

**Minutes of
The Economic Development Authority
Of the County of Accomack, Virginia**

**The Economic Development Authority met in the Conference Room of the
Accomack County Airport Terminal Building, on Tuesday, September 10, 2013 at 9:00 A.M.**

Members Present: Robert Bloxom, Vice-Chairman
 Irene Davis
 Shirley Zamora
 Ira Ashby-Hope
 Wesley Edwards
 Calvert Seybolt

Members Absent: John LeCato

Others Present: Rich Morrison, Director of Planning
 Mark Taylor, County Attorney
 Lynn Sherwood, Airport Departmental Secretary

Call to Order

The EDA meeting was called to order at 9:04 a.m. by Vice-Chairman Bloxom.

Mr. Bloxom welcomed Mr. Seybolt to the EDA.

Public Comment

There was no public in attendance.

Approval of August 13, 2013 Minutes

Ms. Zamora made a motion to accept the August 13, 2013 minutes; Ms. Ashby-Hope seconded the motion; the motion was approved.

Treasurer's Report

Mr. Edwards said that there was \$16,517.18 in the bank account and he would check on the money that was approved by the Board of Supervisors (BoS) to see when it would be deposited. Mr. Edwards also said that he had a bill for the mowing and the reimbursement to the

County for previously paid expenses. Ms. Zamora moved to accept the Treasurer's report; Ms. Ashby-Hope seconded the motion; the motion was approved.

Informational Report from Chairman and Members

Mr. Bloxom said that DelMonte was coming to the Shore and had purchased several properties. Mr. Bloxom also said that Lipman was closing its operation in Princess Anne and would be moving the operation to Mappsville.

Ms. Zamora said that she had spoken with Eddie Swain about space tourism and that there needs to be a regional effort with Maryland and Delaware. Ms. Zamora said that many people travel to the Shore to watch the rocket launches and need other activities while they are here. Mr. Edwards said that the EDA should be involved in state organizations in order to obtain additional funding.

Mr. Seybolt said that he was the Chairman of Chincoteague Island Arts Organization which has purchased the theater and is prepared to go digital since 35mm film will no longer be available. Mr. Seybolt also discussed the consolidation of the lumber mills on the Shore and the need for more mills. A lengthy discussion ensued.

Mr. Morrison suggested talking with Stephanie Slocom regarding the space tourism. Mr. Morrison also said the County acquisition of the Jones Lumber Mill property was almost complete. Mr. Morrison said that the Board of Supervisors (BoS) needs to approve a franchise agreement for the gas line.

Marketing Strategies

Ms. Davis said that she had sent the ad for the Chincoteague tourism guide to the EDA members to review. A discussion ensued. Ms. Davis asked Mr. Edwards to keep records of the costs of advertising.

Mr. Edwards said that BaySys was now operating out of Newport News under a different company name.

Mr. Taylor arrived at 9:35.

Ms. Davis said that the request to bid had gone out for the EDA brochure. Ms. Davis asked for suggestions for the brochure. A discussion ensued. Mr. Edwards made a motion to accept the changes; Ms. Ashby-Hope seconded the motion; the motion was approved.

Ms. Davis read a list of businesses that bids had been requested from and said that it had to go thru the County purchasing department.

Mr. Edwards asked about a franchise agreement with the gas company. Mr. Taylor said that he didn't believe that one was needed and was waiting on what the company wanted so that it could be done.

Mr. Taylor said that he had an invoice from Shore Title for \$202 for a deed search for the Truss Tech land sale.

Adjournment

Ms. Davis made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Ms. Zamora seconded the motion; the motion was approved. The meeting adjourned at 9:55 a.m.



**Robert Bloxom, Vice-Chairman
Economic Development Authority**

10-8-13
Date