

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
MINUTES
JULY 28, 2009**

The Economic Development Committee met on Tuesday, July 28, 2009 in the Committee Room, located on the second floor of the Administration Building beginning at 12:00 p.m. Mr. Banning, Committee Chairman, presided.

Members Attending:

William B. Banning, Sr., Chairman	James E. Kinard, Jr., V Chairman
William C. Billy Derrick	*Johnny W. Jeffcoat
M. Todd Cullum	Debra B. Debbie Summers

*Mr. Jeffcoat arrived after the meeting was already in session.

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.

Executive Session/Legal Briefing - A motion was made by Mr. Derrick, seconded by Mr. Cullum to go into Executive Session for a review of economic development projects.

The vote was in favor. Mr. Jeffcoat was not present at the time the vote was taken.

Mr. Banning reconvened the meeting in open session with no motions to be considered.

Batesburg-Leesville Master Plan Overview (Goal 2) - Economic Development - Chuck Whipple, Manager, and Deepal Eliatamby, President - Alliance Consulting Engineers - Mr. Eliatamby provided a PowerPoint presentation overview of the Batesburg-Leesville Industrial Site master plan. The Committee requested master plans available for all Lexington County industrial park sites. Mr. Whipple reported there were two roads at the Batesburg-Leesville Industrial Site yet to be named and asked the Committee for consideration of names with Rob Rose as an option for one. For information only, no action taken.

Saxe Gotha Certified Site Overview (Goal 2) - Economic Development, Chuck Whipple, Manager and Deepal Eliatamby, President - Alliance Consulting Engineers - Mr. Eliatamby provided a PowerPoint presentation overview for the Saxe Gotha Industrial Park site certification. He reported that site certification is administered by the SC Department of Commerce and developed to standardize information made available to potential prospects who call to inquire about industrial sites located in the state. Mr. Eliatamby presented a list

of criteria to be submitted for site certification under the program. As of 2003, 62 industrial sites, of approximately 450 sites located around the state, have been certified based on these criteria. The Saxe Gotha Industrial Park will be the County's second certified site with the Dreher Industrial Site. Mr. Eliatamby said the information is provided in a digital format, along with a bound copy to the County, the Department of Commerce's research division, and Central South Carolina Alliance for prospects or site consultants inquires. For information only, no action taken.

Executive Session/Legal Briefing - A motion was made by Mr. Kinard, seconded by Ms. Summers to go into Executive Session for review of several economic development projects.

The vote was in favor. Mr. Jeffcoat was not present at the time the vote was taken.

Mr. Banning reconvened the meeting in open session with several motions to be considered.

Project CAT Incentive Request - Economic Development - Chuck Whipple, Manager - Discussed in Executive Session, no action taken.

Project China - Economic Development - Chuck Whipple, Manager

Ordinance 09-07 - Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of a Fee Agreement Between Lexington County and Project China - 1st Reading - A motion was made by Mr. Cullum, seconded by Mr. Kinard to recommend to full Council for approval of 1st reading of Ordinance 09-07.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Approval of Inducement Resolution - A motion was made by Mr. Cullum, seconded by Mr. Derrick to recommend to full Council for approval of the inducement resolution.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Ordinance 09-08 - Amendment to Amend Ordinance 95-12 and to Approve the Amendment to the Joint County Industrial Park with Calhoun County - 1st Reading - A motion was made by Mr. Cullum, seconded by Mr. Kinard to recommend to full Council for approval of 1st reading of Ordinance 09-08.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Approval of Minutes - Meetings of April 28, June 9 and 15, 2009 - A motion was made by Mr. Derrick, seconded by Mr. Cullum to approve the minutes for the April 28, June 9 and 15, 2009 meetings as submitted.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Old Business/New Business - Fisher Tank Groundbreaking Ceremony - Mr. Whipple presented an invitation for Fisher Tank's groundbreaking ceremony at the Batesburg-Leesville Industrial Park scheduled for Wednesday, August 5th at 10:00 a.m.

New Business - Stock Components - The Committee asked about the status of Stock Components. Mr. Whipple reported that per the general manager their business was off significantly and the facility has been closed. Mr. Whipple said there has been other interest in the site.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy R. Busbee
Assistant to the Clerk

William B. Banning, Sr.
Chairman

Diana W. Burnett
Clerk