

Capital Project Sales Tax

Commissioner Meeting

Wednesday, May 11, 2016 1 PM

Greenwood County Library  
Veterans Auditorium  
600 Main Street S

Commission Members Present: Nicholas Beasley  
Steve Coleman  
Anne Gunby  
Ruth Laforge  
David Tompkins

Commission Members Absent: Angela Evans

Staff Present: Toby Chappell, County Manager  
Charlie Barrineau, City Manager

Commission Chairman David Tompkins called the meeting to order at 1 PM. Notice of the meeting's date, time and location, and agenda was posted outside of the main entrance of the Greenwood County Courthouse and the Greenwood County Library. Agendas were faxed to The Index-Journal, to local radio stations, and were posted on the Greenwood County website calendar.

Commission Chair Tompkins turned the meeting over to County Manager Toby Chappell. Mr. Chappell noted that Economic Development Committee Chair Theo Lane would present a recap of the Economic Committee recommendations and that Park and Recreation Committee Chair Jimmy Peden would present a recap of the Parks and Recreation Committee recommendations.

Mr. Lane asked for Rusty Denning to present an overview of the Piedmont Technical College (PTC) Upstate Center for Manufacturing Excellence. Mr. Denning is the Associate Vice President, Workforce Development and Continuing Education at PTC. Mr. Denning noted that the \$6 million being requested by PTC from the 2016 Capital Project Sales Tax is being matched by a \$6 million State of South Carolina investment. Additionally, PTC anticipates investing another \$5 million for the purchase of new equipment for the facility. The center is proposed to be 47,000 square feet and would allow PTC to consolidate existing programming (Mechatronics, CNC operators, etc.) and give PTC the ability to expand training into new areas being requested by regional manufacturers.

Mr. Lane asked for James Bateman to present an overview of the North Greenwood Highway 25 Industrial Park. Mr. Bateman is the Business Development Manager for the Greenwood

Partnership Alliance. Mr. Bateman noted that Greenwood does not have a lot of current “product” (available buildings, sites, etc.) to offer prospective industrial investments seeking to locate or expand in the current area. He noted that many requests for proposals are submitted seeking a specific size building available for showing. Because Greenwood has a very limited number of available industrial buildings, in many cases Greenwood is “cut” from the site search. The North Greenwood Industrial Park would allow Greenwood to compete with neighboring counties, including Laurens, that have existing sites and speculative buildings ready.

Mr. Lane then noted the recommendation from the Economic Development Committee to amend the Greenwood Genetic Center’s original application to allow for the investment of \$300,000 to fund fiber for high speed internet at the research campus.

Mr. Jimmy Peden presented the recommendation of the Parks and Recreation Committee. Recommendation as follows:

<b>Recommended List</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Old Brewer HS	\$25,000
Lake Gwd Master Plan	\$1,012,000
Promised Land Walking Trail	\$60,000
Greenwood Parks Recreation	\$9,500,000
Parks-Trail Foundation	\$5,500,000
	\$16,097,000

The next meeting of the Commission will be held Wednesday, May 18 at 1 PM. The committee will hear from Infrastructure Committee Chair Charles Herndon.

The meeting adjourned at 2:30 PM.