

The Orange County Board of Supervisors held a Joint Meeting with the Economic Development Authority and the Planning Commission on Thursday, May 9, 2013, beginning at 7:00 p.m. at the Orange County Airport, 11275 Aviation Way, Orange, Virginia 22960. Board of Supervisors Members Present: S. Teel Goodwin, Chairman; Lee H. Frame, Jr., Vice-Chairman; Shannon C. Abbs; Grover C. Wilson; and James K. White. Economic Development Authority Members Present: Jean Chappell; Jim Crozier; Brian Gibson; Bill Hager; Robert McConnell; Jack Rickett; and Winston Sides. Planning Commission Members Present: Donald Brooks; Nigel Goodwin; Andy Hutchison; J.P. Tucker, III; and George Yancey. Also Present: Julie G. Summs, County Administrator; Ashley Jacobs, Assistant to the County Administrator; Rose Deal, Senior Administrative Assistant; Thomas E. Lacheney, County Attorney; Karen Epps, Economic Development Director; Robin Grimsby, Marketing Assistant; Gregg Zody, Planning and Zoning Director; Josh Frederick, Senior Planner; and Janet Jones, Senior Administrative Assistant.

RE: ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Mr. Frame moved, seconded by Mr. White and carried, to adopt the agenda as presented. Ayes: Abbs, Goodwin, Wilson, Frame, White. Nays: None.

The Economic Development Authority and the Planning Commission also made motions to adopt the agenda as presented.

RE: REMARKS

Supervisor Jim White provided a brief introduction of the purpose, format, and agenda for the meeting. He then presented a PowerPoint presentation that included information on the following:

- Sharing of statistics and historical data;
- Current Comprehensive Plan data;
- Statistics on population and unemployment and predictions of the future;
- Good news regarding the location and quality of life in Orange County;
- Community examples of similar projects or visions;
- Major tasks ahead, including a Master Corridor Plan, Local Area Infrastructure Plan, and Marketing Plan;
- Five (5) target market areas for Orange County;
- Potential partners; and
- Next steps and how to get started.

RE: DISCUSSION

Following the presentation, Mr. White opened the floor for comments.

General comments were made regarding: creating a future for Orange County; support of the proposed initiative; becoming more business friendly; making moves in the right direction; ways to proceed following the meeting; what businesses would be suitable for the area; and a vision for the proposed initiative.

Discussion ensued regarding: quarterly meetings between the Board, Economic Development Authority, and Planning Commission; the possibility of a retreat between the Board, Economic Development Authority, and Planning Commission utilizing a facilitator; developing a strategy for the group; the costs associated with and the use of a community survey in order to gather information from the public; funding for the next steps and initiative as a whole; engaging current businesses to gain their support; ensuring that appropriate zoning and regulations are in place; and establishing a call for action.

Further discussion ensued regarding: specific areas of business that would be suitable along the Route 3 corridor; scheduling a joint retreat with the facilitator, Tyler St. Clair; and the development of the community survey.

The Board requested that information be gathered regarding options for conducting the survey

and requested that the PowerPoint presentation be made available for public view online.

Mr. Frame moved, seconded by Mrs. Abbs and carried, to request that staff schedule a joint retreat between the Board of Supervisors, Economic Development Authority, and Planning Commission and to financially support the joint retreat process and associated costs with the assistance of a facilitator, such as Tyler St. Clair.

Ayes: Abbs, Goodwin, Wilson, Frame, White. Nays: None.

The Economic Development Authority and the Planning Commission both made motions to join in the retreat process and to support the overall effort of the goal to define the economic development initiatives along the Route 3 corridor.

RE: OTHER

An update on the whitespace broadband project was requested. Mr. White explained that about three (3) weeks ago, the FCC approved the base units for the project in Louisa County and the tests should take place within the next couple weeks.

RE: ADJOURN

There being no further business to discuss, Mr. Frame moved, seconded by Mrs. Abbs and carried, to adjourn the meeting at 8:43 p.m. Ayes: Abbs, Goodwin, Wilson, Frame, White. Nays: None.

The Economic Development Authority and the Planning Commission also made motions to adjourn.

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S. Teel Goodwin, Chairman

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Julie G. Summs, County Administrator