



Economic Development Authority of Amherst County Meeting

July 8, 2026; 5 pm

Amherst County's Public Meeting Room

MINUTES

EDA Board Members Present

Andrew Proctor, Chair
Shelly Hunt, Vice Chair
Chad Eby
Dan Sweeney, Treasurer
Calvin Kennon
Paul Kilgore
Christine Vrooman

EDA Board Members Absent

Staff Present

Lori Saunders
Derin Foor

Guests

- I. Call Meeting to Order
 - A. Proctor called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.
- II. Consent Agenda
 - A. Approval of July Agenda
 - B. Approval of June 10, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes
 - C. Kennon made the motion to accept the consent agenda
 - 2nd: C. Vrooman
 - Aye: Unanimous
- III. Citizen Comments

10 citizens spoke to voice their concerns re: data centers, NDA's, etc
- IV. Incentives

Property Revitalization Incentive (\$10,000 each x 2 per year) This would help commercial and industrial properties that have been neglected become revitalized and repurposed.

V. CVTC Update

Staff gave an update on the \$16 million that was placed in the State budget for demolition.

VI. Staff Comment

Director

- building height discussion, marketing
- MTB - RFP
- PC first read July 16th Data Center ordinance
- Youth Representative search
- Governor's Economic Development Plan Region 2
- Lori taking time off July 20-24
- Derin class in Chapel Hill July 27-31

- EDA Coordinator - update on site visits with H.T. Hackney

VII. Open Discussion

VIII. Closed Session - Potential New Business

- P. Kilgore made the motion that the Economic Development Authority of Amherst County convene in closed session pursuant to the exemption at § 2.2-3711(A)(5) of the Code of Virginia, to discuss an expanding business.

2nd: S. Hunt

Aye: Unanimous

P. Kilgore made the motion to come out of closed session

2nd: C. Kennon

P. Kilgore made the motion that the Economic Development Authority of Amherst County certify by a recorded vote that, to the best of each Authority member's knowledge, only public business matters lawfully exempted from the open meeting requirements of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act and identified in the motion authorizing the closed session were heard, discussed, or considered in the closed session.

S. Hunt- aye, D. Sweeney-aye, C.Kennon-aye, C. Eby-aye, P.Kilgore-aye, C. Vrooman-aye ,
A. Proctor- aye

IX. Adjournment

C.Kennon made the motion to adjourn at 6:45 pm.

2nd: S.Hunt

Aye: Unanimous