

**Loudon County Economic Development Agency/  
Joint Economic and Community Development  
Executive Committee Meeting  
Lenoir City Utilities Board  
June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

**The following members were present:** Mayor Buddy Bradshaw, Charlie Bettis, Mayor Jeff Harris, and Mayor Tony Aikens

**Also present were:** BOD Members Eddie Simpson, Harold Duff, John Evans, and Bob Elliott, Ex-Officio Members Amber Scott, Ty Ross, and Rodney Grugin, News Herald reporter Natalie McQuilkin, and LCEDA staff members Jack Qualls and Blair Patterson

Chairman Buddy Bradshaw called the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m.

**Approval of the minutes from the March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2019 Executive Committee Meeting**

The minutes were emailed to the Members prior to the meeting for their review. **Charlie Bettis made a motion to approve the February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2019 minutes, seconded by Jeff Harris. All approved.**

**LCEDA Williamson House Assets**

Jack Qualls explained that following the EDA's relocation to the Lenoir City Utilities Board offices, the Loudon County Courthouse experienced many damages due to a large fire. The City of Loudon had been in the process of moving into their new City Hall on Highway 72, and the Courthouse's previous operations moved into the pre-existing Loudon City Hall Downtown. Due to this, the EDA asked to donate their Williamson House assets that were no longer needed to the City of Loudon and Loudon County Government. **Tony Aikens made a motion to recommend the donation of the Williamson House assets, seconded by Charlie Bettis. All approved.**

**Centre 75 Agriculture Lease**

***Amended Document***

Jack Qualls brought forth a revised Centre 75 Agriculture Lease document with revisions made by Baker Donelson Attorneys at Law. The Board had asked Jack to take the lease to an outside law firm to get a legal opinion on the document as it stands. The Board reviewed the attorney's revised document of the Agriculture Agreement between the City, County, and Johnny James. **Jeff Harris made a motion to recommend to table the amended agriculture lease, seconded by Tony Aikens. All approved.**

***Termination of Lease – Lot 9***

Jack Qualls explained Project K, an automotive supplier warehouse operation investing \$5Mil, is on track to purchase Centre 75-Lot 9. They cannot proceed with purchase or closing while an existing lease exists on the property. The Agriculture Lease is active within the Lot 9 boundaries. **Jeff Harris made a motion to recommend the termination of the lease on Lot 9, no second. Motion failed.**

**Tony Aikens made a motion to take this line item to the full board, seconded by Jeff Harris. All approved.**

**Additional Business**

- The Loudon County Industrial Development Board has been reinstated

With no further business, **Jeff Harris make a motion to adjourn seconded by Tony Aikens, all approved.**

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Blair Patterson, Recording Secretary