

**Campbell County  
Economic Development Commission/CEDS Committee**

**November 12, 2015**

The regular meeting of the Campbell County Economic Development Commission was held on Thursday, November 12, 2015 in the Campbell County Citizen Services Building Conference Room, Rustburg, Virginia.

**Members Present:**

Richard Metz  
Hugh Bragg  
Richard Carroll  
Willie Jones  
Kevin Davis  
Frank Davis, CCUSA

**Also Present:**

Sarah Johnson, Program Manager, Economic Development  
Bre Davis, Administrative Assistant, Economic Development  
Kristin Wright, Campbell County Staff Attorney

**Member Absent:**

Lester Wooldridge, Chairman  
Scott Tweedy  
Robert Maslow  
William Anderson  
Kathy Carson

// Sarah Johnson called the meeting to order at 12:07 p.m.

// Mrs. Johnson asked the members if they had any comments or corrections to the minutes from the previous meeting, held on August 13, 2015. No corrections were made and a motion was made by Mr. Richard Metz and seconded by Mr. Willie Jones to approve the minutes.

Mrs. Johnson then gave the project updates:

**Industrial Prospect Activity/ Marketing**

New prospect activity has slowed but we continue to see activity from an existing businesses perspective.

- **310 Marketing-** We have completed the campaign with 310 marketing. We received 6 prospects of which we continue to work 3 projects. We anticipate starting a new campaign the first of the year.
  - **Hub Scrap** - The demo work has been temporarily stopped as the prices for the scrap metal & material has dropped.
  - **Wards Crossing West/Tom Comparato** – No update for this potential project
  - **Shentel** – Working on installing the new sign.
  - **Project Red Head** - The project is expected to commence in the Spring of 2016.
  - **Project Chilies-** In the final stages of acquiring building permits and should start construction soon. We expect a press release to be forth coming & ground breaking to occur in November.
- Frank Davis (CCUSA) – They broke ground this morning.

- **Southside Electric** – Still looking for a new site to relocate to.  
Willie Jones – Is Southside looking to remain in the town of Altavista or the general area?  
Sarah Johnson – I am not entirely sure but I will get back to you on that answer.
- **Project LEKTRO** - We are continuing to work with and explore options for this project.
- **BGF**- Is doing an expansion with Cap Ex at \$2.4 million, employment at 32 new jobs.
- **Schrader International**- Is doing an expansion with Cap Ex at \$3 million and while new employment is expected to increase most to the jobs will be contract/temporary.
- **Project Buckshot**- We are talking with an existing industry regarding an expansion project that could total up to \$47 million in new Cap Ex and 30 new employees.
- **Compliance Monitoring** - StarTek, final compliance has been confirmed and the last payment was made; still working on monitoring and verifying compliance for American Plastic Fabrication, Comfort Inn & Suites, Hampton Inn, and Banker Steel

#### **Seneca Commerce Park -**

There is some engineering work that has to be completed before preliminary site grading work can begin.

#### **Joint Airport Industrial property -**

The Preliminary Engineering Report for inside the fence at the airport is slated to be completed within 60-90 days. This report has implications for Project LEKTRO.

#### **Agriculture -**

Reimbursements are still being made for the Produce Grant. We have also submitted documentation for the Producer Support grant; the decision on grant approval will take place in January.

#### **Region 2000 LGC Agriculture Strategic Planning -**

The Food Hub project by the Local Government Council is underway.

#### **Existing Business Visitation -**

Existing business visitations were conducted to Schrader & BGF.

#### **Industrial Development Authority -**

The Banker Steel lease continues to work nicely.

#### **Brookneal Campbell County Airport -**

The Electrical Systems and Airfield Lighting project construction stage has been approved by the FAA and DOVA. The Electrical Rehab project notice to proceed will be given on November 9. The airport will be closed from November 23 to December 24, 2015.

#### **Tourism -**

We continue to market Tourism.

#### **Region 2000 Alliance -**

Mike is on the Region 2000 Alliance and Lynchburg Chamber of Commerce merger Task Force. A well-devised proposal is going to the Board of Directors of each organization with hopes that a decision will be made in December.

#### **Liberty University -**

We manage a quarterly meeting with Liberty University's Development Team to stay current with any plans for Development by the University. The most recent meeting took place in October.

## Unemployment- 2015

	Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
<b>County</b>	5.3%	5.4%	5.2%	4.7%	5.2%	5.4%	5.0%	4.6%	4.5%			
<b>State</b>	5.0%	5.0%	4.9%	4.5%	5.0%	5.0%	4.7%	4.3%	4.1%			
<b>US</b>	6.1%	5.8%	5.6%	5.1%	5.3%	5.5%	5.6%	5.2%	4.9%			

*VEC tracking shows 1,180 unemployed persons in Campbell County in September.*

### **Matters from the Economic Development Program Manager**

// Mrs. Johnson – I would like to turn it over to Kristen Wright, our Staff Attorney, to discuss the chapters of code that you were given.

Kristen Wright- I have taken the time to go through the code to be sure we know what can be changed and what is mandated by the state.

Chapter 13 – Health and Sanitation – Most of this is state mandated but we have recently inserted the section regarding drought. You can change this but we would not be able to tell people how to conserve water in the event that there was a drought.

Frank Davis (CCUSA) – We have that plan in place and it's necessary.

Kristen Wright - California had to use these types of measures this year. We have been fortunate that we haven't had that problem here but that could change and we will need to have those measures in place.

Livestock markets are not regulated by state law but we do regulate how closely they can be to wells and buildings and schools etc.

Bio-solids – This section is entirely optional in its length. There is almost nothing we can do to regulate bio solids with spreading or storage of bio solids in the county. This was passed because the community showed large support.

Willie Jones – What is in bio-solids?

Kristen Wright – Human excrement.

Willie Jones – It's also left over cell bodies of the bacteria that digest the waste water.

Kristen Wright – What else came of it was that people flush their medication and that poses an issue.

Also do we take it from other counties that don't have a place for it? There was a lot of concern that we would become a dumping ground for this. There are quite a few stringent state regulations that have to be applied. We don't regulate this, the state does but we don't. We are allowed to pass an ordinance that we watch where it is applied. We have an employee who goes and watches it be applied every time. I'm not sure you want to recommend this be repealed because of the citizen support.

Chapter 14 – License and Permits - A lot of this has been in the code for a long time. We have no requirement to have businesses have a license and pay a license fee; state law does not require that. We do require it and it's a source of revenue for the county.

Willie Jones – Can you explain Section 14.62?

Under state code we are allowed to regulate businesses and collect license tax from those businesses. Since we do it, we are required to do it the way the state says. We have copied that in its entirety. We are complying by state law. Some of these are a little dated but there are some sections that are regulated by the state because of the potential of stolen property and they have different records mandated by the state. We have those sections included so people can see the specific regulations. There are a few sections here that can be cut if you want to but it's a source of revenue for the county.

The state code language and it's not able to be changed.

Chapter 15 - Motor Vehicles and Traffic - Article 1 is copied directly from the state code. We don't collect a lot of revenue in parking tickets but there is some revenue generated in this manner. We are required to license county vehicles and pay the fee which is state managed. Abandoned vehicles and immobilized are regulated by the state; however, we don't have to have them in our code as well but we have it there so people will know what the state says.

Willie Jones – If you have the sections in there does it authorize county employees to take action?

Kristen Wright – Yes. But the Sheriff enforces state law as well. They can enforce them either way but they couldn't charge a person under the county ordinance, they would charge you under the state law. Most of the time they will still charge under the state law but yes you can choose to do it either way.

Kristen Wright - Article 6 & 7 in this chapter are two of the sections that I interact with the most. We do pursue people with nuisance cases. All of this is optional. State code allows it but it's not required. We can make it legal to have an automobile graveyard in your yard if you choose.

Chapter 16 - Offenses – Miscellaneous – These are all directly copied from state code. 16-7 is not state code, urinating and defecating in public, is not mandated by the state but we have that in our code.

Meth lab cleanup costs have to have an ordinance to allow the commonwealth to collect that money from the defendants. The cleaning is difficult, expensive, and dangerous so this statute allows us to recoup that money. 16-10 is the noise ordinance. Recently we went to a system to where we have a decibel measurement limits in different zones and different times of day. A lot of people are asking for noise past 10pm and want an exception. The Board of Supervisors requested we look at a different way to handle these requests. A noise ordinance is entirely optional. If you have one, state law says you have to have decibel limits. You have to have a deputy with a meter and actual measurements of the sound in decibels.

Frank Davis – How long have we had them?

Kristen Wright – 1988 is the date on the amendment.

Another article in this chapter that is relatively recent is hunting in ditch line. It is in the state code but added to county code as well.

Article 9 is the indoor clean air act which means that you cannot smoke in restaurants. The state makes it applicable to restaurants. They allowed the county to take it further in to buildings owned or leased by Campbell County and we have passed an ordinance pursuant to that authority. It's not required but regulated by state law.

Article 10, dangerous use of firearms, is entirely optional. We have limited the areas that you can shoot, such as residential areas, but you can repeal all of this.

Article 13-14 are optional but are nice to have because it allow us to collect from the defendants the cost to the investigation in the court costs.

Chapter 17 - Personnel – This is where we list the people who are considered members of the “line of duty” act. How they keep the list of names and how it's kept for records and then how minors are allowed to participate in the rescue quads and fire. This also allows us to check the backgrounds of people applying to work for the county This chapter is optional.

Chapter 18 - Utilities – Most of this is optional. We don't have to have a Campbell County Utilities Service Authority (CCUSA); we don't have to regulate or provide sewer or water but since we do we have to do it according the state code. You will find outhouse regulations, locations, etc. We still have a lot more of those that you realize so it's not practical to repeal.

Frank Davis (CCUSA) – We review this about every year and I think it's in good shape. We are glad to hear suggestions if you have some.

Chapter 19 is reserved.

Chapter 20 – Cable Television – This is our Cable Television ordinance and almost every locality has the same ordinance and based on strict language of the state code. It's in the franchise agreement with Shentel. We cannot do much because it's state law and part of a contract with the provider in Campbell County. The section we deal with the most is the density requirement for their buildout. Shentel says the ordinance, state code, franchise agreement all say that often times there is not enough density to justify building out to certain areas.

Sarah Johnson – Thank you Kristen. That takes care of the chapters we were supposed to cover. Mike will go over and suggestions or changes that you have to these chapters at our next meeting.

#### **Matters from the County Administrator**

// Sarah Johnson – Frank Rogers was not able to be here today but his intention is to attend in March.

#### **Matters from Commission Members**

// With no other items presented for consideration and a motion from Mr. Davis, seconded by Mr. Metz, Mrs. Johnson adjourned the meeting at 12:46 P.M. The next EDC meeting will be held on Thursday, March 24, 2016 at 12:00 noon in the Campbell County Citizen Services Conference Room.