

**AT A MEETING OF THE ROCKBRIDGE COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (EDA) HELD ELECTRONICALLY AND AT THE ROCKBRIDGE COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES LOCATED AT 150 SOUTH MAIN STREET, LEXINGTON, VA 24450 ON JUNE 15, 2020 AT 8:30 A.M.**

**PRESENT IN PERSON: J. LINGON JONES, JR., ROBBIE FAULKNER, ROY POWELL, JANIE HARRIS, AND B.G. LOCHER**  
**PRESENT ONLINE: DAVID FARRIS AND BOYD BROWN**  
**ABSENT:**  
**EDA COUNSEL: LEE TAYLOR (not present)**  
**SECRETARY: BRANDY FLINT (present online)**  
**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS: DAVID MCDANIEL (present online)**  
**MEDIA:**  
**OTHER: SAM CRICKENBERGER**

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Mr. Jones called the meeting to order at 8:32 a.m.

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The second agenda item was citizen comments.

Ms. Flint advised that there were no comments submitted by email, no comments have been submitted via the Zoom meeting chat option, and there were no phone call-ins.

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The third agenda item was the approval of the May 15, 2020 minutes.

Upon a motion by Mr. Locher, seconded by Mr. Powell, the EDA voted unanimously to approve the minutes as presented.

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The fourth agenda item was the Financial Report.

Ms. Flint reviewed the report as submitted.

There were no questions or comments regarding the Financial Report.

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The fifth agenda item was an update on the Gauntlet Program.

Mr. Crickenberger noted that the Gauntlet program began in January and successfully adjusted to online programming.

Ms. Flint noted that she reviewed six business plans for the local region, and Mr. Crickenberger reviewed 30 pitches from the program area. She said that that there will be virtual graduation on June 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

Ms. Harris asked for a brief overview of some of the pitches. Mr. Crickenberger noted applications were ranging from wood processing, technology, to bar operations.

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The sixth agenda item was an update on the COVID-19 Relief Fund.

Ms. Flint stated that the EDA COVID-19 review committee had approved 55 grant applications. Twenty-eight applications were funded through the Community Foundation for a total of \$13,350. Twenty-seven applications have been funded through the EDA funds totaling \$25,625. Two applicants declined to accept funding after approval. Combined total COVID-19 Relief funds issued to local businesses is \$38,975. In the last two weeks, applications reviewed have utilized the EDA funds to ensure that applications did not have to wait longer for approval throughout the Community Foundation. She noted she has one application approved by the Committee last Friday, and she will be delivering the check to the applicant today. Ms. Flint advised that over half of the applicants have completed their performance measures. Mr. Crickenberger stated that the grant program had been well received, and people have been very grateful for the help.

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With no further business to discuss, upon a motion by Mr. Powell, seconded by Ms. Harris, the EDA voted unanimously to adjourn at 8:49 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Brandy Flint,  
Secretary