Economic Development Commission

The County Commissioners of Kent County 400 High Street, 3rd Floor Chestertown, MD 21620

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June 5, 2019

<u>Commission Members Present:</u> Jim Luff, Cindy Genther, Kate Gray, Rob Thompson, Richard Story, and Tracey Williams

Commission Members Absent: Aaron Bramble

Also in Attendance: Shelley Heller, County Administrator; Jamie Williams, Director, Economic Development; and Emily McCoy, Assistant 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 May 1, 2019, meeting. On motion by Ms. Genther and seconded by Mr. Story, the Commission unanimously approved the minutes from the May 1, 2019, meeting.

Andre and Andrew DeMattia, Owners, and Kimberly Wischman, Director of Customer Relations, Talkie Communications introduced themselves and shared their background. They recently purchased the building at 99 Talbot Blvd. in Chestertown. They shared a corporate overview and some of the recent challenges.

Jamie Williams reviewed the updated bylaws as discussed at the May Economic Development Commission meeting. Ms. Williams shared the Job Fair/Hiring Event information to be held on June 20, 2019, with the Maryland Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation and other workforce partners. Ms. Williams provided an overview of the marketing plan for FY2020 and an update on the USDA Grant application with BAON Enterprises for technology training.

Emily McCoy presented the updated job seeker services webpage found on the Kent County website.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Ms. Gray, seconded by Mr. Thompson and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 3:48 pm. The Commission agreed to meet again on Wednesday, July 3, 2019 at 3:00 pm in the Commissioners' Hearing Room.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jamie L. Williams Director