

A G E N D A

INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF THE COUNTY OF AUGUSTA, VIRGINIA

THURSDAY, JANUARY 19, 2012, AT 11:00 A.M.

1. **MINUTES**
Approve minutes of the October 20, 2011 meeting. (See attached)
2. **AUDIT**
Consider acceptance of audit by Robinson, Farmer, Cox Associates for year ending June 30, 2011. (See attached)
3. **MATTERS FROM BOARD**
4. **MATTERS FROM STAFF** - Economic Development update

- PRESENT: H. Joseph Williams, Jr., Chairman
S. Edward Craun
Frederick C. McNeil
Alphonso P. Boxley, III
Nancy C. Marshall, Secretary
- OTHERS: Dennis Burnett, Economic Development Director
Patrick J. Morgan, County Attorney
Timothy Fitzgerald, Director of Community Development
- ABSENT: Randolph B. Roller, John B. Bowers, Berkley C. Gray, Jennifer Whetzel,
Treasurer

VIRGINIA: At a regular meeting of the
Industrial Development Authority
of the County of Augusta, VA.,
held on Thursday, October 20, 2011,
at 11:00 a.m., at the Government
Center, Verona, VA., and in the
235th year of the Commonwealth.....

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Meeting was called to order by Chairman who welcomed everyone. The Chairman commented that he liked the detail in the minutes which he assumed was a result of now recording them.

MINUTES

The Chairman noted the first item of business is the minutes of the July 21, 2011 meeting. Mr. Craun moved, seconded by Mr. Boxley, that they be approved as presented.

Vote was as follows: Yeas: Williams, Craun, McNeil, and Boxley

Nays: None

Absent: Randolph P. Roller, John B. Bowers, Berkley C. Gray

Motion carried.

CHESAPEAKE BAY WATERSHED IMPROVEMENT PLAN

The Chairman asked if everyone had received Mr. Craun's email regarding the Environmental Protection Agency's Chesapeake Bay Watershed Improvement Plan and turned the meeting over to Mr. Burnett.

Mr. Burnett thanked Mr. Craun for his comments and advised him that his thoughts were shared by many. He advised that we were fortunate to have Timmy Fitzgerald, Director of Community Development who has much more expertise on this subject matter. Mr. Fitzgerald distributed a copy of the latest EPA reduction goals just received this past week for Augusta County. He does have the capability to obtain figures for all counties in the State, but these figures are for Augusta County only. The Community Development Department has been to a couple of training sessions talking about reduction goals. They now have a computer tool called VAST that will permit going in and look at acreages and do some changing around to see what you come up with. Mr. Fitzgerald stated that they expect to have some training on this system sometime next week. Considerable discussion followed on the EPA demands for the watershed improvement plan. Mr. Fitzgerald reported the EPA is relying on Augusta County to verify acreages to the State as they work on Phase 2. The County and Extension Agent will work as a team. The Board members felt Augusta County needed to look at this issue and figure out what is best for Augusta County. They were assured the Board was very cognizant of the issue. Mr. Craun moved, seconded by Mr. Boxley that the EDA write a letter to the Board of Supervisors expressing their concerns about the economic threat of our farmland and industry, primarily poultry industry, and the protection and propagation of wildlife in our County instead of solely focusing on water quality and aquatic life.

Vote was as follows: Yeas: Williams, Craun, McNeil, and Boxley

Nays: None

Absent: Randolph P. Roller, John B. Bowers, Berkley C. Gray

Motion carried.

Chairman Williams thanked Mr. Craun for his work on this cause and for sharing his concerns with the Board.

CHANGE OF NAME

Nancy Marshall, Secretary, reported that all bank accounts have been changed to Economic Development Authority. The Internal Revenue Service has been notified to change the name for the employer identification number, but no confirmation has been received from them.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

Mill Place – as you are aware the County agreed to convey 10± acres to the EDA for a shell building facility. We have had a lot of interest. The County did not put the land out for bid for hay. They did have the property bush hogged. Mr. Burnett reported that he and Mr. Morgan have been working on an RFP for the shell building. There has been a lot of interest from the State in this project as there aren't a lot of empty buildings. The RFP will be issued for a 50,000 to 75,000 square foot building. The RFP would be presented to this Board.

Mr. Burnett has another prospective purchaser who has made an offer to purchase a portion of the property. Mr. Burnett's concern is that he suspects he basically wants to land bank the property. We want to see his plan of development.

Project Big Forest would provide about 100 jobs. We are competing with Kentucky and Tennessee and a couple of other Virginia sites on this one. Mr. Burnett feels we are probably in the top five on this one.

There are a couple of other projects he is working on --- one being in the Weyers Cave area. He is working with the group that bought property in Rockingham and then their request for a permit was turned down. It would be for a USDA slaughterhouse.

A part of the Shoffner property has been sold.

The State has hired an international business manager who has chosen Augusta County for an office.

Other projects moving along are Augusta Market Place, Maple Ridge and Myers Corner. Augusta Market Place has filed their Erosion & Sediment Control plan with the County and Myers Corner has sold another lot to an orthodontist.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Authority, Craun moved, seconded by Mr. McNeil, the meeting be adjourned subject to call of the Chairman.

Vote was as follows: Yeas: Williams, Craun, McNeil, and Boxley

Nays: None

Absent: Randolph P. Roller, John B. Bowers, Berkley C. Gray

Motion carried.