

PAGE COUNTY
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY MINUTES (EDA) Monday, January 23
5:30 p.m.
103 South Court Street, Luray VA

The Economic Development Authority of the County of Page, Virginia met in a regular session on Monday, January 23rd beginning at 5:30 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Missie Deibert at 5:34 pm

EDA MEMBERS PRESENT

Missie Deibert
Jonathan Comer
Meredith Dees
Dennis Fleming
Bart Price
Jackie Elliot
Sara Levinson

OTHERS PRESENT

Nina Long – Page County Economic Development

Introduction of Members and Guests

Chris Anderson – Page & Warren County Coordinator – Shenandoah Alliance – Chris wanted to connect with us and Nina as she can support us in the search for grants.

AGENDA

The Agenda was unanimously approved as presented.

MINUTES

The Minutes from the November 28th meeting were unanimously approved as presented.

TREASURER'S REPORT

- Sara presented that she is still working with an accounting company to try and simplify our quick books reporting.
- Invoice Received from Reed and Reed for attorney fees of \$2,261.68. This does not include fees from January. Fee for rezoning has already been paid.
- Invoice received for Farmers Market banner of \$500 from The County. Already approved for payment.
- Quarterly stipend in the amount of \$350 for 7 members.
- Motion to approve invoices as presented by Jonathan Comer, seconded by Bart Price. Unanimously Approved.

- Meredith Dees asked about removing the Website line item from the budget going forward since we no longer pay for this service.

OLD BUSINESS

1. **Agricultural and Farming Sub Committee** – Final stages of review of the Feasibility study. Working to schedule a presentation in early February. Will be inviting individuals who have been involved with the process of this study.
2. **Selling EDA Property** – There were many questions posed by the Planning Commission at the recent meeting. Request from Missie Deibert for board members to try and attend the Meeting on Tuesday, January 24th at 7pm in support of the application. Jonathan Comer made a motion to up the budget for this project to \$12,000 which includes current fees. Second made by Denis Fleming. Unanimously Approved.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Election of Officers**- Jonathan Comer made a motion to keep the current officers as elected until Meredith Dees must step down because she is moving, and her position made vacant. Second by Jackie Elliot. Unanimously Approved.
Denise has been elected to the Shenandoah Town Council and has therefore resigned from her position with the EDA. Open seats include the Town of Stanly and District 5.
2. **Loan Application** – Jackie Elliot made a motion to go into closed session to discuss loan application details. “Pursuant to section 22-3711(A)(39), I (Jackie Elliot) make a motion that we enter into a closed session” Meredith Dees made a second. The motion was passed.
Once back in open session, Meredith Dees made a motion to approve a Revolving Loan in the amount of \$40,000 to Wright Appliance Center LLC& Timothy Wright for a 5-year term with 0% interest inclusive of any fees levied by Pioneer Bank. Jackie Elliot to second the motion. Motion was passed unanimously.

PAGE COUNTY ED UPDATES

Nina reported that she and her team are catching up on projects and that her team has really done a great job of keeping things moving in her short absence. She mentioned that there were 2 recent items that she thought may be good for future discussion and partnership. One was the Economic Development Strategic Plan. Would like to involve potentially 2 members of the EDA in the planning/brainstorming process similar to the way the Tourism Council developed a plan. The second thing was to keep our pulse on affordable housing as a way that the EDA can support and collaborate on initiatives that serve our community.

COMMENTS BY THE PUBLIC

No members of the public present

ADJOURN

Motion to Adjourn by Missie Deibert at 6:41pm