

**Minutes of the
COMMISSION ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT
All-Virtual Special Meeting
December 2, 2024
3:00 p.m.**

Members Present (virtually)

Robert Lauterberg, Vice Chair
Diane Linderman
Terry Payne
Edwin Rosado, Chair

Members Absent

Ceasor Johnson

DHCD staff present for all or part of the meeting:

Bryan Horn, Director
Trisha Lindsey, Policy and Legislative Services Director
LeGrand Northcutt, Senior Policy Analyst
Chase Sawyer, Policy and Legislative Services Manager

Call to Order

Mr. Rosado, Chair of the Commission on Local Government, called the special meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

Roll Call

The roll was called by Mr. Northcutt. Mr. Northcutt reported that a quorum was present.

Approval of Agenda

A motion was made by Ms. Linderman and seconded by Mr. Lauterberg to approve the draft agenda. The motion passed unanimously on a voice vote (YEAS: Lauterberg, Linderman, Payne, Rosado; NAYS: None).

Caroline County and
Spotsylvania County
Economic Growth Sharing
Agreement

Ed Petrovich, County Administrator for Spotsylvania County, gave an overview of the history of the agreement before the Commission. Mr. Petrovich discussed the regional and state-wide collaboration that led to the agreement, the historic investments in infrastructure that would result from it and other projects in the two counties, as well as the ways Spotsylvania County has protected its potable water sources from data center construction.

Presentation of the Draft
Agreement

Charles Culley, County Administrator for Caroline County, concurred with Mr. Petrovich on the historic nature of the agreement and resulting investments. Mr. Culley also noted the collaborative nature of the project and anticipated impact on job creation in Caroline County.

Mr. Northcutt presented the draft agreement and discussed amendments that had been made after the draft was made publicly available on November 26th.

Presentation of the Draft
Report on the Economic
Growth Sharing Agreement
Public Comment

Mr. Rosado opened the floor for public comment on the report. After seeing no speakers, Mr. Rosado closed public comment.

Approval of the Report on
the Economic Growth
Sharing Agreement

Mr. Rosado opened the floor for questions and comments from the Commissioners regarding the report. Mr. Lauterberg had a general question about data center development across the Commonwealth. In response, a representative from Amazon Data Services spoke to the company's current and anticipated projects in the region.

Hearing no additional comments on the report, Mr. Lauterberg moved to approve the report subject to the amendments proposed by staff. The motion was seconded by Ms. Linderman and passed unanimously (YEAS: Lauterberg, Linderman, Payne, Rosado; NAYS: None).

Other Business

There was no other Commission business.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Ms. Linderman and seconded by Mr. Lauterberg to adjourn the meeting; The motion passed unanimously on a voice vote (YEAS: Lauterberg, Linderman, Payne, Rosado; NAYS: None). The meeting adjourned at 3:27 p.m.