

The Board of Commissioners for the County of Cabarrus met in recessed session in the Multipurpose Room at the Cabarrus County Governmental Center in Concord, North Carolina on Wednesday, August 19, 2009 at 3:30 p.m.

Present - Chairman: H. Jay White, Sr.
Commissioners: Robert W. Carruth
Elizabeth F. Poole
Coy C. Privette

Absent - Vice Chairman: Grace M. Mynatt

Note: Commissioner Carruth was not present for the beginning of the meeting.

Also present were John Day, County Manager; Pam Dubois, Deputy County Manager; Richard M. Koch, County Attorney; and Kay Honeycutt, Clerk to the Board. Ryan McDaniels with the Cabarrus Economic Development Corporation (EDC) was also present.

Call to Order

Chairman White called the meeting to order at 3:46 p.m.

Recognition of Andrew Dunbar - Troop 221 - Calvary Lutheran Church in Concord

Chairman White recognized Andrew Dunbar from Boy Scout Troop 221 from Calvary Lutheran Church in Concord. His attendance will meet the requirements for his Communications badge and he is half way to completing the requirements for Eagle Scout.

Recognition of Boy Scout Troop 515 - The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints in Kannapolis

Chairman White also recognized Scout Master Carl Anderson and Scouts Austin George and Tory Page from Boy Scout Troop 515 in Kannapolis attending to meet requirements for their Citizenship badge.

Review/Discussion of Economic Development Grant Program

Commissioner Carruth arrived at 3:48 p.m. and was present for the remainder of the meeting.

The Board discussed the Economic Development Grant Program in general. Topics addressed included the following: redevelopment projects, targeted geographic areas, retail projects, warehousing, utilization of existing buildings and infrastructure within municipal boundaries, Concord's participation, costs associated with the removal of underground storage tanks or contaminated soil, etc.

Ryan McDaniels, with the Economic Development Corporation (EDC), responded to questions specifically about the grant process and other, more general questions, later on in the meeting.

John Day, County Manager, pointed out that the County's current policy does not specifically encourage or address redevelopment or infill development.

Related to the "Creamery Project," Chairman White commented on the importance of having a full understanding of the anticipated end use of the building and why a 5-year grant was requested instead of a typical 3-year grant. Discussion continued.

The Board asked the County Manager to draft language supporting its desire to encourage development and redevelopment within municipal boundaries where supporting infrastructure already exists and in areas where infill development or redevelopment may spur additional investment.

Economic Development Grant Request for The Old Creamery Redevelopment Project

UPON MOTION of Commissioner Poole, seconded by Commissioner Carruth and unanimously carried, the Board voted to place the request for an Economic Development Grant for "The Creamery Concord, LLC" on the September 21, 2009 agenda as a New Business item and scheduled a public hearing for 6:30 p.m.

Qualified School Construction Bonds (QSCB)

John Day, County Manager, provided a brief update on the status of the Qualified School Construction Bonds. He reported a second round of

applications will be accepted by DPI (Department of Public Instruction), which will allow school systems to apply for additional monies over the original allocation. He requested the Board's approval of Kannapolis City Schools' second application totaling \$700,000 for a HVAC replacement at the Kannapolis Intermediate School. The Board agreed by consensus.

Adjourn

UPON MOTION of Commissioner Carruth, seconded by Commissioner Poole, and unanimously carried, the meeting adjourned at 4:32 p.m.


Clerk to the Board