

**VIRGINIA:** At a meeting of the Economic Development Authority of Hanover County held in the Economic Development Conference Room at 8200 Center Path Lane, Suite E, Mechanicsville, Virginia, on the 14th day of December, 2022, at 7:30 a.m.

Present: Mr. Trey Hayden, Vice Chairman  
Mr. Christopher Johnson, Treasurer  
Mr. James Kickler  
Mr. Page Pigg  
Mr. Linwood Thomas, Secretary  
Ms. Jo Ann Hunter, Hanover County Senior Director of Community Development  
Mr. Andrew Pompei, Hanover County Planning Department  
Ms. Angela Wright, Recording Secretary

Absent: Ms. Elizabeth Rafferty

Mr. Trey Hayden, Vice Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:30 a.m.

This meeting was a public meeting following public notice posted at the Hanover County Government Building three (3) days prior to the meeting.

### **Public Comment**

Mr. Hayden asked if there were any public comments.

There were none.

### **Approval of Minutes – September 15, 2022**

Authority members were provided with copies of the draft minutes from the Authority meeting held on September 15, 2022.

Mr. Kickler asked for a motion to approve the September 15, 2022 minutes as written.

Mr. Pigg motioned to approve minutes as written.

Mr. Johnson seconded the motion.

Upon the vote being taken:

Mr. Hayden	voted	Aye
Mr. Johnson	"	Aye
Mr. Kickler	"	Aye
Mr. Pigg	"	Aye

Motion approved.

**Election of Officers for Calendar Year 2023**

Mr. Hayden requested that Linwood Thomas, Secretary open the discussion for nominations of Chairman, Vice Chairman, and Treasurer of the Hanover County Economic Development Authority for the Calendar Year 2023. Mr. Thomas noted that two Authority seats are currently vacant representing the Ashland and Beaverdam Districts, and are appointments are pending from the respective Board of Supervisor members. Mr. Robert Monolo, formerly appointed to the Economic Development Authority representing the Beaverdam District, vacated the position in November, 2022 to be sworn in as the Beaverdam District Board of Supervisor.

Mr. Thomas asked for nominations for the position of Chairman. Mr. Pigg nominated Mr. Trey Hayden. Upon no other nominations being made, Mr. Pigg motioned that Mr. Hayden be named Chairman, and Mr. Kickler seconded the motion.

Upon the vote being taken:

Mr. Hayden	voted	Aye
Mr. Johnson	"	Aye
Mr. Kickler	"	Aye
Mr. Pigg	"	Aye

Motion approved.

Mr. Thomas asked for nominations for the position of Vice Chairman. Mr. Pigg nominated Mr. James Kickler. Upon no other nominations being made, Mr. Pigg motioned that Mr. Kickler be named Vice Chairman, and Mr. Johnson seconded the motion.

Upon the vote being taken:

Mr. Hayden	voted	Aye
Mr. Johnson	"	Aye
Mr. Kickler	"	Aye
Mr. Pigg	"	Aye

Motion approved.

Mr. Thomas asked for nominations for the position of Treasurer. Mr. Kickler nominated Mr. Christopher Johnson. Upon no other nominations being made, Mr. Kickler motioned that Mr. Johnson be named Treasurer, and Mr. Hayden seconded the motion.

Upon the vote being taken:

Mr. Hayden	voted	Aye
Mr. Johnson	"	Aye
Mr. Kickler	"	Aye
Mr. Pigg	"	Aye

Motion approved.

### **Hanover County Comprehensive Plan Update**

Ms. Jo Ann Hunter, Senior Director of Community Development for Hanover County, addressed the Authority to provide updates concerning the County's Comprehensive Plan process and to present the proposed Economic Vitality Goal incorporating focus areas pertinent to economic development objectives and strategies including progress measurements, review of the County's currently defined economic development zones (EDZs), emerging and established employment hubs, infrastructure needed to attract specific industries in each EDZ, and proposed commercial renewal areas. Additionally, Ms. Hunter provided a calendar listing of upcoming 2023 public engagement meetings.

Ms. Hunter asked the Authority for feedback on the draft copy of the Envision Hanover Economic Vitality section to be used in updates to the County's Comprehensive Plan after public engagement sessions have taken place. Ms. Hunter further stated that the current administration is pursuing a 25-year comprehensive plan whereas many other localities adopt 5-year plans.

Mr. Kickler asked for clarification of the boundaries of the proposed Mechanicsville Village (Rt. 360/Elm Drive) Renewal Area.

Mr. Thomas stated that the current Suburban Services Area (SSA) conservatively equates to 22% of the entire land mass of Hanover, therefore, facilitating meaningful growth within the SSA is of utmost importance while updating the comprehensive plan.

Ms. Hunter commented that a typical ratio of residential to commercial is 70/30, and currently, Hanover is 80/20.

### **Director's Economic Development Activity Report**

Mr. Thomas presented the Hanover County Department of Economic Development Fiscal Year 2022 Annual Report, and reviewed notable data, metrics, announcements and initiatives detailed in the report. Mr. Thomas stated that many of the announcements made within the past five years are now in the build phase resulting in an unprecedented increase in total value of all new commercial announcements and commercial construction permit values.

### **Other Business**

Mr. Thomas discussed County email protocols and reminded the Authority that county emails received at their personal email accounts are still subject to the Freedom of Information Act. Mr. Hayden asked that the County's Department of Information Technology be contacted to inquire about accessing their county email accounts without being required to login through the County's official website.

### **Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Economic Development Authority is scheduled for Wednesday, March 8, 2023 at 7:30 a.m.

### **Adjourn**

At 8:26 a.m., Mr. Kickler asked for a motion for the Economic Development Authority of Hanover County to adjourn.

Mr. Pigg motioned that the meeting adjourn.

Mr. Johnson seconded the motion.

Upon the vote being taken:

Mr. Hayden	voted	Aye
Mr. Kickler	"	Aye
Mr. Johnson	"	Aye
Mr. Pigg	"	Aye

Motion approved.

Minutes submitted by Angela Wright.