

UNAPPROVED
**Loudon County Economic Development Agency/
Joint Economic and Community Development
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Lenoir City Utilities Board
June 22nd, 2020**

The following members were present: Mayor Jeff Harris, Mayor Tony Aikens, Eddie Simpson, John Evans, Harold Duff, John Harrison, and Christy Fitzgerald

Also present were: Lenoir City Administrator Amber Scott, LUB Manager Ty Ross, and LCEDA staff members Jack Qualls and Blair Patterson

Chairman Buddy Bradshaw called the meeting to order at 1:46 p.m.

Approval of the minutes from the June 22nd, 2020 Board of Directors Meeting

The minutes were emailed to the Members prior to the meeting for their review. **Eddie Simpson made a motion to approve the June 22nd, 2020 minutes, seconded by Harold Duff. All approved.**

Financial Report

John Evans presented the Profit and Loss Statement and Balance Sheet reviewing current assets, fixed assets, and liabilities. **Christy Fitzgerald made a motion to approve the financial report, seconded by John Harrison. Motion passed.**

Jack Qualls mentioned that the Agriculture Lease had not been received, stating that Johnny James asked to pay the lease at the end of the year and harvest.

Activity Report – Prospects/Projects and Workforce Development

Jack Qualls gave the following updates:

- Since the Board last met, the LCEDA has submitted 14 projects and had 1 site visit at the Kellogg's Building
- Due to COVID-19 the unemployment rate jumped from 3.8% in March to 15.2% in April. The updated numbers will be released on Thursday.
- The following transportation project updates were given:
 - Loudon County Resurfacing Project: Documents have been sent for review to resurface around 13 miles of roads in the County
 - Highland Avenue: Striping is completed
 - CMAQ Loudon: NEPA documents are under review
 - Queener Road: Moving Forward, needs budget amendment with TPO, fall bid out
 - Simpson Road: Bid out – bid opening is July 9th
 - CMAQ Lenoir City: Phase 1 Recertification document has been complete
 - CMAQ Lenoir City Phase 2: going into contract tonight
 - Multimodal Access Grant: Currently open, letters of intent due July 31st
 - Tourism Grant: Open, Cities are applying

Additional Business

The discussion of the LCEDA's Three Star goal to create a Housing Task Force in Loudon County took place in the Executive Committee Meeting. **John Evans made a motion that the LCEDA move forward with creating a housing task force, seconded by Eddie Simpson. All approved.**

With no further business **Jeff Harris made a motion to adjourn seconded by Eddie Simpson, motion carried.**

Blair Patterson, Recording Secretary