



Grayson County Economic Development Authority

P. O. Box 217; Independence, VA 24348

July 28, 2020

MEETING MINUTES

Via Teleconference (Zoom Meeting)

Members Present

Ricky F. Anderson
Larry D. Osborne
William F. Halsey
Joseph M. Killon
Gregory Webb
Johnny M. Dickson, Sr

Staff Present

Mitchell L. Smith
Leesa A. Gayheart
Carl Caudill, II
Linda C. Osborne
Deb A. Jones, Grant Writer

Members Absent

William L. Shepley

Guests

Chris Butler
Erin Cox

OPEN MEETING & ROLL CALL

Mr. Anderson, Chair, officially opened the meeting and called the roll and determined a quorum is present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Anderson noticed a typo in the minutes under the financial section. Mrs. Osborne noted she would get the error corrected and send out the newly corrected minutes to the members. Mr. Killon made the motion to approve the minutes, once corrected, from the June 25, 2020 meeting; duly seconded by Mr. Osborne. Motion carried 6-0.

Mr. Smith noted that it's mentioned in the minutes regarding a list of empty buildings and if the county has such a list. Mr. Smith stated he has checked with VIAA (Virginia Industrial Alliance Association) and they do have a list, but it only has the footprints of the industrial park(s). Mr. Smith stated that if anyone has any information on empty/vacant buildings to please get the information to Mr. Caudill and he can compile a list with building details.

FINANCIAL REPORT

None

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

CARES Act – Small Business Recovery Funding

- ❖ Mrs. Gayheart noted the following:
 - This meeting is specifically for the CARES Act and we have found out all the grants will need to go through the EDA fund. The EDA fund will be reimbursed through the CARES Act. Mr. Webb inquired if there are any plans to direct this grant money towards any specific business? Mrs. Gayheart noted the application was designed for small businesses in Grayson County with up to 25 employees through the Small Business Recovery Committee. Mr. Butler stated the small businesses had to be current on their taxes and in business prior to the pandemic. The small businesses that didn't qualify for the PPP (Paycheck Protection Program) was given a two (2) day head start on submitting the applications to try and help them acquire help. After the two (2) head start, any business in the county could apply. Currently there are 95 checks that will be sent out which totals approximately \$285,000. Mr. Butler noted that out of the \$300,000 the Board of Supervisors approved, \$299,500 has been spoken for out of 103 small businesses in the county. After no more questions or comments, Mr. Dickson made the motion to approve the follow through with the CARES Act funding; duly seconded by Mr. Osborne. Roll call vote as follows: Mr. Anderson – abstained (conflict of interest); Mr. Osborne – aye; Mr. Halsey – aye; Mr. Killon – aye; Mr. Webb – Aye; Mr. Dickson – aye. Motion carried with one (1) abstention.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

ADJOURN

Mr. Osborne made the motion to adjourn; duly seconded by Mr. Killon. Motion carried 6-0.

After adjournment of the meeting, the EDA Board Members and staff participated in an EDA Training (by zoom) led by Sandi McNinch of the Virginia Economic Development Authority.