

At a meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Bedford, Virginia, held at the Bedford Public Library, 321 North Bridge Street, Bedford, Virginia on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of May 2001, beginning at 3:00 p.m.

**AGENDA**

**JOINT MEETING**  
**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS - PLANNING COMMISSION – PUBLIC SERVICE AUTHORITY –**  
**INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**

**May 1, 2001**

**Bedford Central Library**

**Session – Envisioning Bedford County’s Tomorrow Today**

**Michael Chandler, Facilitator**

- 3:00 P.M. Welcome and Introduction**
- 3:15 P.M. Governance in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century: The Necessity of Coordination, Cooperation and Communication**
- 3:40 P.M. Seeing Tomorrow Today: The Role of Visioning**
- 4:00 P.M. Defining Economic Development: A Personal, Organizational and Community Perspective**
- 5:00 P.M. Break – Dinner**
- 6:00 P.M. Inventing Bedford County’s Tomorrow Today: What Role for Economic Development?**
- 7:45 P.M. Assessing Our Progress and Determining Our Next Steps**
- 8:00 P.M. Adjourn**

The Bedford County Board of Supervisors met with members of the Bedford County Planning Commission, members of the Bedford County Industrial Development Authority and members of the Bedford County Public Service Authority Board. The meeting was arranged for the purpose of engaging in substantive discussion relative to what role economic development will play in Bedford County’s future. The meeting was facilitated by Michael Chandler, Extension Specialist with Virginia Tech.

The meeting was the first of its kind in Bedford County. The meeting began with introductions and brief comments focusing on the important role coordination, cooperation, communication and visioning play in local economic development. Next, the participants were challenged to define economic development from several vantage points.

Following a dinner break, the participants engaged in a wide-ranging discussion focusing on what role economic development might play in the Bedford County of tomorrow.

Discussion then focused on strategies to continue the dialogue. The consensus decision was that the chairman of each body, along with another authority, commission and board member, would commit to a series of meetings with a goal of developing a consensus view of the role economic development should play in the future of Bedford County. The end product of the several meetings will be a called session involving the entire membership of all four bodies. It is hoped the four groups will then be in a position to discuss and identify a future course of action for economic development in Bedford County.

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The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

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