

A meeting of the Economic Development Authority of the Town of Appomattox was held on December 10, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. at the Appomattox Municipal Building, 210 Linden Street, Appomattox, Virginia.

Present: Dr. Jeffrey Garrett, Mrs. Donna Preston, Mr. Kenny Gobble, Mrs. Claudia Puckette, Ms. Mary Lou Spiggle, Mr. Ron Coleman

Absent: Ms. Kelsey Moore

Others present: Christy Torrence; Office Manager, Stephanie Keener (SBDC)

Dr. Garrett called the meeting to order.

Approval of the Agenda

On a motion by Ms. Spiggle, seconded by Ms. Puckette, the Town EDA voted to approve the agenda for December 10, 2024. All members present voting aye. Motion carried 6-0.

Approval of Minutes

On a motion by Mr. Gobble, seconded by Mr. Coleman, the Town EDA voted to approve the November 19, 2024, meeting minutes. All members present voting aye. Motion carried 6-0.

Financial Report

The Town EDA accepted the Financial Report of \$18,974.23 as of November 30, 2024.

Public Appearances:

Ms. Stephanie Keener from the Small Business Development Center (SBDC) presented an overview on the programs provided by the SBDC. She mentioned that the SBDC offers one on one free counseling for small business all the way from “I have an idea” to “I need to close my business.”

Unfinished Business:

Mrs. Torrence gave an update on Aspire Mental Health and Wellness. Ms Katrina Slagle was emailed on November 26 asking what changes she would like to see made to the incentive offer. She did not respond by the December 15 deadline. This offer is rescinded.

Mrs. Torrence presented EDA guidelines used by other surrounding localities to consider. The EDA will wait for the new town manager to start before putting any of these new guidelines into place.

The EDA discussed a potential offer for Aslan Castle ELC. Some ideas discussed were reimbursing the costs of fire and safety compliance after the CO was issued, waiving the fee for water connection if that is needed, waiving the deposit for water and sewer, and paying for signage. The EDA requested to see the sign permit before finalizing an agreement.

Ms. Torrence mentioned that she had not received any of the requested numbers from Paint Me Pretty Salon and Boutique.

With no further business, the EDA meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Christy Torrence
Office Manager

Dr. Jeffrey Garrett, Chairman