

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
MINUTES
JUNE 26, 2012**

The Economic Development Committee met on Tuesday, June 26, 2012 in the Committee Room, located on the second floor of the Administration Building beginning at 2:00 p.m. Mr. Jeffcoat, Committee Chairman, presided.

Members Attending:

Johnny W. Jeffcoat, Chairman
James E. Kinard, Jr.
Bobby C. Keisler

George H. Davis, V Chairman
Debra B. Summers

Also attending: Joe Mergo, III, County Administrator; Larry Porth, Finance Director/Assistant County Administrator; Jeff Anderson, County Attorney; 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 - A motion was made by Mr. Davis, seconded by Mr. Keisler to go into Executive Session to discuss a contractual matter.

The vote was in favor. Ms. Summers was not present at the time of the vote.

Mr. Jeffcoat reconvened the meeting in open session with one motion to be considered.

Resolution R12-3 - Approval of Resolution and Agreement for Akebono Brake Corporation - Economic Development - Chuck Whipple, Director - A motion was made by Mr. Davis, seconded by Mr. Kinard to recommend to full Council to approve Resolution R12-3.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

New Business - Economic Development Business Retention Expansion (BRE) Program Proposed Brand - Economic Development - Chuck Whipple, Director - Mr. Whipple presented information on the benefits and significance of the Economic Development's Business Retention Expansion (BRE) program. He said it has been in existence for about 2.5 years and its goal is to improve, foster, development, or enhance the relationship between local businesses and Lexington County. Mr. Whipple then presented the new brand for the program "iNdustriNow." He explained that the "I" on each end represents the importance of the relationship between the County and the business and the relationship between the business and the County now.

Old Business - None.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy R. Busbee
Assistant to the Clerk

Johnny W. Jeffcoat
Chairman

Diana W. Burnett
Clerk