

Chair Joe Wood opened its regularly scheduled meeting at Bath County library Wednesday, November 13, 2019 at 6:00 PM and led all in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members in attendance: Tommy Black, John Fischer, Ramona Garcia, Pat Haynes, Tom Richardson, and Joe Wood.

Staff: EDA Attorney Chris Singleton and County Administrator Ashton Harrison

Guests: Mike Bollinger (The Recorder)

Closed Session

~~Shaver~~^{Garcia} moved, seconded by Haynes, approved by all to enter into **closed session** pursuant to (1) Virginia Code 2.2-3711 (A3) discussion of the disposition of publicly held real property where discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of the public body and (2) Section 2.2-3711.A.5 discussion concerning a prospective business or industry where no previous announcement has been made of the business' or industry's interest in locating its facilities in the community .

After exiting closed session, upon polling by Chair Wood, all affirmed that nothing outside subjects pursuant to Code 2.2-3711 (A3) and (A5) was discussed during closed session.

Agenda - Previously distributed **Agenda** as amended to expand closed session was approved unanimously.

New Business: Richardson attended a recent Alleghany Highlands tourism meeting and he reported that some concerns had been raised by National Forest Service's Recreation Program Manager about Lake Moomaw's facility contract. The contractor, Royal Elk Park Management may be exiting the contract this coming year and it might take an eighteen month process to replace them. Richardson said that Bath Chamber of Commerce will follow NFS' management regarding that important tourism asset with interest.

Minutes of the previous meeting as previously distributed were motioned by Black for approval, seconded by Haynes and approved by all.

Legal Counsel Report: Attorney Singleton reported receiving as yet no communication from Send the Light Ministries regarding their LOI. Chair Wood appointed Attorney Singleton to contact the pastor the pastor to meet with EDA in closed session in December.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Haynes presented bills and cash position, and reported receipt from BlueGrass Woods for additional payment for electrical renovations. Black motioned, seconded by Garcia to approve the report which was then approved by all.

Capital Improvement Plan Committee – Chair Wood observed that BlueGrass Woods has been complying with funding their agreed scope of lighting fixture replacements.

Old Business:

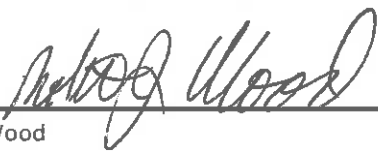
Fischer reported on his attending Bath High School's Mertz Technical and Vocation council meeting, consisting of teachers, administrators and students. The ongoing technical education programs including national competitions in energy, robotics and cyber security appear worthy of future EDA grant support. Of economic significance also was the degree of formal collaborative technical courses with DSLCC conveniently available at no cost to Bath students.

Harrison reported on an opportunity to review wetlands solutions for EDA's industrial park. Chair Wood invited Harrison to report on that and at the same time all other site development requirements in order to raise Bath's industrial park site to a Level 3 classification.


The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

John Fischer, Secretary

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Joe Wood
Chair

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John Fischer
Secretary