

Resolution

07-08

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION AND PROVIDING FOR THE POWERS, TERMS AND AUTHORITY FOR THE MEMBERSHIP THEREOF

Whereas, the Board of County Commissioners of Queen Anne's County is vitally concerned with the economic vitality of the County and the opportunity to enhance employment, higher wage jobs, tax base and quality of life in Queen Anne's County, and

Whereas, the Board deems it desirable to encourage economic development for positive growth as a County endeavor,

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, by the Board of County Commissioners of Queen Anne's County acting pursuant to the authority of Sections and of Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland as follows:

SECTION I. The Queen Anne's County Economic Development Commission is hereby established, hereinafter referred to as "Commission".

SECTION II. The commission shall have the following powers and duties:

- (1) To confer with and advise the County Commissioners and municipal governing bodies on all matters concerning economic development of the County.
- (2) Investigate and assemble information pertaining to economic resources, labor market, industrial sites, and opportunities.
- (3) Disseminate information in the interest of industrial development by publication, advertising or other means.
- (4) Cooperate with any interested private concern, civic or community organization, municipality, or federal, state or county governmental agency in the attraction of new industries and in the encouragement of expansion of existing industries and businesses.
- (5) Cooperate with all industries and businesses in the County in the solution of any community problems which they might have and to encourage the management of such concerns to have a healthy and constructive interest in the County's welfare.
- (6) Periodically survey the over-all condition of the County from the standpoint of determining whether the County has a community climate and furnishes such services and facilities as are conducive to industrial and economic expansion.
- (7) Implement the Economic Development Commission heretofore presented to the County Commissioners.

SECTION III.

- (a) The Commission shall consist of 12 members interested in the economic development of the County. Terms shall be for a period of 3 years beginning on January 1st of each year.
- (b) Subsequent appointments each year shall be made by the County Commissioners from Nominees selected by the Economic Development Commission or by themselves.

Commission nominees shall be chosen from a slate by nominating a committee of four persons chosen by the Chairman at a meeting to be scheduled no later than October 30 with a report to the Board by November 30.

All candidates shall affirm their willingness to serve prior to nomination. All appointments shall be confirmed by the Queen Anne's County Commissioners. Commission membership must adhere to County Ordinance No. 07-01 concerning Boards and Commissions in Queen Anne's County. The ordinance reads as follows: *"Any regular member of a Board or Commission in Queen Anne's County who shall fail to attend at least 80% of the regularly scheduled meetings of such Board or Commission during each full twelve month period following appointment shall be considered to have resigned from such Board or Commission. The County Commissioners shall promptly appoint a replacement to fill the unexpired term of any member so resigning. Upon written request the Commission may reappoint the resigned member if good cause is shown and there is unanimous agreement by the Board of Commissioners that the member be reappointed"*.

SECTION IV. The Commission shall elect officers from its own as follows:

CHAIRMAN
VICE CHAIRMAN
SECRETARY
TREASURER

Term of office shall be for two years beginning January 1.

The Commission shall have an EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE of four, consisting of its officers. This Committee shall be empowered to act for the Commission and its actions reported and approved at the next monthly meeting. The Executive Committee shall meet quarterly.

The Commission shall meet bimonthly at a place of its choosing. Special meetings shall be at the call of the Chairman or Vice Chairman, if serving in the Chairman's absence, or any THREE (3) Members of the Commission. Seven members shall constitute a Quorum; thereafter a majority of those present may act.

The Commission shall adopt such Rules and Regulations as it may deem necessary to Govern its Procedures and Business.

The Commission is empowered to employ such employees or consultants as its business may require within the limits of its budget.

The Commission may engage in fund raising from the community to supplement its financial resources in support of its mission.

The Commission has the power to establish and appoint such advisory groups and committees as are necessary to assist in its program of activity.

The Commission shall recommend for approval, an Annual Operating Budget to the County Commissioners for the conduct of its affairs that will be implemented through the administrative auspices of the Department of Economic Development & Agriculture.

All members of the Commission shall serve without compensation, but shall be reimbursed for necessary travel and other expenses incurred in the performance of their duties.

DUTIES

CHAIRMAN – The Chairman shall be the Chief Executive Officer. He shall have General and Active Management of the affairs of the Commission. He shall appoint all Committees, and be Ex-Officio member of all Committees. He should make an annual report, a copy of which should be filed with the COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF QUEEN ANNE’S COUNTY.

VICE CHAIRMAN – During the absence or disability of the Chairman, the Vice Chairman shall exercise all functions of the Chairman.

SECRETARY – Shall attend all meetings and record all votes and minutes of its transactions. He shall give or cause to be given notices of all meetings.

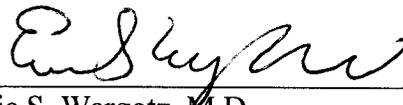
TREASURER – Shall keep full and accurate accounts, or cause same to be kept , of receipts and disbursements in appropriate books. He shall disburse, or cause to be disbursed, funds as directed by the Commission. He shall render at each monthly meeting, a report of the Financial Condition of the Commission.

SECTION V. The Commission shall deem to be exercising a governmental function necessary for the protection of the health, welfare and safety of the citizens of Queen Anne’s County.

SECTION VI. The fiscal operation of the Commission shall be operated autonomously except that the Commissions operations shall be audited as part of the County fiscal operations. The Commission shall submit budget requests annually to the County Commissioners in the same manner as other departments.

Passed the 10th day of May, 1983 amended the 16th day of August, 1988, amended the 13th day of July 1993, amended the 8th day of February 1994, amended the 4th day of February, 2003 and amended this 22nd day of May, 2007.

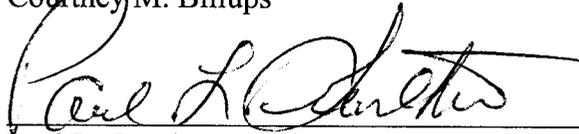
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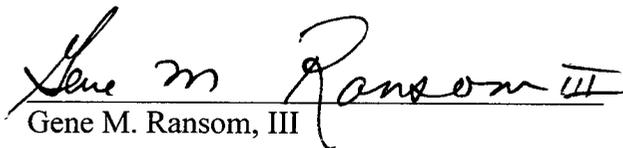
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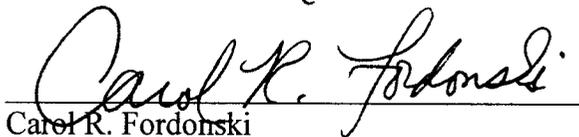
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