

# *Economic Development Commission*

*The County Commissioners of Kent County*

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**March 6, 2019**

Commission Members Present: Jim Luff, Cindy Genter, Kate Gray, Rob Thompson, Aaron Bramble, Richard Story, Tracey Williams, and Trae Hoffner

Commission Members Absent:

Also in Attendance: Robert Jacob, County Commissioner; Shelley Heller, County Administrator; Amy Moredock, Director, Planning, Housing, and Zoning; Emily McCoy, Assistant and Jamie Williams, Director, Economic Development.

At 3:00 p.m. Mr. Luff called the meeting to order. Mr. Luff requested a motion to approve the minutes from the February 6, 2019 meeting. On motion by Mr. Story and seconded by Mr. Bramble, the Commission unanimously approved the minutes from the February 6, 2019 meeting.

Ms. Moredock shared a departmental update with the Commission, which included updates on the following projects.

- Pep Up, Inc. (lands of David A. Bramble, Inc)
- New Veterinary Hospital north of Rock Hall (former Fords Seafood site)
- OneEnergy BlueStar Solar (building permit)
- Morgnec Road Solar (Public Service Commission scheduling conference and County zoning text amendment)
- Country Inn zoning text amendment (Commissioner hearing)
- Animal Shelter text amendment (remand to the Planning Commission)
- County Nuisance Flooding Plan
- The Bay Bridge Monitoring Committee (Bay Crossing Purpose and Need study released)
- Growth Allocation Approval will expire for previous Dutch Deli site

Cindy Genter shared the 2018 Kent County Real Estate Market Review. The home sales summary, home sales by location, regional homes sales comparison, other Kent County real estate activity, and observations & opportunities were discussed. The presentation is attached.

Jamie Williams shared the Maryland GDP by County, 2012-2015 report and the Emsi economy overview report for Kent County. Members requested to see other counties for comparison. Ms. Williams shared Cecil and Queen Anne’s as we have access through the Upper Shore Regional Council, and it includes the three counties. Ms. Williams shared information on the Maryland 211 system and requested the members shared the information in the community. The service provides free, confidential, and multi-lingual information and referral 24/7 for basic

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needs, health care, family resources and more. Ms. Williams share the ad and editorial that was just completed for Expansion Solutions magazine. With the insertion of the ad, editorial space was provided, in addition this publication is being taken to national trade shows. Ms. Williams announced that the nomination committee would have their first meeting on April 3, 2019 at 2:30 p.m. prior to the April EDC meeting.

Ms. Williams will forward a letter of opposition to CHR2-2019 Special Exception to Jim Luff for review and signature. This action was approved unanimously by the Commission at the February meeting. Ms. Williams requested that new business openings be shared with Economic Development, we are working towards a welcome packet and promotion for new businesses.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Ms. Gray, seconded by Mr. Story and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 5:05 pm. The Commission agreed to meet again on Wednesday, April 3, 2019 at 3:00 pm in the Commissioners' Hearing Room.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jamie L. Williams  
Director