

**Newberry County Council
Economic Development Committee**

MEETING MINUTES

December 7, 2015

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
Rick Farmer, Economic Development Director
Kara Cannon, Economic Development Specialist
Tracy McMillin, VP of Operations, Central SC Alliance
Gordon Johnson, Magistrate/Citizen

Media: None Present

1. Call to Order

Chairman Hipp called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

2. Additions, Deletion, & Adoption of the Agenda

Mr. Adams stated that in addition to project discussions in Executive Session, there is also a need to discuss potential contractual issues in Executive Session. He suggested amending the agenda to reflect these needs. Mr. Livingston made the motion to adopt the agenda, as amended. Mr. Stockman seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

3. Approval of September 28, 2015 Minutes

Mr. Cain made a motion to approve the September 28, 2015 committee meeting minutes as written, and Mr. Stockman supplied the second. The vote was unanimous.

4. Public Comments

None.

5. Central SC Alliance Invoice (2nd & 3rd quarter)

Tracy McMillin, Vice President of Operations, gave a report on Central SC Alliance's services for June 15, 2015 through December 1, 2015. She stated that they have completed 7 formal RFIs and submitted Newberry County on 8 projects of various stages. She provided information and materials on the marketing efforts Central SC has made on Newberry County's behalf over the past 6 months. Mr. Stockman made a motion to send the invoices to full council with the recommendation for payment. Mr. Livingston offered the second. The vote was unanimous.

6. Staff Report

a. Spec Building Analysis

Mr. Farmer delivered information on various spec buildings in our state. This research showed that there are 16 speculative buildings statewide, averaging 65,000 sq. ft. on 18 acres. The average cost is \$32 per sq. ft. with an age of 4.5 years.

b. Marketing

Mr. Farmer delivered information on the I-26 marketing effort. He stated that we have raised \$56,000 (from various partners) of the \$85,000 needed. Mr. Adams reported that Deepal Eliatamby has mailed an engineering proposal for the Mega Site, and it should arrive Tuesday, December 8, 2015.

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

[7:42 p.m. – 9:17 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 9:18 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