



**York County
Economic Development Committee
Minutes
July 10, 2025**

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

Order of Business

1. Approval of the minutes from the May 1, 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

2. Discussion regarding Economic Development Fund - Targeted Initiatives

Mitch Miller, Economic Development Director, provided information regarding targeted initiatives in York County.

1. Project Trailmix - Leverage the completion of the Carolina Thread Trail system to strengthen business and talent recruitment efforts. This could create sustainable economic development, attract talent and high-quality employers, revitalize areas and rural nodes, and control sprawl through smart placemaking.
2. Nextcrop York - Help create a centralized food hub that supports local farmers by streamlining sales and distribution while drawing attention to the community as the Ag Hub of the Charlotte Region. This could assist in marketing and education, support local farmers and agribusiness, leverage proximity to Charlotte and strengthen regional economic identity.
3. Digital Main Street - Empower small businesses in York County to sell their products via social media under a shared brand identity that promotes local commerce and community

connection. The County could work alongside 5 businesses in partnership with the York County Chamber and Visit York County under the Make it York County Initiative.

A motion was made to recommend approval of recommended concepts with the amendment to have a study for the Southside and allow Council to review and have additional discussions prior to sending it to the Economic Development Board for further work and to include an expansion of the small business toolkit.

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

3. Director's Report

Mitch Miller provided the Director's Report.

Agriculture

- Currently working with York County 4H/Clemson Extension, the City of York and Nations Ford Land Trust on an Ag-related initiative.

Business Development

- Strong activity at the moment with a good mix of manufacturing and corporate office sectors. Recently, Mr. Miller attended the Bio International Convention in Boston on behalf of the I-77 Alliance.
- Schneeberger announced that they would invest \$3.2M and create 101 new jobs.

Partnerships

- Make it York County (Branding/Marketing) - video debuted at the Taste of Tourism event on May 19th. Should launch to the website at the end of August.

4. Future Discussions

Mr. Miller reported that he is developing a map with the GIS department that will identify all the locations that are listed in the MCIP ordinance.

Council Chair, Christi Cox, would like to have additional discussions regarding the proposal of being able to grade on property without having an approved building plan.

Executive Session

Economic Development Matter: Project Cross, Project Elevate, Project Quicksilver

A motion was made to enter into Executive Session to discuss Economic Development matters: Project Cross, Project Elevate, and Project Quicksilver.

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

Matters for consideration following Executive Session

None

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn

Passed **Yes 3, No 0, Abstained 0**

MOVANT: Tom Audette

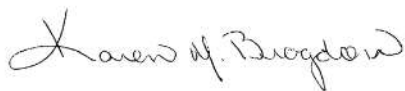
SECOND: Christi Cox

AYES: Ansel Watts Huckabee Sr, Christi Cox, Tom Audette

NAYS: None

ABSENT:

RECUSED: None



Karen M. Brogdon, Clerk to Council