

ABBEVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP
OCTOBER 24, 2016
7:00 PM
MINUTES



"Heritage With A Future"

PRESENT: Chairman McClain, Vice Chairman Stone, Councilmen Calhoun, Campbell, McCord, Norris, and Thomas.

ABSENT: None

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman McClain called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

INVOCATION:

Economic Development Director Stephen Taylor gave the invocation.

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT:

Chairman McClain stated for the record that the agenda has been posted and notice has been provided to the local news media as required by the Freedom of Information Act.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP:

Chairman McClain turned the workshop over to Councilman Thomas of the Planning and Industrial Development Committee.

- The Planning and Industrial Development Committee and Stephen Taylor met with representatives from Oconee County, SC Department of Commerce to discuss how the public private partnerships are operating.
- Stephen Taylor gave a PowerPoint presentation and Council was given a draft copy of the bylaws.
- The three counties studied were:
 - Greenwood County
 - Laurens County
 - Oconee County
- Currently the Abbeville County Development Board is a 501-c-4
- There was discussion on transitioning the board into a 501-c-6 or a 501-c-3

- County Council would have three (3) seats on the Board, one being their selection of a citizen from the business community.
- There would be approximately fifteen (15) board members
- To be a voting member of the board the membership level would be \$5,000
- To be a Friend (non-voting) member would be \$1,000
- County Council will receive a copy of the minutes from each meeting
- The Board Chairman would be elected from the voting Board Members
- The Executive Director will be the Economic Development Director
- The Secretary/Treasurer will be the Office Manager of the Econ Development Office
- County Council would still be the incentivizing body for all projects
- County attorney could not be used without approval of County Council, unless retained by Board funds

Revenue for the Board

- Funding opportunities for the board were discussed
- The name of Abbeville County Economic Development Partnership was discussed for the Board

Councilman Thomas stated that any Councilmember having questions about the proposed structure should contact Stephen Taylor.

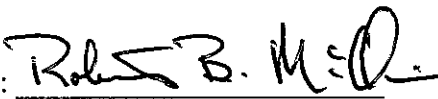
Councilman Thomas turned the meeting back over to Chairman McClain.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Councilman Norris/ Councilman McCord-Second/Unanimous 7.0.0.

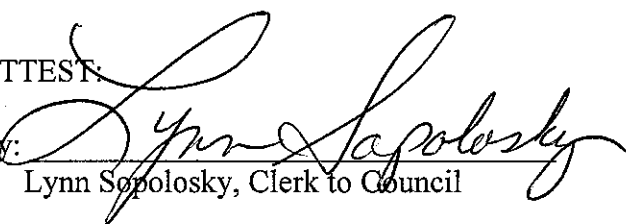
The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Done this 14th day of November, 2016

Abbeville County Council

By: 
Robert B. McClain, Chairman

ATTEST:

By: 
Lynn Sopolosky, Clerk to Council