

**Campbell County
Economic Commission
Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Committee**

October 18, 2007

The regular meeting of the Campbell County Economic Development Commission was held on Thursday, October 18, 2007 in the Campbell County Historic Courthouse Conference Room, Rustburg, Virginia.

Members Present:

O. Richard Metz, Chairman
J. Michael Davidson
Gary Cantwell
William Calohan
Kyle Rosser
William Anderson
Herbert Guthrie
G. Michael Damron
William Overacre

Also Present:

Rebecca Schwarz, Economic Development Administrative Assistant

Chairman Metz called the meeting to order at 12:12 pm. Upon review of the June 21, 2007 minutes, Mike Davidson noted that Ms. Cheryl Ayers' name was spelled incorrectly. The error will be changed accordingly. Upon review of the minutes, the June 21, 2007 Economic Development Commission meeting minutes were approved with edits.

Following approval of the minutes, Chairman Metz turned the meeting over to Mr. Davidson.

Matters from the Director:

// Mr. Davidson informed the Commission that Ms. Cheryl Ayers, Director of the Lynchburg College Center for Economic Education, would be speaking on the center's programs. Mr. Cantwell introduced Ms. Ayers, and Ms. Ayers then spoke to the Commission about economic education in the school system. She gave the Commission an overview of the purpose and function of the Center for Economic Education and distributed handouts on the center's programs. Among the programs that the center hosts are teacher and parent workshops and extracurricular economic education programs for children. She passed around examples of the materials and curriculum used to teach some of the workshops. A question and answer session followed her presentation. General discussion followed.

The Commission thanked Ms. Ayers for her presentation. The meeting was then turned back over to Mr. Davidson.

// Mr. Davidson asked the Commission if it had any questions about the Projects Update he mailed to the members, or if it had any other projects it wished to discuss. Mr. Damron asked about Phase II of the Dearing Ford Business and Manufacturing Center. Mr. Davidson told him

that the contract has been approved by the Board of Supervisors, and the road should be complete by December.

// Mr. Davidson next gave the Commission copies of the Economic Development Department Update. The update covers an 18 month period. He reviewed the update with the Commission. General discussion followed.

// Mr. Davidson reminded the Commission that the frequency of meetings has been changed. Beginning in 2008, the Economic Development Commission will meet in January, April, July, and October. He said the Commission can meet more frequently or change the meeting dates if it wishes to do so. The Commission needs to begin working on the implementation of the CEDS Update 2007. It also needs to become reconnected with the County planning process and with Region 2000.

The Commission approved by consensus the 2008 meeting schedule. Mr. Davidson then opened the floor to matters from the Commission members.

Matters from the County Administrator:

// Mr. Laurrell discussed the extension of the Concord waterline. The Board approved the project, and Mr. Laurrell advised the Commission of the plans, timeline, and funding of the project. General discussion followed.

Matters from Commission Members:

// Mr. Overacre commented that he believes the economic education discussed by Ms. Ayers during her presentation is a very important, critical issue. He would like Campbell County to stay ahead of things, rather than have to catch up its educational program. Mr. Laurrell recommended that the Economic Development Commission get on the agenda for the School Board. He suggested the Ms. Ayers give a 10 minute presentation at a School Board meeting on behalf of Campbell County and Economic Development. Mr. Cantwell said that he believes the EDC should draft a statement regarding the importance of these issues to Campbell County so that there is written documentation of the Commission position. General discussion followed regarding how the Commission plans to approach encouraging economic education in the county.

// Mr. Guthrie asked Mr. Davidson for an update on the Dan River plant in Brookneal. Mr. Davidson gave an overview of his knowledge on the project. General discussion followed.

// Mr. Damron discussed the regional water supply planning process being conducted by Draper Aden for local municipalities. General discussion followed.

// Mr. Metz said that this has been his last meeting on the Economic Development Commission, as he is moving to the Planning Commission. Richard Carroll has been appointed to fill his place on the Commission.

Following a general discussion of the aforementioned matters, and with no other items presented for consideration, the meeting adjourned at 1:22 pm.