

# Bland County Economic Development Authority

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## Authority Meeting Minutes

### Special Meeting

November 17, 2025

612 Main Street,

Courthouse Conference Room 200

Bland, VA 24315

#### Call to Order:

Mr. Havens, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m.

#### Roll Call:

The following authority members attended the meeting:

Mr. James Starks

Mr. Wade Hall

Mrs. Linda Townley

Mr. John Martin

Mr. Andy Davis

Mr. Timothy Havens

Mr. John Babbitt

#### Members Absent:

*none*

#### Others present:

Mr. Stephen Kelley, Board of Supervisor

Mrs. Cameron Burton, County Administrator

Ms. Teresa Tolbert, EDA Secretary

#### PLEDGE & INVOCATION

Mr. Martin led the pledge to the U.S. Flag and offered an invocation.

#### AGENDA/MINUTES/TREASURER'S REPORT APPROVAL

Mr. Starks made a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Hall seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

*(Minutes and Treasurer's report will be available at the next regularly scheduled meeting.)*

#### NEW BUSINESS

*none*

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## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **CLOSED SESSION**

Mr. Martin made the following motion: "Pursuant to Section 2.2 – 3711 (A) (3), (5) and (39) of the Code of Virginia, I move that the Bland County Economic Development Authority convene a closed meeting for the purpose of discussion of prospective business or industry where no previous announcement has been made of the business' or industry's interest in locating or expanding, and the acquisition or disposition of real property *more specifically Project Legacy and Project Phoenix and* discussion of economic development proprietary information, voluntarily provided to the Authority *more specifically Project BLT*. This motion was seconded by Mr. Babbitt. Motion passed.

*The Authority retired into closed session.*

## **OPEN SESSION AND CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED SESSION**

Mr. Martin made the motion that the EDA return to open session. Mr. Starks seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Mr. Martin made the following motion: "Pursuant to Section 2.2 – 3712 of the Code of Virginia, I move that the Bland County Economic Development Authority team while in closed session discussed only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements as previously stated in Virginia Law and that only such matters as were identified in the motion convening the closed meeting were heard, discussed or considered." This motion was seconded by Mr. Hall. Roll call vote: Mr. Babbitt-yes, Mr. Starks-yes, Mr. Hall-yes, Mrs. Townley-yes, Mr. Havens-yes, Mr. Davis-yes, and Mr. Martin-yes.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn by Mrs. Townley. Mr. Hall seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

## **NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING**

December 8, 2025, at 5:00 p.m. at Courthouse Conference Room.