

JOINT INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
Minutes of Meeting
April 23, 2020

The Joint Industrial Development Authority of Wythe County, Wytheville, and Rural Retreat held a regular meeting on Thursday, April 23, 2020, at 3:00 p.m., via Cisco Webex, originating at 190 South First Street, Wytheville, Virginia 24382.

MEMBERS PRESENT

David Kause, Chairman
Dicky Morgan
Charlie White
David Carpenter
Michael Cole
Wes Mabe, Vice Chairman

MEMBERS ABSENT

Matthew Clarke

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS PRESENT

C. Wayne Sutherland, Jr., Wytheville Town Manager

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS ABSENT

Jason Childers, Rural Retreat Town Manager
Stephen Bear, Wythe County Administrator

JOINT IDA STAFF PRESENT

David Manley, Executive Director
John Matthews, Associate Director
Virginia Crockett, Administrative Assistant

JOINT IDA STAFF ABSENT

None

DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

Chairman Kause called the meeting to order and determined a quorum to be present. He then offered the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CITIZENS' TIME

Chairman Kause asked Mr. Manley to report on who was in attendance of the meeting other than Board and Staff Members. Mr. Manley noted that Beth Taylor, Mayor, Town of Wytheville, Todd Catron (Wythe County IT department), Brian Vaught, Wythe County Board of Supervisors Chairman, Wayne Sutherland, Manager, Town of Wytheville, Jennifer Atwell, Wytheville-Wythe-Bland Chamber of Commerce Director, and Melissa Kegley (Wythe County Sheriff's Office IT department) were in attendance. Chairman Kause asked if anyone would like to address the Board. There being none, Chairman Kause continued with the meeting.

RESOLUTION

Mr. Manley read the following resolution prior to the virtual meeting.

RESOLUTION OF

Joint Industrial Development Authority of Wythe County, Wytheville, and Rural Retreat

**AUTHORIZING THE ADOPTION OF PROCEDURES FOR ELECTRONIC PUBLIC MEETINGS
AND PUBLIC HEARINGS TO ENSURE THE CONTINUITY OF GOVERNMENT DURING**

THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC DISASTER

WHEREAS, on March 12, 2020, Governor Ralph S. Northam issued Executive Order Fifty-One declaring a state of emergency for the Commonwealth of Virginia arising from the novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order Fifty-One acknowledged the existence of a public health emergency which constitutes a disaster as defined by Virginia Code § 44-146.16 arising from the public health threat presented by a communicable disease anticipated to spread; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order Fifty-One ordered implementation of the Commonwealth of Virginia Emergency Operations Plan, activation of the Virginia Emergency Operations Center to provide assistance to local governments, and authorization for executive branch agencies to waive "any state requirement or regulation" as appropriate; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States declared a national emergency, beginning March 1, 2020, in response to the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization declared the COVID-19 outbreak a pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on March 24, 2020 the governing body of Wythe County (“Board”) confirmed the declaration of local emergency made by the local director of emergency management on March 18, 2020, specifically finding that the COVID-19 Pandemic constitutes a “disaster” as defined in Virginia Code § 44-146.16, being a “communicable disease of public health threat”; and

WHEREAS, Virginia Code § 15.2-1413 provides that, notwithstanding any contrary provision of law, a locality may, by ordinance, provide a method to assure continuity of government in the event of a disaster for a period not to exceed six months; and

WHEREAS, on April 14, 2020, the governing body of Wythe County, pursuant to Virginia Code § 15.2-1413, adopted an 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 (“Emergency Ordinance”); and

WHEREAS, through its Emergency Ordinance, the Board specifically found that COVID-19 constitutes a real and substantial threat to public health and safety and constitutes a “disaster” as defined by Virginia Code § 44-146.16 being a “communicable disease of public health threat” and

WHEREAS, through its Emergency Ordinance, the Board further found that the COVID-19 pandemic makes it unsafe to assemble in one location a quorum for public bodies including the Board, the School Board, the Planning Commission and all local and regional boards, commissions, committees and authorities created by the Board or to which the Board appoints all or a portion of its members (collectively “Public Entities” and individually “Public Entity”), or for such Public Entities to conduct meetings in accordance with normal practices and procedures; and

WHEREAS, through its Emergency Ordinance, the Board adopted certain procedures to ensure the continuity of government during the COVID-19 Pandemic disaster (“Continuity Procedures”), suspended any deadlines applicable to Public Entities and their staff during the COVID-19 disaster, and authorized Public Entities, at their discretion, to postpone non-emergency public hearings and action items during the disaster; and

WHEREAS, the **Joint Industrial Development Authority of Wythe County, Wytheville, and Rural Retreat**, being a public body created pursuant to *Code of Virginia* §

15.2-4903 and appropriate local ordinance by the Wythe County Board of Supervisors, the Wytheville Town Council, and the Rural Retreat Town Council, with members appointed by same is a Public Entity included within the scope of the Emergency Ordinance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the **Joint Industrial Development Authority of Wythe County, Wytheville, and Rural Retreat**, hereby incorporates by reference and adopts the Continuity Procedures prescribed in the Emergency Ordinance, a copy of which is attached hereto; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the **Joint Industrial Development Authority of Wythe County, Wytheville, and Rural Retreat**, hereby authorizes and directs its officers and staff to take all steps reasonably necessary or appropriate to implement such Continuity Procedures and to develop any specific procedures as applicable and appropriate for the **Joint Industrial Development Authority of Wythe County, Wytheville, and Rural Retreat**, provided that such specific procedures are consistent with the terms and conditions of the Emergency Ordinance; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption and shall remain in effect during the pendency of the Emergency Ordinance including for any applicable period upon the re-adoption of the Emergency Ordinance by Board.

ADOPTED by the **Joint Industrial Development Authority of Wythe County, Wytheville, and Rural Retreat on April 23, 2020.**

APPROVED

David Kause, Chairman

ATTEST:

Virginia Crockett, Secretary

ORDINANCE NO. 2020-01

OF WYTHE COUNTY, VIRGINIA

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.

WHEREAS, on March 12, 2020, Governor Ralph S. Northam issued Executive Order Fifty-One declaring a state of emergency for the Commonwealth of Virginia arising from the novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order Fifty-One acknowledged the existence of a public health emergency which constitutes a disaster as defined by Virginia Code § 44-146.16 arising from the public health threat presented by a communicable disease anticipated to spread; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order Fifty-One ordered implementation of the Commonwealth of Virginia Emergency Operations Plan, activation of the Virginia Emergency Operations Center to provide assistance to local governments, and authorization for executive branch agencies to waive “any state requirement or regulation” as appropriate; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States declared a national emergency, beginning March 1, 2020, in response to the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization declared the COVID-19 outbreak a pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on March 28, 2020, Wythe County Board of Supervisors, the governing body of Wythe County, Virginia confirmed the declaration of local emergency made by the local director of emergency management on March 18, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors find that COVID-19 constitutes a real and substantial threat

to public health and safety and constitutes a “disaster” as defined by Virginia Code §44-146.16 being a “communicable disease of public health threat;” and

WHEREAS, Virginia Code § 15.2-1413 provides that, notwithstanding any contrary provision of law, a locality may, by ordinance, provide a method to assure continuity of government in the event of a disaster for a period not to exceed six months; and

WHEREAS, Virginia Code § 44-146.21(C) further provides that a local director of emergency management or any member of a governing body in his absence may upon the declaration of a local emergency “proceed without regard to time-consuming procedures and formalities prescribed by law (except mandatory constitutional requirements) pertaining to performance of public work;” and

WHEREAS, Virginia Code § 2.2-3708.2(A)(3) allows, under certain procedural requirements including public notice and access, that members of the Board of Supervisors may convene solely by electronic means “to address the emergency;” and

WHEREAS, the open public meeting requirements of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act (“FOIA”) are limited only by a properly claimed exemption provided under that Act or “any other statute;” and

WHEREAS, the Governor and Health Commissioner of the Commonwealth of Virginia and the President of the United States have recommended suspension of public gatherings of more than ten attendees; and

WHEREAS, The Attorney General of Virginia issued an opinion dated March 20, 2020 stating that localities have the authority during disasters to adopt ordinances to ensure the continuity of government; and

WHEREAS, this emergency ordinance in response to the disaster caused by the COVID- 19 pandemic promotes public health, safety and welfare and is consistent with the law of the Commonwealth of Virginia, the Constitution of Virginia and the Constitution of the United States of America.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Supervisors of Wythe County,

Virginia:

1. That the COVID-19 pandemic makes it unsafe to assemble in one location a quorum for public bodies including the Board of Supervisors, the School Board, the Planning Commission, Board of Equalization, and all local and regional boards, commissions, committees and authorities created by the Board of Supervisors or to which the Board of Supervisors appoints all or a portion of its members (collectively “Public Entities” and individually “Public Entity”), or for such Public Entities to conduct meetings in accordance with normal practices and procedures.
2. That in accordance with Virginia Code § 15.2-1413, and notwithstanding any contrary provision of law, general or special, the following emergency procedures are adopted to ensure the continuity of government during this emergency and disaster:
 - a. Any meeting or activities which require the physical presence of members of the Public Entities may be held through real time electronic means (including audio, telephonic, video or other practical electronic medium) without a quorum physically present in one location; and
 - b. Prior to holding any such electronic meeting, the Public Entity shall provide public notice of at least 3 days in advance of the electronic meeting identifying how the public may participate or otherwise offer comment; and
 - c. Any such electronic meeting of Public Entities shall state on its agenda and at the beginning of such meeting that it is being held pursuant to and in compliance with this Ordinance; identify Public Entity members physically and/or electronically present; identify the persons responsible for receiving public comment; and identify notice of the opportunities for the

public to access and participate in such electronic meeting; and

- d. Any such electronic meeting of the Public Entities shall be open to electronic participation by the public and closed to in-person participation by the public; and
- e. For any matters requiring a public hearing, public comment may be solicited by electronic means in advance and shall also be solicited through telephonic or other electronic means during the course of the electronic meeting. All such public comments will be provided to members of the Public Entity at or before the electronic meeting and made part of the record for such meeting; and
- f. The minutes of all electronic meeting shall conform to the requirements of law, identify how the meeting was conducted, members participating, and specify what actions were taken at the meeting. The Public Entities may approve minutes of an electronic meeting at a subsequent electronic meeting and shall later approve all such minutes at a regular or special meeting after the emergency and disaster has ended.

IT IS FURTHER ORDAINED that notwithstanding any provision of law, regulation or policy to the contrary, any deadlines requiring action by a Public Entity, its officers (including Constitutional Officers) and employees of its organization shall be suspended during this emergency and disaster, however, the Public Entities, officers and employees thereof are encouraged to take such action as is practical and appropriate to meet those deadlines. Failure to

meet any such deadlines shall not constitute a default, violation, approval, recommendation or otherwise.

IT IS FURTHER ORDAINED, that non-emergency public hearings and action items of Public Entities may be postponed to a date certain provided that public notice is given so that the public are aware of how and when to present their views.

IT IS FURTHER ORDAINED, that each incorporated town within the boundaries of Wythe

County, Virginia, are encouraged, authorized and/or directed to declare its own state of local emergency and disaster or incorporate by reference the County's local state of emergency and disaster and to adopt an ordinance for the continuity of town government.

IT IS FURTHER ORDAINED, that the provisions of this Emergency Ordinance shall remain in full force and effect for a period of 60 days, unless amended, rescinded or readopted by the Board of Supervisors in conformity with the notice provisions set forth in Virginia Code

§15.2-1427 but in no event shall such ordinance be effective for more than six months. Upon rescission by the Board of Supervisors or automatic expiration as described herein, this emergency ordinance shall terminate, and normal practices and procedures of government shall resume.

Nothing in this Emergency Ordinance shall prohibit Public Entities from holding in- person public meetings provided that public health and safety measures as well as social distancing are taken into consideration.

An emergency is deemed to exist, and this ordinance shall be effective upon its adoption pursuant to Virginia Code §15.2-1427(F).

This ordinance was duly considered on April 14, 2020. _____

made a motion to adopt this ordinance; the motion was seconded by

_____, and this ordinance was adopted by the Board of Supervisors of Wythe

County, Virginia. This ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its adoption. On April 14, 2020

at _____ p.m. The Board of Supervisors voted in the following manner:

<u>Name</u>	<u>For</u>	<u>Against</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Rolland R. Cook			
B.G. Horney, Jr.			
Ryan M. Lawson			
Coy L. McRoberts			
James D. Smith			
Stacy A. Terry			
Brian W. Vaught			

I certify that this is a true and correct copy taken from the April 14, 2020 minutes of the Wythe County Board of Supervisors meeting.

Martha Collins, Clerk

**informational copy of what was approved by Board of Supervisors on
April 14, 2020. The Clerk will be providing a signed copy.**

Chairman Kause asked if there was a motion to accept the resolution as read. Mr. Carpenter made a motion, seconded by Mr. Mabe to accept the resolution as read.

Roll call vote:

Yea – David Carpenter
Wes Mabe
Dicky Morgan
Charlie White
David Kause
Michael Cole

Nay – None

Absent – Matthew Clarke

APPROVAL OF MINUTES—February 2020

Chairman Kause asked if there were any questions or concerns regarding the minutes from February 2020. There being none, Chairman Kause asked for a motion to approve. Mr. Morgan made a motion, seconded by David Carpenter, to approve the minutes as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

Yea – David Carpenter
Charlie White
Dicky Morgan
Wes Mabe
David Kause
Michael Cole

Nay – None

Absent – Matthew Clarke

With no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

FINANCIAL REPORTS AND APPROVAL OF INVOICES

Chairman Kause asked if there were any questions or concerns regarding the financial statements for March and April 2020. David Carpenter made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cole, to approve the financial statements as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

Yea – David Carpenter
 Charlie White
 Dicky Morgan
 Wes Mabe
 David Kause
 Michael Cole

Nay – None

Absent – Matthew Clarke

The motion passed unanimously.

**Joint IDA of Wythe County
 Check Register
 April 1, 2020 through April 30, 2020**

Check #	Date	Payee	Amount
EFT	4-23-20	Appalachian Power Company	\$ 188.43
EFT	4-23-20	CenturyLink	150.19
EFT	4-23-20	Robert G. Moore	1,100.00
EFT	4-23-20	Xerox	38.92
EFT	4-23-20	First Bank – MasterCard	2,183.10
7695	4-23-20	EDI – Commonwealth of VA	VOID
7696	4-23-20	Cowan Perry, PC	1,778.50
7697	4-23-20	Impact Solutions	2,875.00
7698	4-23-20	Shupe’s Heat and Air	130.92
7699	4-23-20	Southwest Signs	45.00
7700	4-23-20	Town of Wytheville	18,688.40
7701	4-23-20	Virginia Crocket	44.00
7702	4-23-20	Wytheville Office Supply	8.79
Total			\$ 21,231.25

STAFF REPORT – ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR

Formal written reporting by staff was dispensed with this month as most time has been spent on other, more pressing items.

STAFF REPORTS – DIRECTOR

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OLD OR UNFINISHED BUSINESS

REVOLVING LOAN FUND UPDATE

Mr. Manley noted that there was forbearance granted for April payments. Discussion of the pending litigation would be discussed in closed session. Mr. Carpenter asked if there were letters sent out to the borrowers. Mr. Manley noted that the forbearance letters were sent out to each borrower.

BUDGET FOR FY 20-21

Mr. Manley mentioned that the budget was prepared in February and he noted that the budget will probably not stand as it was before due to revenue changes because of COVID-19 and its fallout. Mr. Vaught added that Wythe County has had several budget sessions and acknowledged the work has been difficult and struggles are being faced. Mr. Sutherland stated that of course the budget has been a challenge and he is not sure how things will be covered. The funding for JIDA will be discussed by each governing body. Mr. Manley noted that the JIDA will be working with the County and Towns as we have before and will use what resources they are given in the best way possible, acknowledging that some activities are directly dependent upon amount of funding.

OTHER

None

NEW BUSINESS

COVID 19 IMPACT AND MITIGATION EFFORTS

The Joint IDA circulated a business impacts survey for those affected by COVID 19. Mr. Manley noted that there were 80 responses with ninety-seven percent responding that they have been affected by the COVID-19 situation. The most common responses for what it has done to their business were: 1) decrease in sales; 2) cancellation of orders and business; 3) difficulty in collecting money owed; 4) reduction of hours; 5) temporarily forced closures or workforce reduction. Most businesses indicated they were operating in a 50 to 75 percent of normal, of course this was as of couple of weeks ago. To respond to the pandemic, most businesses are instituting additional cleaning and sanitation procedures including additional training and education of employees. They were cancelling and rescheduling events and reducing travel. Those are the most common responses.

Mr. Manley noted that uncertainty was the most shared concern. One question requested insight into what businesses needed. The number one response was timely and accurate information and updates. The second was financial resources and other resources for business recovery. The third was promotion of local business including a spend local campaign. Finances were a primary concern with most businesses pointing to

compensation for the employees and continuity of payroll as their biggest issue that they were trying to work through.

Mr. Manley added that it was valuable information gathered and it has been used to adapt to what the JIDA is doing and what we are doing it and what is being offered at the JIDA.

MADEWYTHEPRIDE.ORG

Mr. Matthews reported that during the first few weeks of the shutdowns of the assistance that was coming from different avenues such as the government and private organizations. There was a lot of information to take in and one of the things that he wanted to accomplish with the new website MADEWYTHEPRIDE.ORG, was to be able to provide a one stop shop and share timely and useful information with our community businesses.

The information was broken down into categories such as financial support programs (though the funding on some had already been exhausted). Mr. Matthews stated that the MADEWYTHEPRIDE.ORG would provide businesses with the most accurate up-to-date information aimed at supporting our businesses of all sizes and locations during this period.

Mr. Matthews spoke about workforce. He mentioned that our facilities are making their workplaces safer and are still largely bringing employees in, trying not to shut down. He added that some employees are working remotely from home.

Mr. Matthews noted that there were several partners working on this with us that are meeting on a regular basis to assist in finding those resources and are figuring out the best way to share them. Mr. Matthews thanked Downtown Wytheville, VIAA, Visit Wytheville, and the Wytheville-Wythe-Bland Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Matthews mentioned that he felt that he feels that there has been a good start to the website as far as information and they are looking forward to build that out and really making the original concept of Made Wythe Pride come alive once we get past this virus and be able to show the Commonwealth of Virginia and the Country what we produce here in Wythe County.

Mr. Matthews went through the website with the Board and showed the significant traffic the site generated. Mr. Manley noted that it was only a weeks' worth of data.

Mr. Mabe asked if it was an independent site or a part of the existing Joint IDA site. Mr. Matthews answered that it was independent.

2020 SUSTAINABILITY LOANS

Mr. Manley discussed the MOU circulated and nominally agreed-to by the board. It outlines the expectations of the three parties which are Downtown Wytheville, the Wytheville-Wythe-Bland Chamber of Commerce, and the Joint IDA, who will be funding \$20,000 each. The money will be put into a special sub-fund in the JIDA Revolving Loan Fund. The JIDA serves as the fiscal agent and administrator of the new loan fund as it has the existing structure and expertise. Each applicant can borrow up to \$2,000 with a 24-month repayment period, it is interest free, and their repayments will begin in August of 2020.

Mr. Morgan asked if it included all three organizations or was it just the Joint IDA. Mr. Manley answered that the loans will be divided up between each of the organizations as each has different geographic responsibilities. Geographic areas of responsibility include:

- Joint IDA: All of Wythe County including both the Town of Wytheville and the Town of Rural Retreat
- Downtown Wytheville: Wytheville’s B2-DT zone
- WWB Chamber: All of Wythe and Bland Counties

Present loans are being separated by geographic territory. Mr. Morgan asked where the \$18,000 already approved would be coming from. Mr. Manley explained that the present loans would either be divided among the financial supporters. Mr. Mabe confirmed that \$18,000 had been loaned of the \$60,000 pool.

Mr. Manley added that he has heard from several businesses thanking the groups for establishing the loans. Mr. Manley thanked Todd Wolford and Morgan Herbert with Downtown Wytheville, John Matthews with the JIDA, and Jennifer Atwell from the Chamber for their work and support of the project. The process of getting loans out the door in a matter of two weeks was a tremendous feat.

Chairman Kause asked if there was a motion to approve. Mr. Carpenter noted that there had already been an approved. Mr. Manley answered that it was through email to expedite the project, but there needed to be an official ratification vote today. Mr. Carpenter made a motion, seconded by Mr. Morgan, to ratify the program and its MOU.

Roll Call Vote:

Yea – David Carpenter
Dicky Morgan
Wes Mabe
David Kause
Michael Cole

Nay – None

Absent – Matthew Clarke
Charlie White

The motion passed unanimously.

PROJECT UPDATES

None – updates will be discussed during closed session.

OTHER

David Kause (Email from Brian Vaught, Wythe County Board of Supervisors Chairman) – Chairman Kause read an email to the Board from Wythe County Board of Supervisors Chairman, Brian Vaught. Email is below.

From: Brian Vaught <supvr_blacklick@wytheco.org>
Sent: Monday, April 20, 2020 7:43 PM

To: Kause, David {PBC} <david.kause@pepsico.com>; Wes Mabe <wmabe21@embarqmail.com>
Cc: David Manley <david.manley@wytheida.org>
Subject: Thank You

Gentlemen,

I wanted to take a moment to reach out to you on behalf of the Board and express our appreciation for David, John, and Ginny during these difficult times.

In addition to working to bring new industries to Wythe County they have made a concerted effort to aid every business in Wythe County regardless of size. I would go so far to say that their efforts are second to none in the Commonwealth.

Please share my Thanks with the other board members and as always, Thank You for serving on the JIDA board.

Thanks again,

Brian

Brian W. "Cheese" Vaught
Chairman, Wythe County Board of Supervisors
Blacklick District Supervisor

Mr. Vaught spoke and thanked the JIDA Staff for being particularly helpful with the pandemic. He noted that the JIDA staff's work is appreciated.

Chairman Kause thanked the staff for their work.

Mr. Manley – Mr. Manley mentioned that it has been a supremely busy time with normal work and all the new things he and John have been working on. He noted that he will be able to discuss in closed session about the projects they have been working on. Mr. Manley added that he has been doing community outreach also with two radio interviews, a couple of press releases, and trying to keep social media relevant and responsive. Some of the things the businesses have been asking for is timely and correct information, so they are trying to update MadeWythePride consistently and assuring that all of the information is sent out regularly and that the information is also accurate. He noted that no one needs mis- or dis-information at this time, so the JIDA is trying to vet all the information sent out to everyone, doublechecking for accuracy. We know that there are a lot of problems with the federal loan programs and he has hope that those will subside. Mr. Manley stated that anytime the JIDA can help any of the local businesses, large or small, we are making every effort to do that. Mr. Carpenter asked Mr. Manley as far as the PPP loan has the JIDA been contacted by anyone regarding assistance with that. Mr. Manley said there have been several contacts made and that JIDA has been helping and guiding them as best they can. He noted that the stark reality is that we need to be prepared to lose some businesses. Some will not survive and those might be small or large. Mr. Carpenter noted that he had been talking with some banks and he understood that some businesses do not have the financial statements to back up their stated need. Mr. Manley stated that he has been assisting with anything they may need and working closely with the Small Business Development Center as appropriate.

CLOSED SESSION AS PERMITTED BY CODE OF VIRGINIA §2.2-3711(A)(5); and/or §2.2-3711(A)(7)

Wes Mabe moved that the Board of Directors of the Joint IDA of Wythe County enter closed session as permitted by the Code of Virginia §2.2-3711(A)(5) [prospective business] and §2.2-3711(A)(7) [actual or probable litigation].

The motion was seconded by David Carpenter.

Roll Call Vote:

Yea – David Kause, Chairman
Dicky Morgan
David Carpenter
Michael Cole
Wes Mabe

Nay – None

Absent during meeting: Charlie White
Matthew Clarke

Wes Mabe then moved that the Board of Directors of the Joint IDA of Wythe County re-enter open session and further certify that the only matters discussed in closed session were matters permitted and identified. The motion was seconded by Mr. Morgan.

Roll Call Vote:

Yea – David Kause, Chairman
Dicky Morgan
David Carpenter
Michael Cole

Nay – None

Absent during vote: Charlie White
Matthew Clarke

ADJOURN

There being no other business, Chairman Kause adjourned the meeting at 4:12 p.m.

David Kause, Chairman

Attest:

Virginia M. Crockett, Secretary