

**Loudon County Economic Development Agency/
Joint Economic and Community Development
Executive Committee Meeting
Williamson House
December 12th, 2018**

The following members were present: Mayor Buddy Bradshaw, Charlie Bettis, Mayor Jeff Harris, and Amber Scott

Also present were: BOD Members Eddie Simpson, Harold Duff, Ron Jordan, and Ty Ross, and LCEDA staff members Jack Qualls and Blair Patterson

Chairman Buddy Bradshaw called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

Approval of the minutes from the September 18, 2018 Executive Committee Meeting

The minutes were emailed to the Members prior to the meeting for their review. There was a suggested revision due to misinterpretation. **Amber Scott made a motion to approve the September 18th, 2018 minutes upon the revision, seconded by Jeff Harris. All approved.**

Review of FY 2017-2018 Audit to be Recommended for Approval

Blair Patterson stated that the LCEDA recently received their completed Audit for 17-18 from the Accountant concluding that there were no findings. **Charlie Bettis made a motion to recommend the approval of the Audit to the Board, seconded by Amber Scott. Motion carried.**

Additional Business

Jack Qualls gave the following plans for next year:

- LCEDA will give an annual activity report based on the Calendar year, rather than the Fiscal.
- Update the Existing Industry Directory by making personal visits to each industry. EDA will continue to host quarterly roundtable discussions with industries as well.
- Billboard Lease – East-West has been bought out by Lamar, Jack is working with Susan Huskey at the County to keep lease up to date and active
- LCEDA applied for dollar support through TVA ED funds and received \$1,000 which will be used to host job fairs.
- TPO Call for projects – Jack asked the board to let him know if they had road projects in the urbanized area to be submitted and he would proceed
- Industrial Development Board Debt Bond Reports – The Comptroller has required a new filing to be reported each year by the IDB's. We will have a report prepared and sent in for SpringPlace in Lenoir City and Tate & Lyle in the City of Loudon.
- The EDA office has had malfunctions within their Network and is looking into the purchase and installation of Firewall software. The EDA will then look into moving the data server to the Cloud.

Mayor Jeff Harris had questions concerning the status of Loudon's traffic signalization project. Jack Qualls stated construction will begin in spring.

Further discussion took place in regards to grant opportunities and CMAQ vehicle replacement issues.

With no further business, **Charlie Bettis make a motion to adjourn seconded by Amber Scott, all approved.**

Blair Patterson

Blair Patterson, Recording Secretary