



MINUTES
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING OF
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF THE COUNTY OF BEDFORD, VA
Bedford County Administration Conference Room
122 E Main Street
Bedford, VA 24523
April 1, 2026
4:30 p.m.

Economic Development Authority:

Present: David Wells (*District 1*), Vicki Gardner (*District 2*), Kristy Milton (*District 5*), Jimmy Robertson (*District 6*), Jim Messier (*District 7*)

Staff Present: Pam Armstrong, *Economic Development Director*, Patrick Skelley, *County Attorney*, Erik Smedley (*County Engineer*), Whitney Greenway, *Assistant Finance Director*

Absent: Wyatt Walton (*District 3*); Matthew Braud (*District 4*), Robert Hiss, *County Administrator*, Niki Feazell, *Economic Development Administrative Assistant*, Lauren Thurston, *Business Programs Coordinator*, Mickey Johnson, *Board of Supervisors, District 1*, Charla Bansley, *Board of Supervisors, District 3*.

(1) CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Messier called the meeting to order at 4:28 p.m.

(2) APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chairman Messier asked for motion to approve agenda. Mr. Wells moved, seconded by Mr. Robertson. Agenda adopted unanimously by members present.

(3) CLOSED SESSION

- At a special called meeting of the Economic Development Authority of the County of Bedford, Virginia held at the County Administration Building on the 1st day of April 2026, Chairman Messier asked for motion to enter closed session. Mr. Wells moved, seconded by Mrs. Gardner, pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A)(29).
Closed session pursuant to Section 2.2-3711 (A)(29). Discussion of the award of a public contract involving the expenditure of public funds, including interviews of bidders or offerors, and discussion of the terms or scope of such contract, where discussion in an open session would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of the public body.
Mr. Wells made a motion to move back into regular session; seconded by Mrs. Milton.
Voting Yes: Mr. Wells, Mrs. Gardner, Mrs. Milton, Mr. Robertson, and Mr. Messier.
- On the motion of Mr. Robertson, seconded by Mr. Wells, which was carried out by a vote of 5-0, the motion was approved as presented to move forward with award of a public contract with all present members voting yes. *Mr. Wells, Mrs. Gardner, Mrs. Milton, Mr. Robertson, and Mr. Messier Abstention – Mr. Braud and Mr. Walton, not present.*

(4) OTHER BUSINESS

- Overstreet Hardware has applied for a permit to install four (4) pole tents on the back side of Lot 4 in the New London Business & Technology Center for the disc golf tournament. The tent structures are as follows: (2) 30' x 45', (2) 20' x 30' (these tents do not require a building permit as they are under 900 SF)

The requirement of the permit includes written permission from the EDA as the EDA owns the property.

On the motion of Mrs. Gardner, seconded by Mr. Wells, which was carried out by vote of 5-0, the motion to authorize the installation of pole tents as described was approved by all present members voting yes.

Mr. Wells presented privileged motion to adjourn. Unanimous consent to adjourn by members present.

Adjourned

4:41 pm

Chairman



Secretary

