

A joint, continued meeting of the Botetourt County Board of Supervisors and the Botetourt County Economic Development Authority was held on Thursday, March 25, 2021, at the Botetourt County Administration Center in Daleville, Virginia, beginning at 6:45 P.M.

PRESENT: Board Members: Dr. Donald M. Scothorn, Chairman
Dr. Richard G. Bailey, Vice-Chairman
Mr. Steve Clinton
Mrs. Amy S. White
Mr. Billy W. Martin, Sr.

PRESENT: EDA Members: Mr. John Kilby, Chairman
Mr. John Griffin, Vice-Chairman
Ms. Mary Bess Smith
Mr. John Alderson
Mr. Jeff Emry
Mr. David Bryan
Mr. G. Lyn Hayth

ABSENT: Members: None

Others present at the meeting:

Mr. Michael Lockaby, County Attorney
Mr. F. B. Webster Day, EDA Attorney
Mr. Gary Larrowe, County Administrator
Mr. Ken McFadyen, Economic Development Director

The Chairman of the Board of Supervisors called the meeting to order at 6:45 P.M. and recognized the presence of Delegate Terry Austin at the meeting.

Dr. Scothorn stated that the County and the Roanoke Valley had an outstanding economic development announcement this afternoon. He stated that the County is fortunate to have a partnership with Mr. John Hull and Ms. Ann Blair Miller with the Roanoke Regional Partnership and Ms. Carolyn Howard with Draper Aden Associates and thanked them for their assistance during this prospect recruitment process.

Mr. Kilby, Chairman of the EDA, then called the EDA meeting to order at 6:47 P. M.

Dr. Scothorn then introduced Mr. Brian Frost, Director of Operations for Virginia, and Mr. Michael Gantert, President of Data Centers, representing Munters Corporation.

He noted that Mr. Frost has been with Munters for 5 years and the County has enjoyed working with him through this process. Dr. Scothorn noted that Mr. Gantert previously served in the U. S. Army. Dr. Scothorn thanked them for choosing Botetourt County and Greenfield for their new, expanded facility.

He noted that Munters Corporation will invest \$36 million to construct a 365,000 square foot manufacturing facility in Botetourt Center at Greenfield. He noted that the company, which is currently located in Buena Vista, will house its manufacturing, research and development, and sales of data center cooling systems and high-temperature industrial process systems in this new facility.

Dr. Scothorn stated that the company is expected to begin operations in Botetourt County in 2022 and will bring 200 jobs to the County. He further noted that, due to pandemic restrictions, the public announcement of this new industry location in the County was held virtually earlier today. A video of the announcement was then shown.

Dr. Scothorn stated that the purpose of this meeting is to have various performance and sales agreements for this project considered for approval by the Board and EDA. He noted that copies of these agreements have been provided to the members.

He noted that the Board of Supervisors is being asked to adopt a resolution approving a performance agreement between the County, the EDA, Shooting Star Virginia Partners, LLC, and Munters Corporation for the construction of a new facility in Botetourt Center at Greenfield.

On motion by Mr. Martin, seconded by Dr. Bailey, and carried by the following recorded vote, the Board adopted the attached resolution pertaining to a performance agreement between the County, the EDA, Shooting Star Virginia Partners, LLC, and Munters Corporation for the construction of a new facility in Botetourt Center at Greenfield and authorized the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, or County Administrator, to sign and execute all associated documents. (Resolution Number 21-03-17)

AYES: Mr. Clinton, Mrs. White, Mr. Martin, Dr. Bailey, Dr. Scothorn

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAINING: None

Mr. Kilby then stated that the EDA is being asked to adopt a resolution approving a sale agreement between the EDA and Shooting Star Virginia Partners, LLC, and to also approve a performance agreement between the County, the EDA, Shooting Star Virginia Partners, LLC, and Munters Corporation for the company's new Greenfield facility.

On motion by Mr. Alderson, seconded by Mr. Hayth, and carried by the following recorded vote, the Authority adopted the attached resolution approving a real estate sale agreement between the EDA and Shooting Star Virginia Partners, LLC, and approving a performance agreement between the County, the EDA, Shooting Star Virginia Partners, LLC, and Munters Corporation for the company's new Greenfield facility.

AYES: Mr. Kilby, Ms. Smith, Mr. Emry, Mr. Kilby, Mr. Alderson, Mr. Bryan, Mr. Hayth

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAINING: None

Dr. Scothorn then offered the floor to Mr. Gantert and Mr. Frost for comments.

Mr. Frost thanked everyone for their warm welcome to Botetourt County. He noted that they started the search process for a new company location 9 months ago and considered several sites. He noted that Virginia has the same core values as the company and its employees do.

Mr. Frost stated that this new facility will allow the company to grow into what they want it to be and will allow them to meet their current and future goals.

He thanked Mr. Larowe, Mr. Kilby, Mr. McFadyen, and the team members who worked on this project for their hospitality, professionalism, and kindness. He noted that their workforce looks forward to relocating to the County.

Dr. Scothorn stated that Munters Group AB is based in Sweden and they have 17 facilities and 3,300 total employees throughout the world.

He then noted that each primary employer that locates in Botetourt County receives a County flag and then presented a County flag to Mr. Frost and Mr. Gantert.

On behalf of their corporate headquarters, Mr. Gantert then thanked everyone for the warm welcome. He stated that Munters looks forward to a great partnership for many years to come.

Mr. Gantert then presented Dr. Scothorn with a Swedish flag.

Dr. Scothorn thanked Mr. Gantert for the flag and noted that this is the thirteenth country to find a home in Botetourt County and he hopes to have many more in the future.

There being no further discussion, on motion by Dr. Bailey, seconded by Mr. Martin, and carried by the following recorded vote, the Board of Supervisors meeting was adjourned at 6:58 P. M. (Resolution Number 21-03-18)

AYES: Mr. Clinton, Mrs. White, Mr. Martin, Dr. Bailey, Dr. Scothorn

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAINING: None

There being no further discussion, on motion by Mr. Hayth, seconded by Mr. Alderson, and carried by the following recorded vote, the Economic Development Authority meeting was adjourned at 6:59 P. M.

AYES: Mr. Kilby, Ms. Smith, Mr. Emry, Mr. Kilby, Mr. Alderson, Mr. Bryan, Mr. Hayth

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAINING: None