

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HELD AT THE RUTHERFORD COUNTY OFFICE BUILDING IN THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING ROOM ON AUGUST 17, 2011 AT 5:00 P.M.

**PRESENT: CHAIRMAN WILLIAM ECKLER
VICE CHAIRMAN JULIUS OWENS
SUSAN CROWE (BY PHONE)
EDDIE HOLLAND
ROGER RICHARD**

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CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Eckler called the meeting to order.

PUBLIC HEARING/INDUSTRIAL INCENTIVE AGREEMENT/PROJECT CABINET

Chairman Eckler declared the public hearing to be open to listen to comments regarding the granting of industrial development grants to a project identified as "Project Cabinet" pursuant to North Carolina General Statute 158.7.1 in the amount of \$69,643 depending upon the number of new jobs created in the first three years of the operation of the facility in Rutherford County. The company commits to creating and maintaining at least 89 new jobs prior to the end of the calendar year of 2014. Said jobs shall be maintained for a minimum of one year from the date established.

Mr. Tom Johnson, Economic Development Commission Director, told the Board that a new company has proposed to acquire the assets of Caffell Enterprises, aka Geppetto Kitchens. This would save existing jobs and create new jobs.

Mr. John Wilson, an owner of the new company, said the new company has given a proposal to the owner of Geppetto Kitchens to acquire the assets and certain liabilities of the company. The new company would expand the lines of Geppetto.

Mr. Johnson elaborated that the incentive being offered is consistent with Rutherford County's incentive policy. The net new jobs created would be 46 in year one with an incentive of \$1,000 per job, 28 in year two with an incentive of \$666 per job, and 15 in year three with an incentive of \$333 per job.

Chairman Eckler closed the public hearing when no one else wished to speak.

Vice Chairman Owens moved to approve the incentive proposed by Mr. Johnson. Attorney Beth Miller said a draft incentive agreement had been prepared. Commissioner Crowe seconded the motion, and there was a unanimous vote of approval.

Mr. Johnson also old the Board that a Rural Center grant applications for building reuse will be submitted for the company on or before September 12. A One North Carolina Fund grant is in process. It is possible that funds could be received from the Golden Leaf Foundation.

RESOLUTION/SIGNATURE

Commissioner Richard asked that the Board consider approving a resolution which would require the appropriate signature on any communication sent by Rutherford County employees. If the Board agrees with this procedure, a resolution could be provided at the September meeting.

Vice Chairman Owens asked the opinion of the County Attorney regarding the resolution described by Commissioner Richard. Attorney Miller advised that the Board would need to give consideration to the impact an action such as this could use. Tax bill do not have a signature included with them. To this, Commissioner Richard replied that he would exempt mass mailings.

Chairman Eckler moved that a resolution requiring appropriate signature on communication by Rutherford County employees be drafted and presented at the September meeting. Commissioner Crowe seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was:

Ayes: Commissioners Eckler, Crowe, and Richard.
Noes: Commissioners Owens and Holland.

SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER/COUNTY DOCUMENTS

Commissioner Richard also asked that the Board consider passing a resolution that would remove a space requiring social security numbers from county documents.

County Attorney Miller advised that multiple departments have forms that request that a social security number be entered. One document that includes a space for a social security number is the tax listing form. This helps in identifying and collecting from the correct person. However, any time a public document is provided, the social security number is redacted. There is a federal law that prevents a social security number from being disseminated.

Vice Chairman Owens pointed out that a policy is in place to protect social security numbers on public documents.

Commissioner Richard stated that he was putting his request in the form of a motion. Commissioner Crowe seconded the motion. The vote was:

Ayes: Commissioners Crowe and Richard.
Noes: Commissioners Eckler, Owens, and Holland.

CLOSED SESSION

Commissioner Richard made a motion that the Board go into Closed Session to discuss industrial location. Commissioner Crowe seconded the motion, and the vote of approval was unanimous.

Vice Chairman Owens moved to allow Senator Debbie Clary, EDC Director Tom Johnson, and Interim Finance Director Paula Roach to attend the closed session. The Board voted unanimously in favor.

5:29 P.M. - The Board went into Closed Session.
5:55 P.M. - The Board returned to regular session.

ADJOURNMENT

The Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting after a motion was made by Commissioner Richard and seconded by Commissioner Crowe.

5:55 P.M. - Adjourned.

Chairman, Board of Commissioners

Vice Chairman, Board of Commissioners

Attest:

Clerk, Board of Commissioners