

PERRY COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Minutes December 14, 2017

In attendance: Patti McLaughlin, Rich Pluta, June Reisinger, Dawn Lowe, Russ Hoover, Kevin Fitzpatrick, Paul Rudy, Frank Campbell, Derek Whitesel, Jim Fuller

Excused: Morgan Tressler, Steve Peters

Guests: Jason Finnerty, Karen Anderson, Melanie Wertz, and Mark Whitmoyer

Meeting called to order at 8:04

Public Comment: Jason Finnerty- 90 plans for development for the year, up from 2012. Less than 10% of those are commercial, mostly lot additions and subdivisions.

Secretary Report: Patti gave the secretary's report in John's absence. Patti reviewed revisions sent by John. Russ moved to approve minutes with additions, Kevin seconded. Marti asked to amend that the budget was drafted during a workshop, not an executive session. Motion carried with additions and amendment.

Treasurers report. Russ presented the report. Current Balance of \$5,467.13. Kevin moved to accept, Patti seconded. Motion carried.

Chair report: PCEDA was included in the county budget at \$50,000. At the November 20 workshop the attendees discussed moving forward with the county branding identity project. The ArnettMuldrow quote was used for budget purposes. Since the amount is projected to be greater than \$10,400 - two additional telephonic bids will be required.

An amended working budget was presented. The suggested changes were made based upon the EDA's projected year end funds which were higher than original estimates. Patti motioned to approve the budget as presented, June seconded. Motion carried.

Names for additional Board members were submitted by current Board members and a request was posted on facebook. Packets have been sent to people who have expressed interest. Depending upon the status of some current Board seats 5-7 spots could be open. Kevin, Patti, Russ, Rich, Paul, Frank, Morgan, June, Marti volunteered to help with conducting dialogs of potential candidates.

Old business: Discussion about clearances and involvement with school districts for creating business databases ensued. EDA will solicit businesses who would be interested in offering internships or job shadowing opportunities. Frank discussed the upcoming mock interview project and asked for volunteers. Discussed education grant opportunity.

New Business: Frank discussed the visit from Senator Toomey's regional representative, Larissa Bailey. She toured the county and met with Chamber representatives, Commissioners, a local farm, other small businesses. Obtained contact info of the grant rep from Senator Toomey's office about grant opportunities applicable to the EDA.

Adjourn: Russ motioned. June seconded. Motioned carried at 8:55 a.m.

