

**Newberry County Council
Economic Development Committee**

MEETING MINUTES

March 28, 2016

7:00 P.M.

Courthouse Annex Conference Room

Present: Leslie (Les) Hipp, Committee Chairman
Henry H. Livingston, Council Chairman
Scott Cain, Committee Member
Steve Stockman, Committee Member

Others: Wayne Adams, County Administrator
Jay Tothacer, County Attorney
Rick Farmer, Economic Development Director
Kara Cannon, Economic Development Specialist

Media: None Present

1. Call to Order

Chairman Hipp called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. Election of Committee Chairman for 2016

Mr. Adams called for the election of the 2016 Economic Development Committee chairman. Mr. Cain nominated Les Hipp to continue to serve as chairman. Mr. Stockman offered the second. The vote was unanimous. The meeting was then turned over to Mr. Hipp, the 2016 Economic Development Committee Chairman.

3. Additions, Deletion, & Adoption of the Agenda

Mr. Hipp recommended making an addition to the agenda to set the meeting time for 2016 Economic Development Committee meetings. Mr. Cain made the motion to adopt the agenda, as amended. Mr. Stockman seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

3a. Mr. Stockman made motion that 2016 committee meetings would remain at 7:00pm. Mr. Cain seconded. The vote was unanimous.

4. Approval of December 7th, 2015 Minutes

Mr. Cain made a motion to approve the December 7th, 2015 committee meeting minutes as written, and Mr. Stockman supplied the second. The vote was unanimous.

5. Public Comments

None.

6. Central SC Alliance Invoice (4th quarter)

Mr. Farmer gave an overview on the efforts Central SC Alliance has made to support Newberry County in the last quarter. Mr. Cain made a motion to send the invoice to full council with the recommendation for payment. Mr. Stockman offered the second. The vote was unanimous.

7. Staff Report

a. Project Development

Mr. Farmer delivered information on six new projects, the recent Falcon Boats announcement, and the recent Department of Commerce International Representatives visit he hosted at the Newberry Spec Building.

b. Product Development

Mr. Farmer delivered information on the status of recent site readiness, and site identification, efforts.

c. Prospect Development

Mr. Farmer gave an overview of his recent existing industry visits with Komatsu, West Fraser, Falcon Boats, and KT Manufacturing. He also talked about the upcoming Toast of the Town event and the work that has been put into it thus far. Mr. Farmer gave a marketing report that included the Economic Development website upgrade status, as well as the I-26 marketing effort.

d. Other

Mr. Farmer discussed GASB-77 and whether or not the county could hire a firm to aid in this effort. It was decided to speak with the Association of Counties to get recommendations and then put out an RFQ. Mr. Farmer also touched on the budget for the new office space and the Palmetto Assessment Competiveness Evaluation. He gave

a brief overview of his recent, and upcoming, conference attendances; as well as, a South Carolina Mega Site Analysis.

8. Executive Session

Chairman Hipp stated that the committee would like to go into Executive Session in accordance with SC Code §30-4-70 (A) (2) and (A) (5). Mr. Cain made a motion to go into Executive Session and Mr. Stockman offered the second. The vote was unanimous.

[7:35 p.m. – 8:23 p.m.]

Chairman Hipp stated that the committee met in Executive Session and no action was taken in that session.

9. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 8:24 p.m. Mr. Cain offered the motion to adjourn, and Mr. Stockman supplied the second. The vote was unanimous.

**NEWBERRY COUNTY COUNCIL
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

APPROVED:

Leslie Hipp, Committee Chairman

Kara Cannon, Recorder