



Economic & Tourism Development Commission

August 20, 2025

Commission Members Present: Judy Crow, Creigh Rahenkamp, Judy Gifford, Joanne Rich, Tiffany Scott, and Bob Jacob.

Commission Members Absent: David Bowman.

Also in Attendance: Jamie Williams, Director, Katie Abbott, Economic Development Manager, Shalyn Boulden, Tourism Manager and Rose Osborn, Administrative Specialist, Economic and Tourism Development; and Commissioner John Price, Commissioner Liaison.

At 3:00 p.m., Ms. Rich called the meeting to order and requested a motion to approve the minutes of July 9, 2025, meeting. On a motion by Ms. Crow, seconded by Ms. Gifford, the minutes of the July 9, 2025, meeting were unanimously approved.

The Data, Housing, and Tourism Subcommittees provided an overview of their anticipated focus and will prepare a focus/purpose statement for the next meeting.

Dr. Mary McComas, Superintendent, and Dan Divilio, Public Relations and Communications Specialist, Kent County Public Schools (KCPS), shared a Strategic Plan for 2025-2029. She shared Core Academic Data that reflected an increase in student performance. The full report will be discussed at the KCPS Community Meeting on September 11, 2025. Dr. McComas gave an overview of the status of the new Middle School Replacement Project. A motion was made by Ms. Gifford, seconded by Mr. Jacob and passed unanimously to send a letter of support from the Commission to the County Commissioners for the construction of the new Middle School. Ms. Gifford will prepare the letter to the County Commissioners.

Ms. Abbott presented the new Kent County Website noting the fresh look, added features and user-friendly navigation.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Ms. Crow, seconded by Mr. Jacob, and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 4:36 p.m. The Commission will meet again on Wednesday, September 10, 2025, at 3:00 p.m. in the Commissioners' Hearing Room.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jamie L. Williams, CEcD
Director