

**Brooke County EDA Meeting
May 31, 2017 at 5:30pm
Brooke Library- Wellsburg, WV**

- I. **Attendance/ Introductions:** John Casinelli-Chair, Patty Welling-Treasurer, Lynn Davis, Ruby Greathouse, Dr. Heather Stone, Ed DiPino, Mike Paprocki, Yaggi Tacoza, Dr. Bill Hicks, Norm Schwertfeger
- II. Minutes of the meeting of April 26 was approved by motion from Ed DiPino and second by Patty Welling and approved.
- III. Patty Welling presented the financial report and motion by Ed DiPino to accept, second by Yaggi, passed unanimously.
- IV. Bethany Town Project Update- Dr. Bill Hicks was present to report on the projects in Bethany covering for Dr. Pat Sutherland. They have a SouthWest Energy Watershed Project that SouthWest Energy wants to do the initial work on the project but does not wish to keep the project ongoing. The City is also involved in eco-tourism development, outdoor trails, low ropes, etc. Bill indicated that Greg Caprara is the contact for the eco-tourism programs.
- V. **USDA Loan and Grant Project Update:** No report.
- VI. **Updates from Municipalities, Towns and Villages:**
 - A- **Beech Bottom-** No report.
 - B- **Bethany-** Previously reported by Dr. Bill Hicks.
 - C- **Follansbee-** City Councilman John Casinelli reported on behalf of the city. City is making renovations to the baseball fields. They are in the process of completing their 20 year plan including land development, infrastructure, etc. July 1 Follansbee begins their Home Rule Program.
 - D- **Weirton-** No report.
 - E- **Wellsburg-** No Report.
 - F- **Windsor Heights-** No Report.
- VII. **Development Updates.**
 - A. County Assessor- No Report.
 - B. Business Development Corporation NP- No report.
 - C. BHJ Regional Metropolitan Planning- Mike gave a bridge update. Still in progress and plans to start project in 2018. Route 2 upgrade on Rt. 22 between Harmon Creek and Downtown exits. Reported on bridge/road work in Follansbee Allegheny street where it flooded. BHJ received a \$600,000 Brownfield Grant for 2017-2018. BDC is working with BOE to repurpose the 2 county middle schools.
 - D. County Commission- No Report.
 - E. WV Development Office- No Report
 - F. Brooke County Board of Education- No Report.
 - G. Brooke Senior Center-No Report.
 - H. Banking Industry- No Report.
 - I. Realty Industry- Ed DiPino gave an update on progress with the new addition he is developing across the road from Highland Hills. Plan 10 of Highland Hills will have another new addition by June 1 and this will be the 19th home in the area. Eleven lots remain open for development at this location! Scott Wusiak purchased 12 adjoining acres and is making very nice family developments and recreation there.
 - J. Brooke Hills Park- Significant progress being made at park but no formal report given.

Community & Economic Development Discussion-

- A. PITCH- Dave left Norm update on PITCH Contest.
- B. Dilapidated Buildings- No report.
- C. Round Table Event-
- D. Rail Trail Update- Ruby Greathouse reported Yaggi's hard work on the Trail connectivity was finally paying off. Follansbee city Council met and voted 5-0 to support efforts for the Trail to come through Follansbee!
- E. Ag Day- Ruby Greathouse reported.

Next meeting is scheduled for Upcoming Conferences:

WV Brownfield Conference- September 13-14 (Charleston)

Signed,

Norman Schwertfeger, Secretary BCEDA