

**PRINCE EDWARD COUNTY
INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
MEETING MINUTES
Conference Call
425-436-6394 | Access Code 867576#
8 a.m. – September 22, 2020**

Due to the COVID-19 Emergency, the Industrial Development Authority of Prince Edward County will be operating pursuant to and in compliance with “EMERGENCY ORDINANCE TO EFFECTUATE TEMPORARY CHANGES IN CERTAIN DEADLINES AND TO MODIFY PUBLIC MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING PRACTICES AND PROCEDURES TO ADDRESS CONTINUITY OF OPERATIONS ASSOCIATED WITH PANDEMIC DISASTER,” adopted by the Prince Edward County Board of Supervisors, April 7, 2020.

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MEMBERS PRESENT: Brad Watson, Chair
Mike Montgomery, Vice Chair
Robert Atkinson
Joyce Yeatts
Tim Tharpe

ALSO PRESENT: Wade Bartlett, County Administrator; Kate Pickett, Director of Economic Development

ABSENT: Fred Russell, Edgar Jones

At 8:03 a.m., there being a quorum present, Mr. Watson welcomed everyone and called the September 22, 2020 IDA Meeting to order.

Electronic Meeting Certification

Mr. Watson read the following electronic meeting certification: Due to the COVID-19 Emergency, the Industrial Development Authority of Prince Edward County will be operating pursuant to and in compliance with “EMERGENCY ORDINANCE TO EFFECTUATE TEMPORARY CHANGES IN CERTAIN DEADLINES AND TO MODIFY PUBLIC MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING PRACTICES AND PROCEDURES TO ADDRESS CONTINUITY OF OPERATIONS ASSOCIATED WITH PANDEMIC DISASTER,” adopted by the Prince Edward County Board of Supervisors, April 7, 2020.

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Introductions

Mr. Watson explained that because the meeting was being conducted by phone, there would be a roll call vote for all votes taken during the meeting, along with a roll call for attendance. The roll call attendance was as follows:

Aye: Robert Atkinson x Nay: (none)
Edgar Jones
Mike Montgomery x
Fred Russell
Tim Tharpe x
Brad Watson x
Joyce Yeatts x

Let the record show that at this time, Edgar Jones and Fred Russell were not present at the meeting.

Meeting Minutes

Mr. Watson asked if there were any edits to be made to the July 21, 2020 IDA meeting minutes or if there was a motion for them to be approved as is. Mr. Montgomery made a motion to approve the July 21, 2020 IDA meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Mr. Atkinson.

The motion was approved by the following vote:

Aye: Robert Atkinson Nay: (none)
Mike Montgomery
Time Tharpe
Brad Watson
Joyce Yeatts

Closed Session

Mr. Atkinson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Tharpe, that the Board convene in closed session to discuss the disposition of real property for the public purpose of economic development, where discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the bargaining position of the County, pursuant to the exemption provided for in Section 2.2-3711(A)(3) of the *Code of Virginia*, the motion carried:

Aye: Brad Watson Nay: (none)
Mike Montgomery
Tim Tharpe
Robert Atkinson
Joyce Yeatts

The Board returned to regular session by motion of Mr. Montgomery, seconded by Mr. Tharpe and adopted as follows:

Aye: Brad Watson
Mike Montgomery
Tim Tharpe
Robert Atkinson
Joyce Yeatts

Nay: (none)

Mr. Atkinson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Montgomery, to adopt the certification of closed meeting, which was carried by the following roll call vote:

Aye: Brad Watson
Mike Montgomery
Tim Tharpe
Robert Atkinson
Joyce Yeatts

Nay: (none)

The following certification of closed meeting was adopted in accordance with the Virginia Freedom of Information Act:

WHEREAS, the Board of the Prince Edward County Industrial Development Authority convened a close meeting on this date pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote and in accordance with the provisions of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act; and

WHEREAS, Section 2.2-3711(A)(3) of the Code of Virginia requires certification by the Board that such closed meeting was conducted in conformity with Virginia law;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of the Prince Edward County Industrial Development Authority hereby certifies that to the best of each member's knowledge, (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements by Virginia law were discussed in the closed meeting to which this certification resolution applies, and (ii) only such business matters as were identified in the motion convening the closed meeting were heard, discussed, or considered by the Board of the IDA.

Action After Closed Session

As a result of the closed session, it was moved by Mr. Montgomery and seconded by Mr. Atkinson that the IDA accept the first amendment to the Purchase and Sale Agreement made between Prince Edward County Industrial Development Authority and TRC Acquisitions & Holdings, LLC, for the property located in the Business Park, parcel 51-10-2C.

Aye: Brad Watson
Mike Montgomery
Tim Tharpe
Robert Atkinson
Joyce Yeatts

Nay: (none)

Economic Development Update

Business Park Internal Access Road Project Update-Ms. Pickett stated that the County has had a scope of work meeting with Timmons Group to begin the project. She will be virtually attending the Tobacco Commission meeting on September 28th, in which the Commission will discuss allocation of the additional funding of about \$117,000 from the Southside Economic Development allocation for this project.

Data Center Property-Ms. Pickett stated that she had received interest from the public about the purchase of the house and a small amount of acreage on the data center property at 230 Kelly Lane. She asked the Board if they had thought about whether they would like to sell the house now or hold on to it for a potential data center firm that may be interested not only in the data center property, but also the house on the property. After some discussion, the board decided to table the issue and to get further advice from specialists in this field.

FOIA & COIA Trainings and SOEI Documents-Ms. Pickett reminded the Board that the FOIA & COIA trainings must be completed by December 31 and can be completed online. Board members should print off the certificates at the end of the trainings and submit to Ms. Pickett for record keeping.

CARES Act Committee Update

Mr. Watson stated that the IDA Committee would be overseeing the review and approval of applications from some nonprofits. Nonprofits have been categorized as direct-service providers and those that are not direct-service providers. The IDA Committee will be reviewing those applications of the nonprofits that are not direct-service providers. This meeting will occur in the next month sometime after giving businesses and nonprofits more time to apply for the second round of CARES Act funding.

Adjournment

There being no other business to discuss, Mr. Montgomery made the motion to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Mr. Atkinson. The motion was approved by the following vote:

Aye:	Brad Watson	Nay: (none)
	Mike Montgomery	
	Tim Tharpe	
	Robert Atkinson	
	Joyce Yeatts	

The meeting was adjourned at 8:42 a.m.