

A meeting of the Economic Development Authority of the Town of Appomattox was held on November 19, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. at the Appomattox Municipal Building, 210 Linden Street, Appomattox, Virginia.

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

Others present: Christy Torrence; Office Manager, McKinley Cardwell, Charles Conrad, Melissa Smith, Dr. Stanley Cobbs, Myscha Gaines

Dr. Garrett called the meeting to order.

#### Approval of the Agenda

On a motion by Ms. Spiggle, seconded by Mr. Gobble, the Town EDA voted to approve the agenda for November 19, 2024. All members present voting aye. Motion carried 7-0.

#### Approval of Minutes

On a motion by Ms. Spiggle, seconded by Mr. Gobble, the Town EDA voted to approve the August 13, 2024, meeting minutes. All members present voting aye. Motion carried 7-0.

#### Financial Report

The Town EDA accepted the Financial Report of \$18,973.45 as of October 31, 2024.

#### Public Appearances:

Dr. Stanley Cobbs and Myscha Gaines presented a request for funding for Aslan Castle Early Learning Center (ELC). ELC will address a critical childcare shortage in the Appomattox community by providing a high-quality facility for early learning and care.

A request was presented by the ELC asking for \$32,000 in funding to expedite the completion of the Aslan Castle ELC project.

Melissa Smith from Paint Me Pretty requested funding to expand her current business to include a gym and dance studio. The EDA requested that she come back with more information including a breakdown of the costs for the expansion.

#### Unfinished Business:

Centra has met with the County EDA to discuss a potential incentive for a walk-in/same day medical facility. The County EDA would like to discuss with the Town to determine what the Town EDA is prepared to offer. Dr. Garrett will reach out to Garrett Bossiger with the County EDA.

Katrina Slagle with Aspire Mental Health and Wellness was presented with the offer that the attorney drafted and the EDA approved; however, as of today, Mrs. Slagle has not accepted. Mrs. Torrence suggested that the EDA place a deadline on acceptance of offers.

On a motion by Mr. Gobble, seconded by Mr. Coleman, the Town EDA voted to give Mrs. Slagle until December 15, 2024 to sign the contract accepting the conditions of the offer or the offer would be withdrawn. All members present voting aye. Motion carried 7-0.

EDA Members Comments/General Information:

A conversation was held regarding guidelines for offering incentives. The EDA requested that Mrs. Torrence research guidelines used by other local EDAs. The EDA would also like research on a possible application process to determine if the potential business owner would qualify before presenting to the EDA.

With no further business, the EDA meeting adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

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Christy Torrence  
Office Manager

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Dr. Jeffrey Garrett, Chairman