

**MINUTES OF THE
EASTERN SHORE OF VIRGINIA
PUBLIC SERVICE AUTHORITY**

A meeting of the Eastern Shore of Virginia Public Service Authority was held on Tuesday, March 20, 2012, at 7:00 p.m. in the main conference room, 16404 Courthouse Road, Eastville, Virginia.

Members present:

Bob Panek, Chairman
Artie Miles, Vice Chairman
Henry J. Heneghan, Jr.
J. T. Holland
Granville F. Hogg, Jr.
Joe Stevens

Absent:

Carl Harris
John Reiter
Felton Sessoms

Others present:

Katherine H. Nunez, County Administrator & Executive Director

Call to Order & Establishment of Quorum:

The Chairman called the meeting to order and established that a quorum was present.

Approval of Agenda

Motion was made by Mr. Holland, seconded by Mr. Miles, that the agenda be approved as presented. All members were present with the exceptions of Mr. Harris, Mr. Sessoms and Mr. Reiter and voted "yes." The motion was unanimously passed.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion was made by Mr. Holland, seconded by Mr. Miles, that the minutes of the meeting of January 17, 2012 be approved. All members were present with the exceptions of Mr. Harris, Mr. Sessoms and Mr. Reiter and voted "yes." The motion was unanimously passed.

Report of the Officers – Chairman:

The Chairman had no report.

Report of the Officers – Vice Chairman:

Mr. Miles had no report.

Report of Hospital Committee:

Mr. Panek indicated that no further communication has been received from Riverside as a result of the County lawsuit. He will make one more attempt to reach out to Diane Lovicchio.

The Authority discussed the status of the lawsuit and the County's position. Issues include what will be left behind; when will these issues be decided; and if the medical facilities are off the table, what does this do the Northern Node project.

Report of Northern Node Committee:

A report of the recent meeting with USDA, DEQ, DHCD, and ANPDC staff was provided to the Authority. A review of the notional sources of funding was heard, recognizing that the Authority still has a funding gap. It was noted that funding commitments are at least one year away. The USDA application needs to be filed as soon as possible so as to preserve the County's current economic numbers. The County's economic data from the US Census and its impact to user rate fees was also discussed.

Motion was made by Mr. Holland, seconded by Mr. Miles, that work cease on the CDBG application and to focus on the USDA application. All members were present with the exceptions of Mr. Sessoms, Mr. Reiter and Mr. Harris and voted "yes." The motion was unanimously passed. Mr. Holland stated that our goal needs to be to get the \$10 million on the table through grants/loans and then focus on closing the gap through local funding in a discussion with the Board of Supervisors.

Report of Southern Node Committee:

It was reported that the Town of Cheriton has passed a resolution indicating support for the user fee established by USDA-RD. Cheriton needs to move forward with a mandatory connection ordinance now in order for a chance of gaining approval.

Report from Economic Development Committee:

It was reported that Royal Farms will not be coming to its proposed location at the southern end of the County.

A discussion was had with regard to new ways of advancing the Southern Node Project including convening a meeting of the affected property owners and possibly seeking a financial contribution voluntarily from them.

Public-Private Education Facilities and Infrastructure (PPEA)

The Executive Director briefed the Authority on the Public-Private Education Facilities and Infrastructure (PPEA) Act. This legislation grants responsible public entities the authority to create public-private partnerships for the development of a wide range of projects for public use if the public entities determine there is a need for the project and that private involvement may provide the project to the public in a timely or cost-effective fashion.

The Board of Supervisors has adopted the PPEA and the Executive Director advised the PSA to adopt PPEA guidelines whether a project is imminent or not. Guidelines need to be in place prior to project consideration.

Tax Increment Financing

The Executive Director briefed the Authority on the possible establishment of a Tax Increment Fund, which can be adopted by the governing body. The ordinance would designate a development project area and provide that real estate taxes shall be assessed, collected for as long as the commitments secured by the Tax Increment Financing are outstanding and unpaid.

Recess:

Motion was made by Mr. Holland, seconded by Mr. Hogg, that the meeting be recessed to Tuesday, April 17, 2012, at 7:00 p.m. in the main conference room, 16404 Courthouse Road, Eastville, Virginia. All members were present with the exceptions of Mr. Harris, Mr. Reiter and Mr. Sessoms and voted "yes." The motion was unanimously passed.

The meeting was recessed at 8:44 p.m.