

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF MATHEWS COUNTY, VIRGINIA

December 4, 2025

4:00 p.m.

Historic Courthouse

AGENDA

1. Call to Order
 - Members of the Board: Joe Syslo, Chair; Brenda L. Moore, Vice-Chair; Ramona Wilson, Secretary; Stephen Taylor Ovide, Interim Treasurer; Sandy Warhol, Member; Dee Russell, member; Myriah Pirhala, Member
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Approval of Minutes of the July 2025 Meeting (attached)
4. Interim Treasurer Report: Taylor
5. Old Business Status Reports
 - a. Ms. Russell/ Budget
 - b. Mr. Ovide/ Rubric
 - c. Ms. Pirhala/Website
 - d. Sibleys
 - e. Thank you Kingston Housing
6. New Business
 - a. TBEX Interviews
 - b. New grant Request-Old Chesapeake Bank Building
7. Closed meeting
 - a. Enter closed meeting
 - b. § 2.2-3711(A)(5) for discussion concerning a prospective business or industry or the expansion of an existing business or industry where no previous announcement has been made of the business interest in locating or expanding in the community.
 - c. Return to open meeting
 - d. Action on closed matters (if necessary)
8. Set Next Meeting
9. Adjourn

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**MEETING OF THE MATHEWS COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
HELD IN THE MATHEWS COUNTY HISTORIC COURTHOUSE, 27 CHURCH STREET IN
MATHEWS COUNTY, VIRGINIA, DECEMBER 4, 2025, AT 4:00 PM**

EDA Members Present:

Joe Syslo, Chairman
Brenda L. Moore, Vice-Chairman
Sandy Warhol
Dee Russell
Myriah Pirhala (4:07pm)
Ramona Wilson, Secretary

EDA Members Absent:

Taylor Ovide

Staff Members Present:

None

Guests Present:

None

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by the Chair Joe Syslo at 4:04 pm.

2. Approval of Agenda

Motion: B.Moore moved to approve the Agenda as presented, D.Russell second. Board voting 6-Ayes, 0-Nays motion passed.

3. Approval of Minutes from October 23, 2025 EDA meeting.

Motion: D. Russell moved to approve the October 23, 2025 minutes presented, B.Moore second. Board voting 6-Ayes, 0-Nays motion passed.

4. Interim Treasurers Report

J.Syslo provided the treasurers report based on the statements provided by T. Ovide. The EDA has a balance of \$25,735 in the Chesapeake Bank Account. As of November 30, 2025 the EDA has \$394,759.77 in the VIP account earning approximately 4.1% interest.

5. Old Business

- **Budget-Dee Russell-D.** Russell requested treasurer's reports for the last few years showing expenditures and revenue so she can accurately prepare a budget. R. Wilson to send reports to D. Russell.
- **Mr. Ovide-Grant Rubric-**due to Mr. Ovide's absence this topic will be covered next meeting

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- **Ms.Pirhala-Website**-working on some small issues, gathering data for dashboard, anticipate full rollout in new year. December 8 will be available for Commission to review and provide feedback. Announce to the Public mid January. Hosting platform is GoDaddy \$11.99/month.
- **Sibley’s store**-last \$10,000 commitment due. J.Syslo to get with T.Ovide to drop off a check.
- **Kingston Housing**-sent a thank you to the EDA for the grant they were awarded in October.

6. New Business

TBEX interviews-the event will be held in Richmond (conference), interviews are part of the process to start promoting the County. More information at the net meeting. New Grant request-Mathews Insurance for: \$5,000 for tree removal at the old Chesapeake Bank Building that they recently purchased. The tree removal will provide more parking. S. Warhol made a motion to deny the grant request, M.Pirhala second 6-Aye (in favor of denial) 0-Nays. Discussion highlighted that the grant request is not creating more jobs, not a new business and not promoting tourism. R. Wilson to write a denial letter for J.Syslo to sign.

7. Closed Meeting

S. Warhol made a motion to enter closed session according to; §2-2-3711(A)(5) for discussion concerning a prospective business or industry or the expansion of an existing business or industry where no previous announcement has been made of the business interest in locating or expanding in the community, second D. Russell. 6-Ayes, 0-Nays

Return to Open Session; Please certify that only the matters that were noted to go into closed session were heard and discussed. Certified in the positive: D. Russell, J.Syslo, S. Warhol, B.Moore, R. Wilson, M.Pirhala.

Actions from closed session-D.Russell made a motion that a skeleton list of accomplishments from 2025 (without disclosing business interests) and a strategic list of goals for 2026. S. Warhol second. D. Russell and S. Warhol agreed to prepare the list and email to EDA members by Dec.18, 2025 to review and comment.

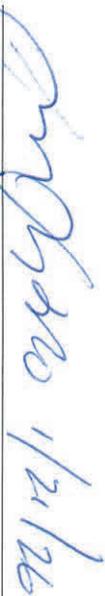
8. Next Meeting

Next meeting will be January 21, 2026 at 4:00p.m in the Courthouse.

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9. Adjourn

R. Wilson made a motion, J. Syslo second to adjourn, 6-Aye, 0-Nays meeting adjourned 5:32pm
S. Warhol asked if the next joint BOS and EDA meeting had been scheduled. R. Wilson stated
that it had not been scheduled, probably should schedule in January after the election.

	
Joe Syslo, Chairman	Ramona Wilson, Secretary
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