



**York County
Economic Development Committee
Minutes
April 3, 2025**

Regular Meeting	York County Eastern Maintenance Facility 177 Central Carolina Parkway Fort Mill, South Carolina 29715	4:30 PM
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Call to Order

Chairman Watts Huckabee

Order of Business

1. Introduction of Guests

Jason Flora with Rock Hill Economic Development

2. Committee to approve the minutes from the March 6, 2025 Economic Development Committee meeting.

Motion to approve

Passed	Yes 3, No 0, Abstained 0
MOVANT:	Tom Audette
SECOND:	Christi Cox
AYES:	Ansel Watts Huckabee Sr, Christi Cox, Tom Audette
NAYS:	None
ABSENT:	
RECUSED:	None

3. Discussion regarding Economic Development Fund

Assistant County Manager, Kevin Madden, provided information regarding the current and proposed revenue in the ED fund.

Committee members held a general discussion about what they would like the vision to be for the use of the ED funds, whether that is investing in infrastructure to develop property, purchasing vacant property, partnership with the state, legislative asks for utility funding, etc.

A motion was made to recommend the consideration of the use of ED funds with the qualification of a Strategic Plan: public private partnerships, purchases or an option to control, infrastructure, and small business initiatives.

Passed	Yes 3, No 0, Abstained 0
MOVANT:	Tom Audette
SECOND:	Christi Cox
AYES:	Ansel Watts Huckabee Sr, Christi Cox, Tom Audette

NAYS: None

ABSENT:

RECUSED: None

4. Discussion regarding Economic Development Survey

Economic Development Director, Mitch Miller, provided an update on the ED survey that was sent out to Council members. Mr. Miller reported that he received 6 out of 7 responses. Topics of the survey included: Vision & Identity, Targeted Recruitment and ED Fund Strategy. Committee member Christi Cox requested that each Council member receive a map and let them identify their concerns in their areas.

5. Director's Report

Mitch Miller provided a Director's Report:

1. Small Business

Working with the Chamber and Visit YC to launch the small business tool kit the week of May 4th to align with small business week.

YC will have a representative at the York Main Street Advisory Committee.

2. Agriculture

Staff recently met with Bush-N-Vine, Black's Peaches, Farm Bureau, Clemson Extension and the City of York regarding potential ag-related projects.

3. Business Development

Activity is currently high and there are several projects looking at York County.

4. Partnerships

Continued efforts to help build relationships with key stakeholders and partners.

Make it York County (Branding Marketing) - Debut at the Visit York County's Taste of Tourism event on May 19th.

6. Future Discussions

Chairman, Watts Huckabee, would like Mitch Miller and Jason Flora of Rock Hill Economic Development to provide information on International Drive/Aspen Drive.

Chairman, Watts Huckabee, would like to have a discussion about where the funding will come from for the Ag Arena and requested that it come out of account 1420 instead of the ED funds.

Council Chair, Christi Cox, stated that this discussion needs to be held with the full Council.

Chairman, Watts Huckabee, mentioned that a meeting with the municipalities could be coming in May. Mitch Miller will provide the date as soon as he can.

Executive Session

Motion to go into Executive Session for Receipt of Legal Advice/Contractual Matters: County Incentives and Analysis and Contractual Matter: Project Cobra.

Passed Yes 3, No 0, Abstained 0

MOVANT: Tom Audette

SECOND: Christi Cox

AYES:	Ansel Watts Huckabee Sr, Christi Cox, Tom Audette
NAYS:	None
ABSENT:	
RECUSED:	None

1. Receipt of Legal Advice/Contractual Matters: County Incentives and Analysis
Contractual Matter: Project Cobra

Matters for consideration following Executive Session

N/A

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn

Passed	Yes 3, No 0, Abstained 0
MOVANT:	Tom Audette
SECOND:	Christi Cox
AYES:	Ansel Watts Huckabee Sr, Christi Cox, Tom Audette
NAYS:	None
ABSENT:	
RECUSED:	None