

The Appomattox County Board of Supervisors held a Joint Meeting with the Town Council on Tuesday, October 25, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. at the Museum of Confederacy located at 159 Horseshoe Road, Appomattox, Virginia.

**Appomattox County Board of Supervisors**

**Present:**

Samuel E. Carter  
Sara E. Carter  
William H. Hogan  
Chad E. Millner  
Bryan A. Moody

Courthouse District, Chairman  
Piney Mountain District, Vice-Chair  
Appomattox River District  
Falling River District  
Stonewall District

**Also Present:**

Susan M Adams, County Administrator  
Vicky Phelps, Finance

**Appomattox Town Council**

**Present:**

Steven Conner  
Lewis McDearmon  
Timothy Garrett  
Claudia Puckett  
Mary Spiggle  
Erin Fitch

**Also Present:**

Paul Harvey, Mayor  
Roxanne Casto, Clerk to Town Council  
Linda Lipscomb, Museum of Confederacy  
Frank Strickler, Virginia Economic Development Partnership

Chairmen Carter called the joint meeting of the Appomattox County Board of Supervisors and the Appomattox Town Council to order at 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Paul Harvey delivered the invocation.

Ms. Adams introduced Mr. Frank Strickler with Virginia Economic Development Partnership who spoke with the Board and Council on Business retention and expansion.

**1<sup>st</sup> Priority Focus Area – “Business Retention/Expansion” (What’s in it for us?)**

Mr. Strickler discussed Business Retention/Expansion. He explained that the Baby Boomers are retiring and Millennials are very smart and he stated that the World is changing and we have got to learn how to change with it.

Mr. Strickler suggested designating one week a year for Business Appreciation. He stated that 70% of businesses in the state are small businesses. He stated that we need to celebrate small

businesses. He stated that you should designate as much time to visitation as designated for marketing.

Mr. Strickler stated that green space and hiking trails is what attracts millennials and they are who the largest population available for work is.

Mr. Strickler questions if we know how old our working population is? He stated that it would be a benefit for everyone to identify all the resources and assets such as parks, soccer fields, hiking areas. He suggested creating as many amenities as we can to hold millennials here and to keep them here.

Mr. Strickler stated that millennials want good educational facilities and we should lobby for satellite campuses for colleges. He stated that in his research the biggest need for companies are needs for welders, technology, electronics, and machine operators/machinist.

There was discussion on how to engage in local businesses and get them involved.

Mr. Strickler suggested that when a project and prospect come into Town/County we need to show a united front. He stated to not overwhelm them, show them love. He stated that it is very important to show them your educational facilities.

After discussion, Ms. Adams thanked Mr. Strickler for coming and speaking with the Board and Council.

Ms. Adams called for discussion on the following:

The “URGE” to “MERGE”?

- Barriers/Obstacles of Separation Summary
- Dream Projects Summary
- Town/County Shared Projects Summary
- Economic Development Authorities (Strength in “Unity”)

There was lengthy discussion on the possibility of merging the Town/County EDA.

After discussion, it was the consensus of the Town Council and Board of Supervisors to have someone come to the next joint meeting to discuss the merging possibility before any decisions are made.

Mayor Harvey thanked everyone for the discussion and stated that the discussion has provided some direction.

### **Closed Session**

At 7:54 p.m. Mr. Millner made a motion to enter into closed session pursuant to Section 2.32-3711 (A) 6 of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended, for the purpose of discussion or consideration of the investment of public funds where competition or bargaining is involved, where, if made public initially, the financial interest of the governmental unit would be adversely affected, specifically for discussion of a prospective new business, when the business has made no previous announcement of their interest or intent, specifically being prospective project A. Ms. Carter seconded Mr. Millner's motion. Chairman Carter called for a vote: Chairman Carter, aye; Ms. Carter, aye; Mr. Hogan, aye; Mr. Millner, aye; Mr. Moody, aye.

Ms. Carter made a motion to return to regular session at 8:13 p.m. Mr. Hogan seconded Ms. Carter's motion. Chairman Carter called for a vote: Chairman Carter, aye; Ms. Carter, aye; Mr. Hogan, aye; Mr. Millner, aye; Mr. Moody, aye.

Mayor Harvey read the following Closed Session Certification for both the Town Council and the Board of Supervisors:

**WHEREAS**, the Appomattox County Board of Supervisors and Town Council has convened a closed session this date pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote and in accordance with the provisions of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 2.2-3712(D) of the Code of Virginia, as amended requires a certification by the Appomattox County Board of Supervisors that such closed session was conducted in conformity with Virginia Law:

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Appomattox County Board of Supervisors hereby certifies that, to the best of each member's knowledge, (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from opening meeting requirements by Virginia Law were discussed in the closed session to which this certification motion applies, and (ii) only such matters were heard, discussed or considered by the Appomattox County Board of Supervisors. Chairman Carter called for a Roll Call Vote: Chairman Carter, aye; Ms. Carter, aye; Mr. Hogan, aye; Mr. Millner, aye; Mr. Moody, aye.

### **Adjournment**

Ms. Carter made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:13 p.m. Mr. Millner seconded Ms. Carter's motion. Chairman Carter called for a vote: Chairman Carter, aye; Ms. Carter, aye; Mr. Hogan, aye; Mr. Millner, aye; Mr. Moody, aye.

The joint meeting of the Appomattox County Board of Supervisors and the Town Council adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

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Samuel E. Carter, Chairman