



MEMORANDUM

22 July 2024

From: County Executive

To: Giles County Commission

Subj: Advisory Working Group for Economic Development

Problem Statement: While two commissioners serve on the EDC, there have been limited opportunities for representatives of Districts 1-7 to express actionable recommendations for countywide economic development.

Solution: Establish a short-term Advisory Working Group of commissioners from Districts 1-7. The Working Group will meet as necessary to complete a report by 04 October, which will be presented to the EDC and full Commission in their 21 October meeting. The Working Group will be dissolved after report submission..

Purpose: The purpose of the Working Group is to foster economic prosperity throughout the county by providing informed proposals to the Giles County EDC.

Key Tasks: The Working Group should consider the following economic factors in developing their proposals:

- A. Business Attraction & Retention
- B. Business & Industrial Diversification
- C. Workforce Development
- D. Existing Infrastructure Challenges
- E. Interstate Corridor Potential
- F. Sustainment of Agricultural Enterprises
- G. Support for Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs)
- H. Tourism Enhancements

General Guidelines: The Working Group will:

- A. Meet as desired between 05 Aug and 04 Oct. (First meeting 05 Aug @ 4pm, Annex Boardroom)
- B. Elect a Chair at the first meeting who will preside, call meetings, and spearhead the final report.
- C. Follow Open Meeting guidelines; the Chair will please provide the County Executive's office 2-weeks notice to ensure public notifications are appropriately made.
- D. Ensure all commissioners and members of public have an opportunity to provide input.
- E. Confine agenda and deliberations to economic development.
- F. For objectives requiring county investment, identify the funding source(s).
- G. Complete and forward their report by 04 October, after which the Working Group will be dissolved.

My hope is that the Working Group will help cultivate ideas for economic development by identifying and fleshing out previously overlooked opportunities. We all share the goal of seeing Giles County prosper; thank you all for your willingness to support the Working Group in executing that goal.

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Advisory Working Group for Economic Development

District	Commissioner
1	Joyce Woodard
2	David Wamble
3	Anelle Guthrie
4	Matthew Hopkins
5	Brad Butler
6	Evan Baddour
7	Judy Pruett