

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
MINUTES
MARCH 13, 2012**

The Economic Development Committee met on Tuesday, March 13, 2012 in the Committee Room, located on the second floor of the Administration Building beginning at 2:00 p.m. Mr. Jeffcoat, Committee Chairman, presided.

Members Attending:

Johnny W. Jeffcoat, Chairman
James E. Kinard, Jr.
Bobby C. Keisler

George H. Davis, V Chairman
Debra B. Summers

Also attending: Joe Mergo, III, Interim County Administrator; Larry Porth, Finance Director/Assistant County Administrator; Jeff Anderson, County Attorney; other staff members, citizens of the county and representatives of the media.

In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act, a copy of the agenda was sent to radio and TV stations, newspapers, and posted on the bulletin board located in the lobby of the County Administration Building.

Executive Session - A motion was made by Mr. Davis, seconded by Ms. Summers to go into Executive Session to discuss economic development projects.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Mr. Jeffcoat reconvened the meeting in open session with one motion to be considered.

New Business - Engineering for the Saxe Gotha Road Expansion - A motion was made by Mr. Davis seconded by Ms. Summers to approve an estimated \$275,000 for the engineering of the Saxe Gotha Industrial Park Road expansion.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

12th Street Extension Discussion - Economic Development - Johnny Jeffcoat, Chairman of the Economic Development Committee - Discussed in Executive Session, no action taken.

New Business - Amendment of Ordinance 07-18 - Mr. Kinard reported that when Ordinance 07-18 was first set-up it was only for the Saxe Gotha Industrial Park. At that time the County used county-wide taxpayers' money to develop the Saxe Gotha property. It was agreed at that time to distribute any profits or tax revenues, once the County was repaid, amongst the entire County (school district portion of the fee), not just the district where the property was located since it was county-wide taxes. Current, ordinance 07-18 only applies to the Saxe Gotha Industrial Park and should be changed to apply to all County industrial parks. Mr. Kinard asked staff to draft an amendment to Ordinance 07-18 to incorporate the

following; 1) so any future development on County-owned property that taxpayers' money is used to develop for economic development would also be subsequent to this ordinance, and 2) to come up with a way to disclose what revenue this generates for the school districts on an annual basis so taxpayers can realize what this investment means to them and the revenues that apply to the five school districts.

Meeting of December 13, 2011 - Approval of Minutes - A motion was made by Mr. Kinard, seconded by Mr. Davis to approve the December 13, 2011 minutes as submitted.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Old Business - None.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy R. Busbee
Assistant to the Clerk

Johnny W. Jeffcoat
Chairman

Diana W. Burnett
Clerk