

**THE MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 21, 2023 MEETING
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF MIDDLESEX COUNTY
IN THE BOARDROOM OF THE HISTORIC COURTHOUSE
SALUDA, VIRGINIA**

Present: John Anzivino, Chairman
Joe Heyman
Hallie Holmes

Absent: James Reed, Vice-Chairman
William Cawthorn, Treasurer
Celane Roden, Secretary
Gerald Crittenden

Staff: Trenton Funkhouser, Executive Director
Kelsey Briggs, EDA/MWA Office Manager

CALL TO ORDER

The Chairman noted the September 21, 2023 meeting of the Economic Development Authority of Middlesex County (the “EDA”) could not be called to order as four EDA members were absent and thus no quorum was present. The Chairman stated that due to a scheduled Zoom presentation and invited guests and out of respect for their time he would like to proceed with that presentation and also hear the monthly reports from Ms. Whitney Law and the Executive Director. He noted no action could be taken on any other matters of the September 21, 2023 Agenda.

TOURISM/MARKETING REPORT

Ms. Law reviewed several upcoming activities in Urbanna such as the Wine & Oyster Stroll, Shoptober events in October coordinated through Virginia’s River Realm and upcoming deadlines for Virginia Tourism Corporation grants to be applied for on behalf Middlesex County and also available to certain retail, lodging and restaurant businesses should they wish to apply directly to VTC.

GUEST SPEAKER

Mr. Miles Friedman and Michelle Coe of Phoenix Consulting started his presentation via Zoom on the prospective grant application to GO Virginia Region 6 for an Entrepreneurship Program for Schools. Mr. Friedman reviewed the activities of the current grant participants in King George County, Gloucester County and Colonial Beach schools and economic development staff of the respective localities.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

Mr. Funkhouser referenced the written report in the Agenda Package and provided no further comments.

ADJOURNMENT

With the end of presentations, EDA members and members of the public in attendance departed the Board room at 11:00 a.m.

John Anzivino, Chairman
Middlesex County Economic Development Authority

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