Local Government Investment Pool account. Mr. Gordon asked about check #3964, Hodges & Campbell. Mrs. Lester reported that this invoice represents the preparation of the deeds to separate the property in the Ivanhoe Industrial Park, which the Carroll County IDA has been invoiced for half the costs. Mr. Gordon asked about check #3970, Virginia Municipal League Group. Mrs. Lester commented that this invoice represents the annual insurance premium. Motion was made by Mr. Gordon to pay the invoices as presented, seconded by Mr. Brewer, and passed unanimously.

Joint IDA of Wythe County Check Register

For the Period From Jun 27, 2003 to Jul 24, 2003

Filter Criteria includes: Report order is by Check Number.

Check #	Date	Payee	Amount
3953	6/30/03	Linda D. Lester	720.59
3954	6/30/03	Local Govt Investment Pool	49,922.58
3955	7/10/03	VA Dept of Taxation	403.08
3956	7/10/03	First VA Bk-Fed. Tax Deposit	2,532.82
3957	7/10/03	U S Cellular	47.14
3958	7/15/03	Linda D. Lester	739.07
3959	7/24/03	Sprint	121.19
3960	7/24/03	Sprint	17.47
3961	7/24/03	First Union Visa Gold	43.29
3962	7/24/03	Xerox	146.80

3963	7/24/03	Virginia Employment Commission	4.42
3964	7/24/03	Hodges & Campbell	300.00
3965	7/24/03	Fort Dearborn Life Ins Co	31.95
3966	7/24/03	Trigon Dental	102.67
3967	7/24/03	Trigon	1,389.18
3968	7/24/03	JIDA Petty Cash	60.27
3969	7/24/03	Southwest Signs	360.00
3970	7/24/03	Va Municipal League Group	131.00
3971	7/24/03	Town of Wytheville - Postage	30.52
3972	7/24/03	Alan Hawthorne - Reimbursement	146.52
3973	7/24/03	Companion Life Insurance Co	77.09
3974	7/24/03	Mike Webb-Reimbursement	25.56
3975	7/24/03	Linda Lester-Reimbursement	8.28
3976	7/24/03	Michael B. Webb	2,049.48
3977	7/24/03	Alan R. Hawthorne	3,364.14
Total			62,775.11

OLD BUSINESS

FAIRVIEW INDUSTRIAL PARK ACTIVITIES UPDATE

Mr. Webb commented that the changes to the Fairview Industrial Park sign are complete. Mr. Freeman provided an update on the paving in the park.

IVANHOE INDUSTRIAL PARK UPDATE

Dr. Hawthorne reported that the deeds to separate the property have been signed and sent to Carroll County for signature and recording. Mr. Newman, Carroll County Administrator, requested that the Wythe/Carroll IDA meet in August or September. Mr. Irvin requested that Dr. Hawthorne and Mrs. Lester coordinate this meeting.

RURAL RETREAT INDUSTRIAL PARK SIGN

Mr. Webb provided an update on the proposed Rural Retreat Industrial Park entrance sign. Three quotes have been received. Mr. Irvin asked if the quotes included installation. Mr. Webb stated that the Town of Rural Retreat would install the signs. Mr. Brewer asked if there was going to be a pull over area and if the Rural Retreat Town Council has made a recommendation for the sign. Dr. Hawthorne reported that the sign was discussed at the Rural Retreat Town Council meeting on Tuesday. Mr. Webb commented that there will not be a pullover. A motion was made by Mr. Gordon to award Southwest Signs the contract seconded by Mr. Ayers and passed unanimously. Mr. Webb provided sample colors that could be used for the sign. Mr. Gordon made a motion to select the color green and white for the sign. Motion was seconded by Mr. Brewer. Mr. Irvin called for a vote on the motion. For: Mr. Gordon and Mr. Brewer. Against: Mr. Johnstone, Mr. Freeman, and Mr. Ayers. The motion did not pass. The color of the sign will be discussed at the next working session.

OTHER

Dr. Hawthorne explained that the right of way beyond Simply Home in the Fairview Industrial Park should be conveyed to the Town of Wytheville.

NEW BUSINESS

HIGHLIGHTS OF BOARD WORKING SESSION

Dr. Hawthorne reported most of these items have been, or will be, covered elsewhere on today's agenda.

ENTERPRISE ZONE RENEWAL APPLICATION

Dr. Hawthorne noted that the Enterprise Zone Renewal Application is a high priority. The enterprise zone is a marketing tool that is used when recruiting industries.

WYTHE MANUFACTURING COUNCIL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Dr. Hawthorne stated that the Wythe Manufacturing Council is pleased to announce the establishment of a WMC Scholarship Fund. To date \$13,000 toward a goal of \$15,000 has been raised to fund the program for the current academic year. The fund will provide multiple scholarships for up to the cost of tuition for one academic year at Wytheville Community College to recipients pursuing a technical program of study in an approved field. Wythe Manufacturing Council Scholarship contributors include: Gold - PowerShot Tool Company, Klöckner Pentaplast, and Longwood Elastomers; Silver - Fuel Systems, Pepsi Bottling Group, Magnetic Technologies, Musser Lumber, Quadrant EPP, and Southwest Specialty Heat Treat; and Bronze - Rohm and Haas Powder Coatings. Dr. Hawthorne shared a letter that he received from Valerie Bird, WCC Professor, expressing appreciation for the scholarship program.

UPDATE ON PEPSI BOTTLING GROUP AND KLOCKNER PROJECTS

Dr. Hawthorne provided an update on the Pepsi Bottling Group and Klöckner Pentaplast projects.

OTHER

Dr. Hawthorne reported that potential office space has been identified. He requested the board visit the area following the meeting.

Dr. Hawthorne directed the board's attention to the copy of an email that he received from Russ Stoker, Creative Director, Platinum Television Group. The company is finalizing the scheduling for their national television series "Eye on Technology" and more specifically, their special business segments for the 2003 series. They are interested in presenting the Joint IDA in a 5-7 minute segment in the first quarter airing schedule on "Economic Development Opportunity." The total licensing fee is \$19,700. Mr. Irvin recommended deferring this item until the next working session meeting.

Mr. Irvin asked Dr. Hawthorne to comment on the email that he had received regarding the Bland County Initiative. Dr. Hawthorne commented that the Bland County Board of Supervisors unanimously adopted a resolution of support for continued and future Economic and Community Development efforts in the County of Bland.

CLOSED MEETING UNDER §2.2-3711(A)(5) OF THE CODE OF VIRGINIA TO DISCUSS UNANNOUNCED PROJECTS

Mr. Brewer made a motion to enter into closed session as permitted by Section 2.2-3711(a)(5) of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act, Code of Virginia to discuss unannounced projects. Motion was seconded by Mr. Johnstone and passed unanimously. A motion was made by Mr. Brewer to reconvene in open session seconded by Mr. Ayers and passed unanimously. Mr. Brewer moved that the Joint Industrial Development Authority of Wythe County, Wytheville and Rural Retreat certifies that, in the closed meeting just concluded, nothing was discussed except the matter (1) specifically identified in the motion to convene in a closed meeting and (2) lawfully permitted to be so discussed under the provisions of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act cited in that motion. Motion was seconded by Mr. Johnstone and passed.

CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED SESSION

WHEREAS, the Joint Industrial Development Authority of Wythe County, Wytheville and Rural Retreat has convened a closed meeting on this date pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote and in accordance with the provisions of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act; and

WHEREAS, Section 2.2-3711 of the Code of Virginia requires a certificate by the Joint Industrial Development Authority of Wythe County, Wytheville and Rural Retreat that such closed meeting was conducted in conformity with Virginia law;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Joint Industrial Development Authority of Wythe County, Wytheville and Rural Retreat, hereby certifies that, to the best of each member's knowledge, (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements by Virginia law were discussed in the closed meeting to which this certificate resolution applies, and (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion convening the closed meeting were heard, discussed or considered by the Joint Industrial Development Authority of Wythe County, Wytheville and Rural Retreat.

Motion was passed with the following roll call vote:

AYES:	Joe Freeman	George Johnstone
	Gerald Brewer	Robert Ayers
	Steve Irvin	

NAYS: Danny Gordon

ABSENT DURING MEETING: Thomas Green

ABSENT DURING VOTE: Thomas Green

Mr. Gordon voiced opposition to the certification of the closed session due to Dr. Hawthorne discussing activities of the Southwest Region Enterprise Center, which was not specifically identified in the motion to enter into closed session.

Dr. Hawthorne commented on the activities of the Southwest Region Enterprise Center.

ADJOURN

Mr. Irvin asked if there was any further business to come before the Authority. There being none Mr. Irvin adjourned the meeting at 4:35 p.m.

Steven Irvin, Chairman

ATTEST:

Linda Lester, Secretary