

Minutes
York County Economic Development Committee Meeting
Monday, November 7, 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, Kevin Madden, Economic Development Director, David Swenson, and Clerk to Council, Karen Brogdon.

Meeting called to order by Chairman Joel Hamilton

Alex Greenwalt and Manning Kimmel with Pathways Community Center presented information regarding their Talent and Workforce Development Auditorium Proposal.

Mr. Kimmel and Ms. Greenwalt reported that Pathways Community Center is requesting a one-time grant of \$75,000 to assist with the remodeling of the auditorium at the center.

It was explained that improvements to the auditorium would allow full potential of the space: moveable wall partitions, hybrid-technology and better lighting and sound, will allow nonprofit agencies and businesses to serve the growing population better, and users will experience a dignified, safe learning environment to contribute to the community's economic development.

Agencies that would benefit from the renovations:

- Bethel Shelters, the Haven Men's Shelter, and Life House Women's Shelter – workforce development
- Alston Wilkes Society – pre-employment training program
- SC Works Catawba – host job fairs with employers in York County
- Veterans Bridge Home – help homeless veterans gain employment
- Vocational Rehab – assists disabled individuals with finding jobs
- Partnership with local colleges and universities on job trades and certificate programs
- Collaborate with the York County Chamber, Workforce and Talent Development
- Collaborate with York County Economic Development to create a talent pipeline

Ms. Greenwalt explained that investing in the auditoriums renovation allows greater talent and workforce development opportunities to benefit York County.

The Committee requested additional statistics on how many citizens have been helped and what areas of the County they come from.

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 Allison Love and seconded by Council member Tom Audette. Motion Carried.