



**JOINT MEETING OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
AND THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
BEDFORD AREA WELCOME CENTER**

OCTOBER 9, 2018

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- 5:00 p.m. Welcome & Introductions**
Board Chairman – Mr. Bill Thomasson
EDA Chairman – Mr. Mickey Johnson
- 5:05 – 5:15 p.m. EDA Accomplishments and Opportunities**
• *Mickey Johnson, EDA Chairman*
- 5:15 – 5:25 p.m. Are we prospect ready? Status of our parks, marketing**
• *Traci Blido, Economic Development Director*
- 5:25 – 5:30 p.m. Broadband Update**
• *Carl Boggess, County Administrator*

----- Break for dinner -----

- 5:45 – 6:30 p.m. Creating a Critical Talent Pipeline**
The unemployment rate is at its lowest in modern history, yet jobs are hard to fill. What are we currently doing, and what more do we need to do, to close the gap and better serve our businesses and residents?
- **How we're addressing the needs regionally**
Christine Kennedy, Workforce Outreach and Awareness Committee Chair
 - **Bedford County and Regional Workforce Data**
Ben Bowman, Central Virginia Workforce Development Board Director
 - **How we're addressing the needs locally**
Pam Bailey, Business Development and Marketing
- 6:30 p.m. Update from the Bedford/Franklin Rail Initiative**
• *Vicki Gardner, Smith Mountain Lake Chamber of Commerce*
- 6:45 p.m. Adjourn Joint Meeting**