

**NEWBERRY COUNTY COUNCIL  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE  
MINUTES  
MARCH 2, 2020**

The Newberry County Council Economic Development Committee met on Monday, March 2, 2020, at 7:00 p.m. in the Conference Room at the Courthouse Annex, 1309 College Street, Newberry, S.C., for a regular scheduled meeting.

Notice of the meeting was duly advertised as required by law.

**PRESENT:** Steve Stockman, Chairman  
Dr. Harriett Rucker, Council Member  
Scott Cain, Council Member  
Henry H. Livingston, III, Council Member  
Wayne Adams, County Administrator  
Susan C. Fellers, Clerk to Council  
Rick Farmer, Economic Development Director  
Kara Cannon, Economic Development Specialist

**1. Call to Order - Steve Stockman, Committee Chairman**

Mr. Stockman called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m

**2. Election of Committee Chair for 2020 - Wayne Adams, County Administrator.**

Mr. Adams opened the floor for nominations.

Mr. Cain nominated Mr. Stockman as Chairman; second by Mr. Livingston. There being no further nominations, Mr. Adams declared the floor closed for nominations and called for the vote. Vote was unanimous.

Meeting was turned over to Mr. Stockman.

**3. Additions, Deletions and Adoption of Agenda.**

Motion by Mr. Livingston to adopt the Agenda as presented; second by Dr. Rucker. Vote was unanimous.

**4. Approval of December 9, 2019 Minutes.**

Motion by Mr. Livingston to approve Minutes as presented; second by Mr. Cain. Vote was unanimous.

**5. Public Comments**

No public comments.

**6. Staff Report- Rick Farmer, Economic Development Director**

**A. Project Activity**

There were 5 new projects this quarter, one of which Newberry County was a finalist. The RFI was received this morning.

KRA Operations is now in operation.

**B. Product Development**

**1. MDT Spec Building** - MDT accounts for most of the County's new project activity. It is anticipated to be completed within the next couple of weeks.

**2. Lighting Upgrades/Repairs in MCCP** - Upgrades are being planned and will cost in the neighborhood of \$20,000. We are upgrading to LED

**3. Duke Site Readiness Program Submission** - A new potential site has been accepted by Duke's Site Readiness Program.

## **C. Prospect Development**

1. **Korean Mission Canceled** - Because of the Coronavirus the Korean Mission trip was canceled.

2. **Washington, DC Site Consultants Luncheon, March 26** - This is a day trip arranged by the Department of Commerce for March 26 in Washington, DC. Should be about 20 site consultants at this meeting.

3. **SC Auto Summit in Greenville** - This meeting was held last week and was very positive. There is some uncertainty in the auto industry.

## **D. Other**

1. **Central SC Invoice** - We have one invoice for \$18,000 from Central SC in the amount of \$18,000 to be approved by Council for payment. Motion by Dr. Rucker to submit invoice to full Council for approval; second by Mr. Cain. Vote was unanimous.

2. **Industrial Roundtable Report** - We met for our second industrial roundtable in January, and the next meeting is April 22. Mr. Cain gave an update on LLC Workforce Development.

3. **Complete Count Committee Participation** - Kara Cannon has been working with this committee on the 2020 Census. The Committee encourages participation of residents. This helps with federal funding for roads and schools.

4. **Toast of the Town Scheduled for May 12** - No public money is spent on this event.

## **7. Comments by and discussion items from the Committee Members.**

No comments.

**8. Executive Session.**

**Section 30-4-70(a)(2) and (a)(5): Discussion of matters incident to proposed contractual arrangements, and related to the proposed location, expansion, or the provision of services encouraging location or expansion of industries or other business in the area served by the public body, including but not limited to Projects Chippey, Spectrum, Taylor, Ursa, etc.**

Motion by Mr. Livingston to go into Executive Session to discuss the above stated matters; second by Dr. Rucker. Vote was unanimous.

**(EXECUTIVE SESSION 7:10 PM - 8:10 PM)**

Mr. Adams reported the Committee met to discuss the above matters and no action was taken in Executive Session.

Mr. Livingston moved to allow the Administrator and staff to move forward negotiating options for Economic Development; second by Dr. Rucker. Vote was unanimous.

**9. Adjournment.**

There being no further business to come before the Committee, Mr. Livingston moved to adjourn; seconded by Dr. Rucker.

Mr. Stockman declared the meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

**NEWBERRY COUNTY COUNCIL  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

---

**Steve Stockman, Chairman**

---

**Susan C. Fellers, Clerk to Council**

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_