

Minutes
York County Economic Development Committee Meeting
Monday, October 3, 2022
5:00pm

The York County Economic Development Committee met on the above date for an Economic Development Committee Meeting at 5:00pm at 6 South Congress Street, York, SC. The following Council members were present: Council member Allison Love, Council member Joel Hamilton and Council member Tom Audette. Also present were: County Manager, David Hudspeth, Assistant County Manager, Mike Moore, Assistant County Manager, Kevin Madden, Economic Development Director, David Swenson, County Attorney, Michael Kendree, and Clerk to Council, Karen Brogdon.

Meeting called to order by Chairman Joel Hamilton

Dean Faile and Celeste Tiller with the York County Regional Chamber presented information regarding their Workforce Development Initiative.

Mr. Faile and Ms. Tiller reported that the York County Regional Chamber is requesting a one-time grant of \$300,000 to assist with a 3-year implementation of their talent pipeline management efforts.

They explained that currently, there are more than 7,000 open jobs in York County. With an unemployment rate of 3.3%, or approximately 4,000 people. With these labor challenges, it will hamper York County's ability to attract future economic development projects and hinder economic success for existing businesses.

This initiative will identify and evaluate the current resources and activities addressing talent and workforce development; research/survey local employers, educators, and partnering agencies to determine appropriate benchmarks that affect/improve the labor force; establish metrics and goals that will result in positive improvement in both the quantity and quality of York County's labor force; and establish and convene a diverse county-wide talent and workforce development task force that will collaborate to monitor and develop strategies to reach identified and established goals.

Ms. Tiller will work closely with York County Economic Development, local talent development providers, and employers throughout the county to develop a comprehensive plan for talent development and retention. Ms. Tiller will provide annual updates to York County Council, as well as other interested and invested partners on the progress of the initiatives established, expected outcomes, and any challenges and/or obstacles preventing success in improving the local labor force environment.

Motion was made by Council member Tom Audette and seconded by Council member Allison Love to recommend \$100,000 annually for 3 years, to be funded from the Economic Development account with annual updates from the Regional Chamber. Motion Carried.

Executive Session

Motion was made by Council member Allison Love and seconded by Council member Tom Audette to go into Executive Session to discuss Economic Development Project Updates. Motion Carried.

There were no matters for consideration following Executive Session

There being no further business a motion to adjourn was made by Council member Tom Audette and seconded by Council member Allison Love. Motion Carried.