

March 9, 2020

**MEETING OF THE POWHATAN COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
HELD IN THE POWHATAN VILLAGE BUILDING CONFERENCE ROOM, 3910 OLD
BUCKINGHAM ROAD IN POWHATAN COUNTY, VIRGINIA, MARCH 9, 2020 AT 6:00 PM**

EDA Members Present: Sen. John Watkins, Chairman
Dan Jones, Vice-Chairman
Tim Benusa, Treasurer
Andrea Weber
Bob Gibson
Russ Holland, Jr
Matt Schiefer

Staff Members Present: Roxanne Salerno, Economic Development Program
Manager

Absent:

A. Call to Order

Chairman Watkins called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. and noted that all members were present with Mr. Gibson, who arrived at 6:04 p.m. A quorum was established.

B. Meeting Minutes from February 10th, 2020-

Mr. Jones motioned to approve the meeting minutes as presented. Mrs. Weber seconded the motion. Mr. Benusa, Mr. Schiefer, Mr. Jones, Mrs. Weber, Mr. Holland and Chairman Watkins voted AYE. **MOTION Passed (6/0).**

C. Treasurer's Report-

Mr. Benusa presented the Board with the Treasurer's report as to the current balances which is \$59,936.50 in the Certificate of Deposit account and \$7,300.48 in the Checking account from the last bank statement.

The board discussed the Habitat for Humanity contract as to where the contact was in years of the term.

D. Old Business-

a. Updates-

FBUC- Mrs. Salerno reported the latest update to the board in regards to the conversations about the Founders Bridge Utility Contract, which was discussed at the February 24th, 2020 meeting and determined that the Board of Supervisors would no longer pursue the agreement due to the contract not being in the best interest of the County. The Director of Public Works offered a report to anyone that was further

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interested. Chairman Watkins requested that the board be furnished with copies of the report.

E. New Business

a. **Economic Development Monthly Report for February 2020** – Mrs. Salerno presented the February report to the board with mention of certain highlights of interest and asked if there were any questions.

b. **Repurpose of Powhatan Middle School** – Economic Development Future Uses (Working session)

Mrs. Salerno discussed the project with the board giving the background of the discussion of the Board of Supervisors and Powhatan School Board at their joint meeting on February 24th, 2020. The history of the space and its current issues were discussed to assist the board in understanding the assessment of the building in its current state. The board decided that they would like further direction from the board of supervisors in regards to the direction for economic development before proceeding with possible suggestions.

F. Closed Session and Certification- No closed session needed.

G. Adjournment

There being no further business, Chairman Watkins moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Jones made the motion and Mr. Holland seconded the motion. Mr. Benusa, Mr. Schiefer, Mr. Gibson, Mr. Jones, Mrs. Weber, Mr. Holland and Chairman Watkins voted AYE. **MOTION Passed (7/0).**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:14 p.m.



Sen. John Watkins, Chairman
Economic Development Authority

8/2/20
Date



Roxanne Salerno, Secretary
Economic Development Authority

8/3/20
Date