

**Newberry County Council
Economic Development Committee**

MEETING MINUTES

October 25th, 2016

7:00 P.M.

Courthouse Annex Conference Room

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

Others: Wayne Adams, County Administrator
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 7:04 p.m.

2. Additions, Deletion, & Adoption of the Agenda

Mr. Stockman made the motion to adopt the agenda. Mr. Cain seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

3. Approval of June 20th, 2016 Minutes

Mr. Stockman made a motion to approve the June 20th, 2016 committee meeting minutes as written, and Mr. Stockman supplied the second. The vote was unanimous.

4. Approval of CSCA Invoice #7-3696

Mr. Cain made a motion to forward the invoice to council for approval. Mr. Stockman supplied the second. The vote was unanimous.

5. Public Comments

None.

6. Staff Report

a. Project Development

Mr. Farmer reported that we currently have more than a dozen projects, with the majority being active. These include food processing, assembly, metal working, solar, and textile companies. We also have three prospective existing industry expansions in motion.

b. Product Development

Mr. Farmer reported that the clearing of the 30-acre site within Mid-Carolina Commerce Park has been completed. He said the grubbing, and grading project is underway. This work is set to be completed by December 23rd, 2016. These efforts will provide Newberry County with 30 pad-ready acres.

Mr. Farmer also reported that the re-engineering project for the I-26 Mega Site has been completed, and the \$50,000 in fund reimbursed by the state.

Mr. Farmer discussed the need for removal of fire-proofing material that is currently inside the Spec Building. Peyton Howell, with Yeargin, Potter, Smith has provided us with a quote for removal of, and replacement of fire retardant coating, totaling \$61,000.

c. Prospect Development

Mr. Farmer gave an overview of his recent Swedish mission trip. He took part in the FKG (Swedish automotive supplier) conference. While there, he visited a total of 7 companies who either already have plans to locate in the States, or are considering it.

d. Other

None

7. 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) to discuss matters relating 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. Mr. Cain made a

motion to go into Executive Session and Mr. Stockman offered the second. The vote was unanimous.

[7:16 p.m. – 8:22 p.m.]

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

8. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 8:22 p.m. Mr. Stockman offered the motion to adjourn, and Mr. Livingston supplied the second. The vote was unanimous.

**NEWBERRY COUNTY COUNCIL
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

APPROVED:

Leslie Hipp, Committee Chairman

Kara Cannon, Recorder