

Minutes
Page County Board of Supervisors
Economic Development Forum
January 29, 2016

Members Present:

Johnny Woodward, Chairman, At Large
D. Keith Guzy, Jr., District 1
David Wiatrowski, District 2
Mark Stroupe, District 3
Larry Foltz, District 4
Dorothy F. Pendley, District 5

Staff Present:

Amity Moler, County Administrator
Regina Miller, Assistant to the County Administrator
Stephanie Lillard, Community & Economic Development Director
Nathan Miller, County Attorney

Representatives from the Following:

Economic Development Authority
Towns of Luray, Shenandoah, Stanley
Planning Commission Representatives from the County, Luray, Shenandoah, Stanley
Members of the School Board
School Superintendent and Staff
Chamber of Commerce
Shenandoah Valley Partnership
Shenandoah Valley Workforce Development Board
Luray Downtown Initiative

Call to Order:

Chairman Johnny Woodward called to order the economic development forum of the Page County Board of Supervisors on January 29, 2016, at 1:15 p.m. in the Blue Ridge Room at the Mimslyn Inn, Luray, Virginia. A quorum of the Board was present. Chairman Woodward welcomed everyone in attendance.

Luray Mayor Barry Presgraves called to order the Luray Town Council. Economic Development Authority Chairman Ligon Webb called to order the EDA. School Board Chairman Morgan Phenix called to order the School Board. A quorum of the Board's was present.

Michael Chandler, Director of Education, LUEP, was the Facilitator for the Board's Economic Development Forum. He introduced himself and then asked the Board and others present to introduce themselves. He then outlined the session purpose and expectations.

Each locality was given the opportunity to give a presentation describing the nature and focus of their current/ongoing economic development activities/programs. Stephanie Lillard, Director of Community and Economic Development, spoke on behalf of Page County, Ligon Webb, Town Planner, on behalf of the Town of Luray, Mayor Clinton Lucas on behalf of the Town of Shenandoah, and Terry Pettit, Town Manager, and Mike Uram, Town Council Member on behalf of the Town of Stanley.

Recess: There was a brief recess at 2:30 p.m.

Reconvene: The session reconvened at 2:40 p.m.

Next, Donna Whitley-Smith, School Superintendent, shared what the Page County Public School System is doing to assist/prepare the youth of Page County for the 21st century workplace.

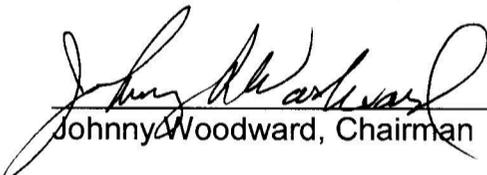
Mr. Chandler then posed two group discussion questions: 1) What strengths or assets does greater Page County possess with respect to attracting economic development?; and, 2) What impediments or weaknesses must greater Page County overcome to realize economic development success? Afterwards, the attendees split into four small groups and were asked to address a topic focusing on the future of economic development in Page County. The four topics were: tourism, agriculture, manufacturing, and education. Each group then presented their report.

Mr. Chandler will take each group's report and assemble a final plan.

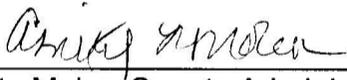
Chairman Woodward decided that a smaller committee would be setup to review action items identified during the forum. The entire group will hold another meeting at a later date to allow the committee to give their report.

Adjourn: 5:15 p.m.

With no further business, Chairman Woodward adjourned the meeting.



Johnny Woodward, Chairman



Amity Moler, County Administrator