

March 22, 2007

The Joint Industrial Development Authority of Wythe County, Wytheville, and Rural Retreat held a regular meeting on Thursday, March 22, 2007, at 3:00 p.m. at the Council Room of the Wytheville Municipal Building located at 150 East Monroe Street, Wytheville, Virginia.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Joe Freeman, Chairman
David Elmore
David N. Johnson

Linda DiYorio
Danny Gordon
Tom W. Jones

MEMBERS ABSENT

William F. Snyder, Vice Chairman

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS PRESENT

None

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R. Cellell Dalton, Wythe County Administrator
Raymond E. Matney, Rural Retreat Town Manager
C. Wayne Sutherland, Jr., Wytheville Town Manager

DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

Chairman Freeman called the meeting to order and determined a quorum to be present. Mr. Gordon offered the invocation, and Mr. Freeman led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CITIZENS' TIME

Mr. Freeman asked if there were any persons present who wished to address the board during citizens' time. There being none, he proceeded with the meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES -February 22, 2007, board meeting

Ms. DiYorio made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jones, to approve the minutes as presented. The motion passed with the following votes: For: Mr. Freeman, Mr. Jones, Ms. DiYorio, and Dr. Johnson. Mr. Gordon and Mr. Elmore abstained on the ground they were not at the meeting.

APPROVAL OF INVOICES

Dr. Hawthorne noted that check #5210 is for the Joint IDA audit. Mr. Gordon inquired how the Appalachian Power rate increase affected the Joint IDA. Dr. Hawthorne noted that it did not substantially affect the Joint IDA's budget. Ms. DiYorio made a motion, seconded by Mr. Gordon, to pay the invoices as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Joint IDA of Wythe County

Check Register

For the Period From February 23, 2007 through March 22, 2007

Check #	Date	Payee	Amount
5198	3/22/07	Alan R. Hawthorne	4,050.76
5199	3/22/07	Daniel B. Gordon	207.79
5200	3/22/07	David N. Johnson	207.79
5201	3/22/07	Danielle M. Skeens	1,746.22
5202	3/22/07	Joseph W. Freeman	207.79
5203	3/22/07	Linda DiYorio	207.79
5204	3/22/07	Michael B. Webb	2,084.44
5205	3/22/07	Tom Jones	207.79
5206	3/22/07	William F. Snyder	207.79
5207	3/22/07	Appalachian Power	146.19
5208	3/22/07	Anthem Southeast Dental	94.89
5209	3/22/07	Companion Life Insurance Co	131.71
5210	3/22/07	Robinson, Farmer, Cox Assoc.	3,000.00
5211	3/22/07	Embarq	3.23
5212	3/22/07	Southwestern Va Tech Council	100.00
5213	3/22/07	Treasurer, Wythe County	40.00
5214	3/22/07	Bankcard Services	7.16
5215	3/22/07	Wytheville Office Supply	28.47
5216	3/22/07	Xerox	267.86
5217	3/22/07	Sprint PCS	82.12
5218	3/22/07	Duke's Printing	35.16
5219	3/22/07	Robert G. Moore	1,100.00
5220	3/22/07	Town of Wytheville - Postage	35.97
5221	3/22/07	David L. Elmore	69.26
5222	3/22/07	VA Dept Of Taxation	478.01
5223	3/22/07	First Bank of Virginia	3,082.62

Check #	Date	Payee	Amount
5224	3/22/07	Alan Hawthorne - Reimbursement	502.47
5225	3/22/07	Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield	1,505.38
5226	3/22/07	Danielle M. Skeens	16.98
5227	3/22/07	Mike Webb	57.23
5228	3/22/07	Embarq	119.37
Total			20,032.24

OLD BUSINESS

FAIRFIELD GLADE SUBDIVISION UPDATE

Mr. William Smith, President of Fairfield Glade, LLC, was present to brief the board on his company's plans for the subdivision. He shared plats detailing the proposed lot layouts and access roads. He noted he retained Lane Engineering to do the project. The board was pleased with Mr. Smith's plans.

JOB FAIR STATUS

Dr. Hawthorne stated things are progressing nicely. The new center should offer more space and parking. Mr. Freeman inquired about the Career Readiness Certificate (CRC) testing. Dr. Hawthorne stated that the committee is trying to obtain enough funds to offer the test for free. He will be approaching the New River/Mount Rogers Workforce Investment Board about contributing to this. He expects to be able to offer the test for free. Mr. Freeman asked if the career coaches know about the material in the CRC exam. Dr. Hawthorne replied that they do, and Ms. Debbie Stone and the career coaches are working to identify students who might benefit from taking the exam.

2007 INDUSTRY APPRECIATION GOLF TOURNAMENT (MAY 15, 2007)

Mr. Webb remarked that the golf tournament was on schedule. Letters were sent out earlier in the month, and some responses were already coming in to the Joint IDA.

JOINT IDA WEBSITE

Dr. Hawthorne explained that some pages were fixed. However, project activity and the new software he ordered slowed his progress. The software proved difficult to install due to some incompatibilities with the trial version. Dr. Hawthorne stated he successfully fixed this, but it delayed him in being able to fix some of the remaining pages before the board meeting.

IVANHOE INDUSTRIAL PARK

Dr. Hawthorne reminded the board that he is contact with Mountain Shelter about possible development in Ivanhoe. He explained that Supervisor Eddie Hagee found that many residents of the area support such a project.

OTHER

There was no other old business.

NEW BUSINESS

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS BUDGET BRIEFING

Dr. Hawthorne stated he presented the budget request to the Board of Supervisors yesterday. They did not have any serious questions as the Joint IDA is seeking only a two percent increase over this year.

JOINT IDA MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS (IEDC AND SEDC)

Mr. Webb explained it was time to renew membership in the International Economic Development Council and the Southern Economic Development Council at a cost of \$345 and \$200, respectively. He explained that the IEDC awarded Dr. Hawthorne a prestigious award and the SEDC had provided the Joint IDA scholarships to training events. Dr. Hawthorne commented that these were good organizations, and if the budget ever became tight, the Joint IDA could decide not to renew in the future. Mr. Gordon made the motion, seconded by Mr. Elmore, to renew membership.

2007 VIRGINIA FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT BOOKLETS

The board reviewed the 2007 Virginia Freedom of Information Act booklets published by the Weldon Cooper Center.

VEDA SPRING CONFERENCE/LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

Dr. Hawthorne explained that the General Assembly and the Governor reached some compromises on funding economic development. The Virginia Jobs Investment Program received an additional \$2 million, the Enterprise Zone program received \$4 million, but the Governor's Opportunity Fund received no additional funding. Dr. Hawthorne stated that the main

topics of the Virginia Economic Developers Association meeting was the Jamestown celebrations and retail as economic development. Dr. Hawthorne noted that he also made a presentation at the Virginia Economic Development Partnership bi-weekly staff meeting. He also explained that Bland County was VEDA's nominee for the Southern Economic Development Council's Community Economic Development Award for smaller communities. He asked permission to send a congratulatory letter to Bland County. The consensus of the board was for Dr. Hawthorne to do this, but to also send a copy to the *Bland County Messenger*.

PROJECT UPDATES

Dr. Hawthorne explained he continues to pursue the projects discussed at the last meeting.

OTHER

Dr. Hawthorne explained that the Virginia Tobacco Commission will meet in Wytheville on April 26 and 27 at the new Meeting Center. Several industries and Wythe County are sponsoring a reception for them. Dr. Hawthorne asked the board to also be a sponsor at \$100. Mr. Gordon made a motion, seconded by Mr. Elmore, to be a reception sponsor at a cost of \$100. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Johnson reminded everyone that Amcor PET Packaging's grand opening will be June 26 instead of in May.

Mr. Freeman inquired about Kents Lane. Dr. Hawthorne explained that it will be paved. This will provide a paved route from the northern entrance to the southern entrance.

ADJOURN

There being no other business, Mr. Freeman adjourned the meeting at 4:12 p.m.

Joseph Freeman, Chairman

Attest:

Mike Webb, Recording Secretary