

Capital Project Sales Tax

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT Committee Meeting

Monday, March 21, 2016

1:00pm

Park Plaza

600 Monument Street, Rm 104

MINUTES

Committee Members Present: Theo Lane, Chairman
Rusty Denning
Jim Medford
Willie Norman

Committee Members Not Present: Heather Simmons-Jones

Staff Present: Toby Chappell, County Manager

The Committee Chairman, Theo Lane, called the meeting to order and confirmed attendees.

Mr. Lane began meeting by reporting on updated information regarding the Genetic Center's High Rail internet access for the entire park. He verified that the total cost for the completion of the park is \$306,000. Dr. Skinner had provided to Mr. Lane specific information and detail to the project for Mr. Lane's review.

Jim Medford added comments about his support for the Greenwood Genetic Center. He feels that this is a reasonable submission to present to the Capital Project Sales Tax. The completion of this project is necessary to proceed with the work that is done at the Genetic Center. The purpose of this High Rail is to bring information from Columbia through to Clemson University.

Further discussion regarding whether all the buildings that are not affiliated with the Genetic Center will have access to this High Rail internet, for example the Council of Governments building.

Mr. Lane summarized the specific costs of the three projects presented to the committee:

- N. Greenwood Industrial Park – discussion regarding shaving off some of costs listed in the original submission by using gravel for the floor rather than using concrete. This will reduce the cost by \$.5 million. There will need to be some infrastructure interchange coming into the park. Requested amount - \$7,650,000
- Advance Manufacturing Center request will be \$6,000,000
- Greenwood Genetic Center request will be \$300,000

Discussion regarding roads for the Genetic Center. This will not be an option for CPST projects as they are private roads.

Discussion regarding economic development in the county regarding structures available for prospects. Mr. Lane explained the process for constructing an industrial park.

Further discussion about the generalities of the projects, support and costs.

Mr. Lane concluded the discussions with the summary of the request for the above three projects. The final amount requested will be \$13,950,000. He asked for any questions or comments.

With no further discussion, Mr. Lane asked for a vote to approve the final requested amount from Economic Development Committee of \$13,950,000.

This proposal was voted unanimously in favor, noting the absence of Heather Simmons-Jones.

Meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:25pm with Mr. Chappell thanking the committee members for their hard work and time.