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County Appoints New Economic Development Authority Director and Reappoints Current Director

Paul W. Gerhardt has been appointed to the James City County Economic Development Authority (EDA). The appointment, made at the July 22 Board of Supervisors meeting, became effective on July 30, 2008.

Mr. Gerhardt comes to the EDA with a wealth of experience as an attorney at the law firm Kaufman & Canoles for the past 24 years. Through his involvement with the James City County community, Mr. Gerhardt has shown dedication as a member in the Historic Triangle Real Estate Group, Virginia Bar Association, Real Estate Council of the Virginia Bar Association, and the Williamsburg Bar Association. He currently serves as a Board Member for both Housing Partnerships, Inc. and the Greater Williamsburg YMCA.

Mr. Gerhardt previously served on the Board of Directors for the following organizations: Hampton Roads Association of Commercial Real Estate (HRACRE), Leadership Hampton Roads, and the Virginia Association of Commercial Real Estate. He also was the President of HRACRE in 2002.

Mr. Gerhardt received his B.A. and J.D. from Washington and Lee University. He has been licensed by the Virginia State Bar since 1984.

Douglas M. Gebhardt has been reappointed to a full four-year term. Mr. Gebhardt was initially appointed in 2006 to fill an unexpired term. He presently serves as Vice President for Pompei, Inc., a Newport News-based specialty contracting company. He is a 2005 graduate of the Williamsburg Area Chamber's Leadership Historic Triangle program and is involved with the Chamber's Government Affairs Committee. Mr. Gebhardt earned a Masters of Business Administration from The College of William & Mary and a B.S. in Construction and Civil Engineering from Iowa State University.

The James City County EDA is a seven-member voluntary Board whose members are appointed by the County Board of Supervisors and serve staggered four-year terms. The Authority's mission is to assist the County and its Office of Economic Development in expanding James City County's business tax and job bases.

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