

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE  
MINUTES  
MARCH 11, 2008**

The Economic Development Committee met on Tuesday, March 11, 2008 in the Committee Room, located on the second floor of the Administration Building beginning at 2:00 p.m. Mr. Davis, Committee Chairman presided.

Members Attending:

George H. Smokey Davis, Chairman	James E. Kinard, Jr.
Johnny W. Jeffcoat	M. Todd Cullum
William C. Billy Derrick	

Absent:

\*William B. Banning, Sr., V Chairman

\*Mr. Banning was absent due to a prior commitment out of town.

Also attending: Katherine Hubbard, County Administrator; Joe Mergo, Deputy County Administrator; Larry Porth, Finance Director/Assistant County Administrator; other staff members, citizens of the county and representatives of the media.

In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act, a copy of the agenda was sent to radio and TV stations, newspapers, and posted on the bulletin board located in the lobby of the County Administration Building.

**Approval of a Resolution Authorizing the Entering into of a Sublease Agreement between Carolina Culinary Foods, L.P. f/k/a Columbia Farms OSI, L.P. and FPL FOOD, LLC – Lee Holloway, Attorney, Holloway Law Offices, LLC** – Mr. Chuck Whipple, Senior Project Manager, presented a resolution for approval to authorize consents to Carolina Culinary Foods, L.P., as successor to Columbia Farms – OSI, L.P. to sublet their facility to FPL Food, LLC. FPL Food would create approximately a 4.5 million dollar investment and 100 new jobs at the site located at the Dunbar Road facility.

A motion was made by Mr. Jeffcoat seconded by Mr. Cullum to recommend to full Council to approve the Resolution Authorizing the Entering into of a Sublease Agreement between Carolina Culinary Foods, L.P. f/k/a Columbia Farms OSI, L.P. and FPL FOOD, LLC.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

**Executive Session/Legal Briefing** – A motion was made by Mr. Jeffcoat, seconded by Mr. Kinard to go into Executive Session to discuss a contractual matter.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Mr. Davis reconvened the meeting in open session and reported there was one motion to be considered.

**Project Stewart – Approval of a Grant Application – Economic Development – Chuck Whipple, Senior Project Manager and Jeff Anderson, County Attorney** – A motion was made by Mr. Kinard, seconded by Mr. Cullum to approve the grant application for Project Stewart. The County will only be the conduit for the grant.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

**Approval of Minutes – Meeting of January 22, 2008** – A motion was made by Mr. Kinard, seconded by Mr. Cullum to approve the January 22, 2008 minutes as submitted.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

**Old Business/New Business – Unemployment Rates** – Mr. Whipple, Economic Development Senior Project Manager, reported the unemployment rate for Lexington County in January 2008 remained at the 46<sup>th</sup> position at 4 ½ percent unemployment, unchanged from December 2007.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy R. Busbee  
Assistant to the Clerk

George H. Smokey Davis  
Chairman

Diana W. Burnett  
Clerk