

# THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF STAFFORD COUNTY, VIRGINIA

## REGULAR BIMONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

March 14, 2008

### 1. CALL TO ORDER

The regularly scheduled bimonthly meeting of The Economic Development Authority (EDA), of Stafford County, Virginia was held on March 14, 2008 in the Board Chambers of the Stafford County Government Center located at 1300 Courthouse Road Stafford, Virginia at 1:30 P.M. A quorum was present.

#### Members Present

Don Newlin	Chairman
Edward Hontz	Vice Chairman (arrived late)
Joel Griffin	
Jo Knight	
Mark Safferstone	
Wendy Surman	
Jack Rowley	

#### Members Absent

None

#### Also Present:

Tim Barody	Secretary
Robert Carter	Treasurer
Charlie Payne	EDA Counsel
Paul Milde	Board of Supervisors
Brad Johnson	Redevelopment Manager
Rick Brehm	Vice President Administrative Service for GCC
Bill Fiege	Dean of Instruction, GCC

### 2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion for approval of the January 11, 2008 Regular Meeting Minutes was made by Ms. Knight. Mr. Rowley seconded the motion.

**VOTE:** 6-0 approved

Minutes for the February 8, 2008 Special Meeting were discussed. Mr. Rowley didn't feel the minutes reflected the true meeting. He requested adding comments from his email. The minutes will be corrected to add Mr. Rowley's comments. Mr. Griffin moved to approve the corrected minutes. Mr. Rowley seconded the motion.

**VOTE:** 6 - 0 approved

### 3. PUBLIC PRESENTATION

None

**4. TREASURER'S REPORT**

- February 10, 2008 – Balance \$872,619.89
- March 10, 2008 – Balance \$857,110.18
- A motion was made by Mr. Rowley to accept the Treasurer's reports. Ms. Knight seconded the motion.

**VOTE:** 6-0 approved

**5. SECRETARY'S REPORT**

Mr. Baroody updated the Authority on the department's activities.

- Mr. Baroody informed the Authority that the department's bi-annual Newsletter work is complete and the January edition is out. VEC reported Stafford county's rank in the Commonwealth from 2002-2007 was 2<sup>nd</sup> in Wage Growth, 3<sup>rd</sup> in Job Growth, and 4<sup>th</sup> in Business Growth. He also quoted Forbes.com naming Stafford County "The Best Place to Get Ahead" in the country. The BRE kickoff was held on March 7, 2008 and was well attended. The Business Appreciation Luncheon will be held on May 15, 2008 and recommended Anthony Romenello as the Keynote speaker.

**6. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

None

**7. COMMITTEE REPORT**

Mr. Rick Brehm, VP of Administrative Services for GCC spoke about the college.

Germanna Community College is looking in Stafford County for additional facility space due to extreme growth in the school. GCC is asking for any assistance financially and/or a donation of land. They would like the Authority to consider either form of assistance and/or help in networking to find individuals to help with their costs.

Chairman asked for a resolution of support for GCC to locate in Stafford. Ms. Knight made the motion, seconded by Mr. Griffen. Mr. Hontz, Mr. Rowley and Mr. Safferstone abstained from the vote.

**VOTE:** 4-0 approved

**8. OLD BUSINESS**

- Dr. Safferstone updated the Authority on the status of the Immigration Task Force.
- Globe and Laurel Update: Going well, plans are complete and the lease is almost complete as well.

**9. NEW BUSINESS**

Redevelopment update – Brad Johnson – Courthouse Area

Brad Johnson Stafford County Redevelopment Manager gave the Authority an update on the Courthouse area. The Falmouth Forum is scheduled for Thursday, April 24, 2008 at Belmont.

Mr. Baroody elaborated a bit on the new Stafford Hospital Center and the plan to aid with traffic in the Courthouse area.

Mr. Baroody asked if the Authority would like to have a 2008 Annual Report. Mr. Hontz made a motion to approve the cost for the EDA 2008 Report not to exceed \$7000, seconded by Mr. Surman.

**VOTE:** 7-0 Approved

The EDA will plan a work session for April 11, 2008 in the Economic Development Conference Room to discuss Germanna Community College.

**10. ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

None

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business brought before the EDA, Mr. Newlin adjourned the meeting at 2:40P.M. to the Regular Meeting on Friday, May 9, 2008.

**MINUTES SUBMITTED BY:**

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Tim Baroody  
EDA Secretary

**MINUTES APPROVED BY:**

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Don Newlin  
EDA Chairman

