

The Carroll County Economic Development Authority held its regular monthly meeting on Monday, Oct. 7, 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 Cellel Dalton, acting county administrator.

Board members welcomed Kay Carter, branch manager of Skyline National Bank in Hillsville, as a new member of the board.

### **Export Presentation**

Diane Thomas, international trade manager, international trade, for the Virginia Economic Development Partnership, presented a program about exports and how her office works with businesses who want to export their products.

She pointed out that 49,000 companies were currently enrolled in the international trade program.

She said her office provides a lot of assistance for the multi-billion dollar export business and offered her help to Carroll County.

### **Claims Report**

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

### **Citizen Time**

Markel Cochran attended the meeting and received information from Chairman Ricky Thomas concerning questions he asked at the September meeting.

### **Minutes**

Mr. Edwards made the motion to approve the minutes of the Sept. 16, 2019 meeting as submitted. Mr. Collins seconded the motion, which was approved by a 7-0 vote.

### **Closed Meeting**

Upon a motion by Mr. Sowers, seconded by Mr. Collins and approved by a 7-0 vote, the Authority entered into a closed session pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711 (Section A.3 for acquisition or disposition of real property and Section A.5 for economic development).

### **Return to Regular Session – Certification**

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

WHEREAS, the Authority has convened a closed session on this date pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote and in accordance with the provisions of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act; and

WHEREAS, Section 2.1-3711 (A.3 Acquisition or Disposition of Real Property and Section A.5 for economic development) of the Code of Virginia requires a certification by this Authority that such closed meeting was conducted in conformity with Virginia law.

**Treasurer's Report**

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

**Tree Request**

At the Sept. 16 meeting, Jennifer Hawks, vice-president of finance and administration for Virginia Produce, asked for permission, at no cost to the county, to remove wild cherry and white pine trees from the Guynn Farm, which they lease from the county.

Chairman Thomas reported that he met with Moir Beamer to look at the trees and there were about 25 or more that Beamer wanted to cut.

Mr. Chambers made the motion to allow the trees to be cut, at no cost to the county. Mr. Edwards seconded the motion, which was approved by a 7-0 vote.

**Updates**

Mr. Dalton presented updates on several projects.

**Bank Account**

Mr. Collins made the motion to approve the Bank Account Best Practices program, requiring three signatures on checks and giving a fourth person the authority to view the accounts. Ms. McCraw seconded the motion and approved by a 7-0 vote.

At the conclusion of business, the EDA joined the Carroll County Board of Supervisors for a joint meeting to discuss a proposed strategic plan for the county prepared by Chairman Thomas.

The EDA and supervisors presented valuable information during the meeting.

No action was taken after the meeting.

**Adjournment**

Mr. Sowers made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Edwards and approved by a 7-0 vote.

**NOTE: The next meeting of the IDA will be held at 2 p.m., Monday, Nov. 4 at the Parkdale plant in Hillsville.**

