

MINUTES

**KING WILLIAM COUNTY
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
July 13, 2016 – 6:00 P.M.**

The King William County Economic Development Authority meeting was called to order at 6:00pm with the following present:

James E. Boyer
Eugene L. Campbell, Jr.
Brian Hodges
Jay Brown
Benjamin Shumaker
Cecil Schools

The following Authority members were absent:

Travis Longest

Others in attendance:

K. Charles Griffin, County Administrator
Tori Rowsey – Executive Assistant, Operations

RE: Chairperson's Report

No Chairperson's report given.

RE: Old Business

Central Garage Pharmacy Update-

Mr. Griffin explained that this item was brought forward by Supervisor Ehrhart. Mr. Griffin explained that staff will do majority of the work to try and attract businesses and we will use Mr. Kelly's services to assist with any further needs beyond our capabilities. Mr. Hodges stated that he was ok with using Mr. Kelly's services as long as we have a statement of work showing what we will be paying for. Mr. Hodges also expressed that a rural community may not support a chain pharmacy.

Mr. Griffin explained that staff had reached out to KW Pharmacy, but they were not interested in relocating or expanding at this time.

Commerce Park Update-

Mr. Griffin explained that are multiple phases of the Commerce Park. It has been 12 years since the road was supposed to be completed. The County Attorney is now working on the road issues and Mr. Griffin stated that he hoped to have that resolved in six month to a year. Mr. Griffin wants to allow time for the road issues to be resolves before moving forward with Utilities.

Mr. Hodges brought up the fact that the county does not own any of the Commerce Park, he expressed his concern that he felt that the County should move forward with road issues and utilities at the same time. Mr. Hodges reiterated that in order to bring businesses in the county, we will need to invest in helping bring them here.

Mr. Griffin suggested he could develop come cost estimates to present to the board to help them understand what a benefit it could be to the county, if we were to get businesses in the Commerce Park. By a consensus of the Authority, Mr. Griffin was directed to work with an engineering firm to come up with a cost estimate.

Mr. Brown suggested a meeting with the board members or asked to have a representative from the board as part of the EDA. By a consensus of the Authority, they would like the Board of Supervisors to consider having a member sit on the EDA.

RE: New Business

Broadband

Mr. Griffin provided an update on the VA Tech Study that was done. He explained that it recommends a fixed wireless solution to suit our county's needs. Mr Griffin explained that he met with King & Queen County and that we may be able to cooperate with them. King & Queen consultant would like us to have our own backhaul for internet services.

Mr. Hodges expressed concern with the data amount and if it would be sufficient. Mr. Griffin stated that he hoped to have more information from King & Queen at the next meeting.

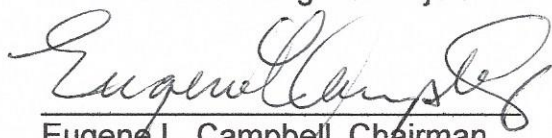
Mr. Shumaker asked for an update on the Comp Plan workshops that were held & Mr. Griffin provided a brief summary of how all three went.

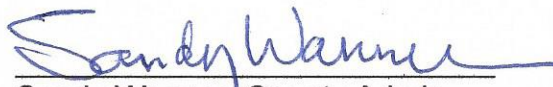
RE: Next EDA Meeting

October 12, 2016 @ 6:00pm

RE: Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:30 pm.


Eugene L. Campbell, Chairman


Sandy Wanner, County Admin
Secretary/Treasurer