

**Pittsylvania County Board of Supervisors  
Economic Development Committee  
Thursday, March 28, 2019**

**VIRGINIA:** The Economic Development Committee of the Pittsylvania County Board of Supervisors was held on Thursday, March 28, 2019, in the Main Conference Room at 1 Center Street in Chatham, Virginia 24531. Robert W. “Bob” Warren, Chairman, called the Meeting to Order at 5:00 p.m. The following Committee Members were present:

Robert W. “Bob” Warren  
Ronald S. Scarce

The following Board of Supervisors Members were also present:

Joe B. Davis

Elton W. Blackstock joined the Meeting at 5:02 PM.

Mr. David M. Smitherman, County Administrator and Clerk of the Board; Mr. J. Vaden Hunt Esq., County Attorney; Mr. Greg L. Sides, Assistant County Administrator for Planning & Administration; Mr. Richard N. Hicks, Assistant County Administrator for Operations; Kimberly G. VanDerHyde, Finance Director; and Kaylyn M. McCluster, Deputy Clerk, were also present.

**Approval of Agenda**

Motion by Mr. Scarce, second by Mr. Warren, to approve Agenda, which was unanimously approved by the Committee Members present.

**New Business**

**(a) Consideration of ODAF Request**

Mr. Smitherman stated the County was approached by the Olde Dominion Agricultural Foundation (“ODAF”) regarding a request to purchase land. The request was to provide a \$275,000 Grant and to also provide a \$235,000 five-year no interest loan. Mr. John Harris was present to represent ODAF, and spoke to the Board regarding this request. He stated that one (1) parcel of land is directly in the middle of what already exists. Another parcel of land is road frontage, which is very important for them to have that access. Two (2) parcels are known as the Shorter Brothers Garage, and the other is completely landlocked. Mr. Warren asked if there had been conversation with the Tobacco Commission to see if they were supportive of this, and Mr. Harris stated they had talked with DRF and they were supportive, but he had not spoken directly with the Tobacco Commission. Mr. Blackstock questioned, if there was any reason why they could not go out and borrow this money, but Mr. Harris stated that he was not sure if they could show the income to get that loan.

Motion by Mr. Scarce, second by Mr. Warren, to recommend this item be brought before the full Board for consideration, which was unanimously approved by the Committee Members present.

**(b) Enterprise Zone Amendment Overview**

Ms. McCulloch was present to brief the Board on the proposed Enterprise Zone Amendment. She stated the General Assembly allows counties and cities in Virginia to designate a specified acreage of land in a certain geographic area as an Enterprise Zone. The State offers Enterprise Zone Grants, and the localities also incentivize targeted companies to locate or expand within said zones. Pittsylvania County has 2 Enterprise Zones, the first, Zone 57, is a joint EZ with Danville and includes Cane Creek and Gretna. The second Zone, Zone 24, is newer and predominantly includes SVMS at Berry Hill and SVMP in Hurt. After examining the County's incentives and boundary for the purpose of updating them, Pittsylvania County is currently going through a revision process, which is very common and even encouraged with the Enterprise Zones. Ms. McCulloch stated that the week prior, the Department of Housing and Community Development ("DHCD") approved the County's proposed boundary line and amendment changes. DHCD oversees the Program, and they allow amendments to the Zones with an application and public process. They are submitting four (4) amendment applications, one (1) boundary and one (1) incentive for Zone 24 and one (1) boundary and one (1) incentive for Zone 57. There are sixty-seven (67) removal letters combined and sixteen (16) addition letters that have to be sent out. She stated they want to stress that changes to the boundary are being done based on real business activity. They are revising the boundary to allow incentives exactly where industries are stating they want to be on a daily, weekly, and monthly basis. The incentives are being revised to give companies the value they are looking for and helps to be competitive. They are paid based on performance (retroactive), which protects the company and the County.

Motion by Motion by Mr. Scarce, second by Mr. Warren, to allow Staff to advertise the proposed Enterprise Zone Amendments for a Public Hearing at the May Business Meeting, which was unanimously approved by the Committee Members present.

**Closed Session**

Motion was made by Mr. Scarce, second by Mr. Warren, to enter into Closed Session

Discussion concerning a prospective business or industry or the expansion of an existing business or industry where no previous announcement has been made of the business' or industry's interest in locating or expanding its facilities in the community.

- (1) Legal Authority: Virginia Code § 2.2-3711(A)(5)
- Subject: Unannounced or Prospective Businesses or Industries
- Purpose: Economic Development Updates on unannounced and/or prospective businesses and/or industries

The Committee entered into Closed Session at 5:28 PM.

Motion made by Mr. Scarce, second by Mr. Warren, to enter into Open Session.

The Committee entered into Open Session at 5:57 PM.

**PITTSYLVANIA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**  
**CLOSED MEETING CERTIFICATION**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that at the Economic Development Committee Meeting of the Pittsylvania County Board of Supervisors on March 28, 2019, the Committee hereby certifies by a recorded vote that to the best of each Committee Member's knowledge only public business matters lawfully exempted from the Open Meeting requirements of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act (the "Act") and identified in the Motion authorizing the Closed Meeting were heard, discussed, or considered in the Closed Meeting. If any Committee Member believes that there was a departure from the requirements of the Act, he shall so state prior to the vote indicating the substance of the departure. The Statement shall be recorded in the Committee's Minutes.

**Vote**

Ronald S. Scarce	Yes
Robert W. "Bob" Warren	Yes

**Adjournment**

The Meeting adjourned at 5:58 PM.