

EDA Meeting Minutes- Sept 15, 2021

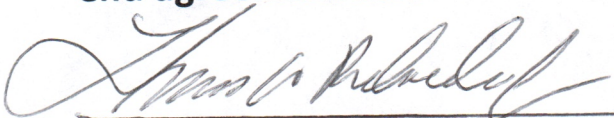
Present at Meeting – Joe Wood – Chair, Dave Hahn – Vice Chair, Pat Haynes – Treasurer, and Tom Richardson – Secretary (Via Zoom)

Absent – Shawn Puller, Ramona Garcia and Bruce McWilliams

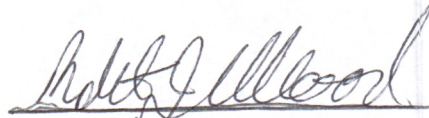
Guests: Ashton Harrison – County Administrator, Austin Hall – The Recorder, Chris Singleton – Attorney, and members from The Bath County Planning Commission.

At 6:04pm The meeting was called to order by Joe Wood with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Joe Wood thanked the members of the planning commission for coming to the meeting and opened the meeting up to a discussion about Short Term rentals vs Long Term Housing. The following 1 hour and 14 minute conversation covered a multitude of thoughts, issues, and suggestions ranging from restrictions, regulations, enforcement, collection of Lodging Tax, the profitability of renting ones property out short term vs. long term, the thought that the County as a whole needs to take a hard look in the mirror and decide what it is, and what exactly is causing the County's continuous decline in population (to which Chris Singleton suggested has been ongoing for 100 years). The end agreement after 1 hour and 14 minutes was that the County



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Chairman

Following the discussion, Chair Wood again thanked the Members of the Planning Commission and released them from the meeting.

Additional EDA business taken care of is as follows:

Old Business: Dave H presented the results of the first round of the EDA Small Business Incentive grants for New/and Expanding Small Businesses. Les Cochon D'or was awarded a level 1 grant in the amount of \$10,000 and Roberts Grocery was awarded a level 2 grant in the amount of \$5000. The motion to award the grants and write the checks was put out by Pat H. and seconded by Dave H. and approved 4-0 with 3 absent.

Legal Council report: Nothing new to report

Treasurer's report : Pat H. presented the current financials for the EDA. Dave H. motioned to approve with a 2nd by Pat H. Approved 4-0 with 3 absent.

Minutes from the previous meeting in August were not considered or approved at this meeting and will need to be considered and approved at the October meeting.

At 7:34 Dave H. motioned to adjourn with a 2nd from Pat H. Passed 4-0 with 3 absent.

The next scheduled meeting for the EDA will be Wednesday October 13 at 6:00pm at the Bath County Historical Society.

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