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**YORK COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
WELCOMES NEW CHAIR, VICE CHAIR**

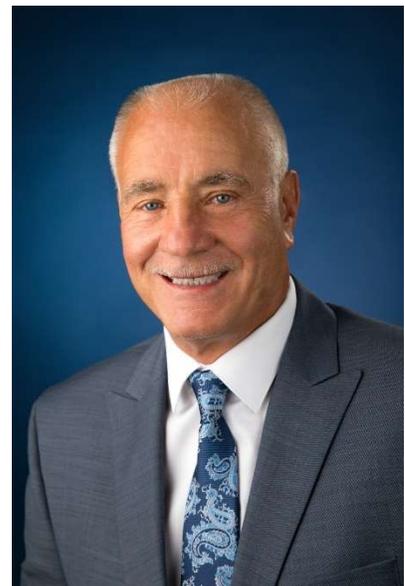
Board of Supervisors honors outgoing chairman Rick Moberg, who headed EDA for nearly 20 years, as vice chair Steve Meade rises to the position



R. Anderson "Rick" Moberg



Steve Meade



Harmon "Junior" Coxton

(YORKTOWN, VA, Sept. 18, 2020) – After 19 years leading the charge to bring new business and a more diverse economic base to York County, R. Anderson “Rick” Moberg is stepping down as chairman of the Economic Development Authority. Moving into the role will be business attorney Steve Meade, who served as vice chair for the past 3 years, and the new vice chair will be auto body shop owner Harmon "Junior" Coxton.

Moberg, a prominent local architect and founder of James River Architects, first joined the EDA in 1997 and quickly ascended to the chairmanship. During his tenure, Moberg was instrumental in many successes for the County, including the Yorktown Riverwalk project, beautification of

Route 17, the creation of York Commerce Park and, most recently, the launch of Tradewins—a workforce development program in partnership with the York County School Division.

“The length of time he was willing to not just serve on EDA, but as chairman, was a huge personal commitment to improving York County’s economy and business environment,” said Jim Noel, director of the County’s Office of Economic Development. “Rick missed only one meeting in 20 years and attended literally hundreds of additional committee meetings, prospect visits and site evaluations. He genuinely cares about York County and was willing to give what’s our most valuable asset: time.”

Noel also expressed enthusiasm for the incoming officers, who bring their own set of assets to the EDA. Meade is a business and transactional attorney who has been with Patten Wornom Hatten & Diamonstein since 1994, and Junior Coxtton has owned and operated Coxtton Collision Center since 1975.

“Steve Meade is a catch—we’re lucky to have a business lawyer as chairman, especially one with such an extensive track record. He’s worked on some major projects with us already as a volunteer, including negotiating contracts for the new data center project and the pub on 17,” he said. “Junior Coxtton will also make an excellent vice chair, with 20 years of experience on the EDA and being a small-business owner himself. He’s ‘boots on the ground,’ with the pulse of what’s going because he has so many close relationships with small-business owners in the County. Steve’s clients tend to be larger businesses, so he and Junior will complement each other well as a leadership team.”

About the York County OED and EDA

The primary mission of York County’s Office of Economic Development (OED) and Economic Development Authority (EDA) is to create a diverse economic base by the aggressive recruitment, expansion and retention of businesses, industries, and tourism, thus expanding the tax base and capital investment in the County and providing new employment opportunities for its citizens.

The Office of Economic Development works in cooperation with many regional and state agencies to pursue its mission. Key among these allies are the Virginia Economic Development Partnership, Greater Williamsburg Partnership, Hampton Roads Small Business Development Center, and local Chambers of Commerce. Perhaps the most important ally is the York County Economic Development Authority. Established in 1972, the EDA is a political subdivision of the Commonwealth of Virginia and has unique powers established in the Code of Virginia. The EDA is a conduit for non-taxable industrial revenue bonds, can legally own, develop, and sell or lease commercial real estate, and can provide incentives necessary to close deals within targeted industry sectors.

Learn more about the Economic Development Authority and its resources at:

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