

The Carroll County Economic Development Authority held its regular monthly meeting on Monday, Dec. 2, 2019 at the Carroll County Governmental Complex in Hillsville.

Members present: Chairman Ricky Thomas, Vice Chairman Richard Sowers, Larry Edwards, Mandi McCraw, Ronnie Collins, Kay Carter and Secretary Larry Chambers.

Also, IDA Treasurer Sandy West, and Cellell Dalton, interim county administrator.

VIAA Presentation

Josh Lewis, executive director of Virginia's Industrial Advancement Alliance, gave a presentation to the EDA.

Lewis said the alliance is one of 18 located across the state that focuses on marketing and promoting the region. His office is located at Wytheville Community College.

The main focus of the VIAA is Virginia's I81/I77 Crossroads.

He said there are two possible prospects for Wildwood Commerce Park in Carroll County. He pledged his support to help locate an industry in Wildwood.

Minutes

Mr. Collins made the motion to approve the minutes of the Nov. 4, 2019 meeting as submitted. Mr. Edwards seconded the motion, which was approved by a 7-0 vote.

Treasurer's Report

Mr. Edwards made the motion to approve the treasurer's report presented by Ms. West. Mr. Chambers seconded the motion and approved by a 7-0 vote.

Claims Report

Mr. Chambers made the motion to approve the monthly claims presented by Ms. West. Mr. Collins seconded the motion and approved by a 7-0 vote.

Closed Meeting

Upon a motion by Mr. Collins, seconded by Mr. Sowers and approved by a 7-0 vote, the Authority entered into a closed session pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711 (Section A.5 for Economic Development).

Certification

On a motion by Mr. Chambers, seconded by Mr. Collins and approved by a 7-0 vote, the EDA returned to regular session and adopted the following resolution.

WHEREAS, the Carroll County Economic Development Authority convened a Closed Session on Dec. 2, 2019, pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote and on the motion to close the meeting in accordance with the Virginia Freedom of Information Act;

WHEREAS, Section 2.2-3711 (D) of the Code of Virginia requires a certification by the Board of Directors that such Closed Session was conducted in conformity with Virginia law;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Carroll County Economic Development Authority hereby certifies that, to the best of each member's knowledge, (I) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act were heard, discussed or considered in the Closed Session to which this certification applies, and (II) only such business matters as were identified in the motion by which this Closed Session was convened were heard, discussed, or considered in the meeting to which this certification applies.

Updates

Mr. Dalton provided updates on several ongoing projects, including the Go Virginia grant.

New Meeting Time

Effective with the January meeting, the EDA will meet at 5 p.m. each month instead of 4 p.m.

Strategic Plan

Chairman Thomas asked board member Ronnie Collins to head up the strategic plan that is being developed for the EDA. He wants Mr. Collins to work with Thomas, members of the Board of Supervisors, Carroll County Schools and other groups. Collins was asked to give a report at the February meeting of the EDA.

Adjournment

Ms. McCraw made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Collins and approved by a 7-0 vote.

NOTE: The next meeting of the EDA will be held at 5 p.m., Monday, Jan. 6, 2020 at the Carroll County Governmental Complex.