

MINUTES
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (EDA)
OF JAMES CITY COUNTY
101-D Mounts Bay Road, Williamsburg, VA 23185
September 22, 2015
4:00 PM

A. CALL TO ORDER

B. ROLL CALL

Board of Supervisors

Mary K. Jones, Berkeley District
John J. McGlennon, Roberts District
Kevin D. Onizuk, Vice-Chairman, Jamestown District
James G. Kennedy, Stonehouse District
Michael J. Hipple, Chairman, Powhatan District

Bryan J. Hill, County Administrator

Economic Development Authority

Marshall N. Warner, Chair – **ABSENT**
Robin B. Carson, Vice Chair
Thomas G. Tingle
Paul W. Gerhardt
Stephen H. Montgomery
Timothy G. Harris
Christopher Odle

Russell C. Seymour, Secretary to the EDA

Also Present

Maxwell Hlavin, Legal Counsel to the EDA
Michelle M. Gowdy, County Attorney
Kate Sipes, Assistant Director, Office of Economic Development

C. BOARD DISCUSSIONS

1. **Joint Work Session with Economic Development Authority (EDA)**

Ms. Carson took a moment to introduce the EDA Directors and expressed their appreciation for the opportunity to have this joint work session.

Mr. Montgomery highlighted the regional cooperation with York County and the City of Williamsburg with the creation of the Greater Williamsburg Partnership and Launchpad, the regional incubator.

Mr. Harris highlighted the shifts in prospect activity over the last year and the retention and expansion of existing businesses.

Mr. Seymour gave a brief overview of the upcoming Manufacturing Day event.

Mr. Tingle generally discussed the EDA's priorities going forward including the continuation of regional efforts, the development of new incentives, the identification and evaluation of sites for future development, the continuation of identifying meaningful

changes to regulations applicable to target industries and the EDA's participation in the Strategic Planning process.

General discussion ensued regarding how the EDA can participate in and assist with the County's strategic planning efforts and how the County continues to promote and attract industry to locate in the County.

Discussion continued regarding what the Board can do to help the EDA be more successful including what can be done to enhance the tools of the EDA.

Significant discussion ensued regarding land available for new industrial development and the concern for water capacity for economic development projects. A recommendation was made for a list of priority properties for industrial development and a determination of what will give the best return on investment for the County.

Mr. Hill recommended that these discussions be morphed into the strategic planning process.

Discussion continued regarding what the vision is of the County, what we want it to look like in 20 years and what is the role of economic development in that vision.

Mr. Hill recommended that the EDA continue to focus on business retention until the strategic planning process is concluded. Mr. Hipple and the Board generally agreed and recommended that these discussions on the priorities going forward be wrapped into the strategic plan.

Mr. Hipple thanked the EDA for its work and efforts in supporting the business community and the County.


Ms. Carson thanked the Board for the discussion and the insight and reiterated the EDA's desire to be part of the strategic planning process moving forward.

D. ADJOURNMENT


Mr. Harris made a motion to adjourn the EDA, which was seconded by Mr. Montgomery.

The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

At 5:02 p.m., Ms. Carson adjourned the EDA.



Marshall Warner, Chair



Russell C. Seymour, Secretary