



TOWN OF APPOMATTOX TOWN COUNCIL ACTION FORM

Order of Business:

- ☐ Consent Agenda
- ☐ Public Hearing
- ☐ Presentation-Boards/Commissions
- ☐ Unfinished Business
- ☐ Citizen/Councilor Request
- ☒ Regular Business
- ☐ Reports of Council Committees

Action:

- ☐ Approve and File
- ☒ Take Appropriate Action
- ☐ Receive & File (no motion required)
- ☐ Approve Ordinance 1st Reading
- ☐ Approve Ordinance 2nd Reading
- ☐ Set a Public Hearing
- ☐ Approve on Emergency Measure

COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM TITLE: Appointment of Samantha Morton to the Town of Appomattox Economic Develop Authority

ISSUE: A vacancy currently exists on the EDA following the resignation of an EDA member.

RECOMMENDATION: Council is requested to consider the appointment of Samantha Morton to fill the vacant position expiring December 31, 2029.

TIMING: Requested for consideration at October 27, 2026, Workshop Meeting.

ISSUE: A vacancy currently exists on the EDA following the resignation of Ronald Coleman. After interviewing three (3) candidates at the October 14, 2026 EDA meeting, the EDA recommends the appointment of Samantha Morton to fill the vacant position expiring December 31, 2029.

ENCLOSED DOCUMENTS: EDA minutes

STAFF/SPONSOR: Michael Campbell for the EDA

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MOTION: _____

SUMMARY:

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- ☐ ☐ Councilor Timothy W. Garrett
- ☐ ☐ Councilor Jack Hensley
- ☐ ☐ Councilor James Boyce, Sr.
- ☐ ☐ Councilor McKinley Cardwell

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- ☐ ☐ Councilor Danielle Ulmer
- ☐ ☐ Councilor Mary Lou Spiggle
- ☐ ☐ Mayor Richard Conner (If required)

1 | **Economic Development Authority
Town of Appomattox, Virginia
October 14, 2026**

A meeting of the Economic Development Authority of the Town of Appomattox was held on Wednesday, October 14, 2026, at 6:30 p.m. at the Appomattox Municipal Building, 210 Linden Street, Appomattox, Virginia.

Members present: Mr. James J. Boyce, Sr., Dr. Zamora Crawford Olin, Mrs. Donna Preston, Ms. Mary Lou Spiggle

Members absent: none

Others: Christy Torrence, Office Manager; Michael Campbell, Town Manager; Mary Beth Primm; owner APX; Samantha Morton

Chairman Zamora Olin called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Christy Torrence requested an amendment to the agenda to include the reading of a resignation letter.

Approval of the Agenda:

On a motion made by James Boyce, seconded by Marylou Spiggle, all members approved an amended agenda to include the addition. All members voted aye.

Approval of Minutes:

All members approved the minutes from the September 8, 2026, meeting as presented.

Financial Report:

The Town Economic Development Authority received the Financial Report with a balance of \$10,094.26 as of September 30, 2026.

New Business:

Mary Beth Primm, owner of APX-Appomattox Pursuing Christ, introduced her new business which is geared towards middle school aged children. It will be a place for children to interact with other children after school Mon-Fri, 3pm-6pm and 5pm-7pm on Sundays. The EDA asked Mary Beth what her greatest need was currently and she said sponsorships so that she wouldn't have to turn anyone away. Michael Campbell asked her if she had tried to pursue non-profit status and she said she had but it was time consuming, so she got started without it. The EDA determined that the best way to help Mary Beth would be to assist in obtaining non-profit status.

Christy Torrence read into the record a resignation letter submitted by Kiva Preston via email on October 12, 2026.

Closed Session:

On a motion by Mary Lou Spiggle, seconded by Donna Preston the Council voted to convene in closed session for the purpose of discussion, consideration, or interviews of specific candidates for appointment to the Economic Development Authority, specifically being candidates A-D pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711(A)(1).

Roll call vote:
Crawford-Olin-yes
Preston-yes
Boyce-yes
Spiggle-yes

The meeting was re-opened to the public.

EDA member Mary Lou Spiggle made the following motion:

To the best of each member's knowledge, the only subjects just discussed or considered in the preceding closed meeting were those: (i) lawfully exempted from the FOIA Act's open-meeting requirements and (ii) properly identified in the motion that convened the closed meeting, pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711(A)."

The motion was seconded by EDA member Donna Preston, and the Economic Development Authority recorded vote adopted the motion:

Roll call vote:

Crawford-Olin-yes
Preston-yes
Boyce-yes
Spiggle-yes

On a motion by Zamora Crawford-Olin, seconded by Donna Preston, the EDA voted to recommend that council appoint Tammey Etheredge to Kenny Gobble's unexpired term ending December 31, 2028. All members present voted aye.

On a motion by Zamora Crawford-Olin, seconded by James Boyce, the EDA voted to recommend that council appoint Samantha Morton to Ronald Coleman's unexpired term ending December 31, 2029. All members present voted aye.

Zamora Crawford-Olin suggested that Wendy Boswell be offered an opportunity to serve on the ROSE board. She asked Christy Torrence to reach out to her to determine her interest.

Adjournment

At 8:30 pm, the meeting was adjourned due to the loss of a quorum following the departure of a member. As a result, items 5 and 6 under Unfinished Business were not addressed.