

PERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MEMBERS PRESENT

OCTOBER 18, 2012
OTHERS PRESENT

Jimmy B. Clayton
Kyle W. Puryear - ABSENT
B. Ray Jeffers
Samuel R. Kennington
Frances P. Blalock

Heidi York, County Manager
Brenda B. Reaves, Clerk to the Board

The Board of Commissioners for the County of Person, North Carolina, met in recessed session on Thursday, October 18, 2012 at 8:00 am in the S-100 room at Piedmont Community College for the purpose of joint session with the Roxboro City Council and the Economic Development Board/Person County Business Industrial Center.

Person County Attendees:

Chairman Clayton, Commissioners Jeffers, Blalock and Kennington
County Manager, Heidi York
Clerk to the Board, Brenda Reaves
Economic Development Director, Stuart Gilbert

City of Roxboro Attendees:

Mayor Merilyn Newell, Mayor Pro-Tem William Davis, Council Members:
Henry Daniel, Sandy Stigall, Mark Phillips, and Byrd Blackwell
City Manager, Stephen Steese

Economic Development Board Attendees:

Board of County Commissioners Chairman:	Jimmy B. Clayton
County Manager:	Heidi York
City of Roxboro's Mayor:	Merilyn Newell
City of Roxboro's City Manager:	Stephen Steese
President, Piedmont Community College:	Dr. Walter Bartlett
Elected Chairman of the Board of Directors for the Roxboro Development Group:	Wayne Ross
Director, Piedmont Community College Small Business Center:	Randy Reynolds
Member At-Large:	Kenneth Perry

Others Present:

Charles Hayes, President and CEO of Research Triangle Regional Partnership
Debbie Lilly, VP, Business Development of Research Triangle Regional Partnership
Michael Woodard, Senate candidate

Chairman Clayton called the meeting to order and led invocation. Vice Chairman Puryear was absent. Commissioner Jeffers was absent until 8:10 am.

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Economic Development Board Chairman, Randy Reynolds introduced to the group the President and CEO of Research Triangle Regional Partnership, Mr. Charles Hayes. Mr. Hayes gave the group an overview of Research Triangle Regional Partnership (RTRP). RTRP is one of the seven regions within North Carolina located at RDU International Airport and consists of the following 13 counties: Person, Granville, Vance, Warren, Franklin, Orange, Wake, Johnston, Chatham, Lee, Harnett, Moore and Durham, including the Research Triangle Park.

Mr. Hayes introduced Ms. Debbie Lilly, VP, Business Development of Research Triangle Regional Partnership and told the group other staff of RTRP are Bo Carson, VP, Informational Services, Lee Anne Nance, Sr. VP, Strategic Initiatives and Terry Naegelen, VP, Operations.

RTRP is a business-driven; public-private partnership began in 1990 and dedicated to keeping the 13-county Research Triangle Region economically competitive through business, government and educational collaboration. RTRP comprises economic development agencies across the region, who work with the N.C. Department of Commerce and a wide range of partners to market the 13-county region for new investment and direct strategic efforts to ensure the region remains economically competitive. RTRP leads development of the regional economic-development strategy, called *The Shape of Things To Come*. It is a five-year plan to promote economic and job growth in the 13-county region focusing on Regional Collaboration, Product Development and Business Growth.

RTRP's 59-member board of directors is comprised of representatives from each of the 13 counties and the Research Triangle Park. The board meets the first Wednesday of each month, advises and oversees RTRP initiatives. An Economic Development Advisory Committee of county economic developers and partners meet monthly to plan and implement strategic marketing efforts. Person County has three representatives on the board of directors: Stuart Gilbert, Randy Reynolds and Phillip Allen. Each county economic development director is a voting member with the two other voting members appointed by the county board of commissioners.

RTRP offers a range of services to help companies grow and expand in the region and to help economic development partners meet the needs of businesses and prospects. Ms. Lilly stated RTRP can assist in the RFI, RFP processes, offer research, regional overview noting all site/building requests flow to all counties within the region.

For Person County to present the best product, Mr. Hayes recommended to have the best sites, labor force and buildings.

The group thanked Mr. Hayes and Ms. Lilly for their visit and presentation to the joint session meeting.

The Economic Development Board adjourned and reconvened after a brief break as Person County Business Industrial Center to meet jointly in closed session with the Board of Commissioners and Roxboro City Council.

CLOSED SESSION:

A **motion** was made by Commissioner Blalock, **seconded** by Commissioner Kennington, and **carried 4-0** to enter Closed Session jointly with Roxboro City Council and Person County Business Industrial Center (PCBIC) pursuant to NC General Statute 143.318.11(a)(4) to discuss matters relating to the location or expansion of industries or other businesses in the county at 9:21 am with the following individuals permitted to attend:

County Manager, Heidi York, Economic Development Director, Stuart Gilbert and Clerk to the Board, Brenda Reaves

Roxboro City Council Closed Session attendees:

Mayor Marilyn Newell, Mayor Pro-Tem William Davis, Council Members: Henry Daniel, Sandy Stigall, Mark Phillips, and Byrd Blackwell
City Manager, Stephen Steese

PCBIC Attendees:

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The Board of Commissioners, Roxboro City Council and PCBIC participants agreed to allow Mr. Hayes, Ms. Lilly and Mr. Woodard to be included in the Closed Session.

Closed Session was called to order at 9:22 am.

A **motion** was made by Commissioner Jeffers, **seconded** by Commissioner Blalock, and **carried 4-0** to return to open session at 10:28 am.

Person County Economic Development Director, Mr. Stuart Gilbert presented a Resolution – Financial Incentive Grant for Project Light each to the Board of Commissioners and to Roxboro City Council for consideration and adoption.

A **motion** was made by Commissioner Jeffers, **seconded** by Commissioner Blalock, and **carried 4-0** to adopt a Resolution for a Financial Incentive Grant for Project Light.

Roxboro City Council took affirmative action for adoption of its Resolution for a Financial Incentive Grant for Project Light.

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Resolution
Financial Incentive Grant for
Project Light

WHEREAS, Project Light has expressed their desire to locate a manufacturing facility in the City of Roxboro and plans to hire 80 employees in the next five years and create additional new capital investments of \$5,000,000.00 dollars,

WHEREAS, to stimulate/encourage economic development and job creation Person County utilizes financial incentive grants to induce such new economic development in Person County,

WHEREAS, while Project Light has expressed their desire to locate a manufacturing facility in the City of Roxboro to the Economic Development Director and others, Project Light has not yet announced this project in the City of Roxboro and therefore the name of this manufacturer is confidential at this time,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Person County Board of Commissioners authorizes a financial grant to Project Light payable over a 5 year period in the following amounts:

- 2013: \$3,500
- 2014: \$13,720
- 2015: \$13,482
- 2016: \$10,234
- 2017: \$5,624

These financial incentive grants will be provided based on Project Light creating 20 jobs per year beginning in 2012 and continuing to add an additional 20 jobs per year for a total of 80 new jobs by 2016. Also another concurrent requirement for the payment of a financial grant is that Project Light plans bring new capital investments into the City of Roxboro to be placed on the Person County Tax Assessor's Office records, with such new capital investments based on the following schedule:

- 2012: \$500,000 new capital investment
- 2013: \$2,000,000 new capital investment
- 2014: \$1,000,000 new capital investment
- 2015: \$750,000 new capital investment
- 2016: \$750,000 new capital investment

BE, IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Person County Government authorizes the Economic Development Director to work with Person County Business and Industrial Center, Inc. attorney to have developed a written financial incentive agreement and furthermore to authorize the Person County Manager and/or Person County Chair of the Board of Commissioners to sign appropriate agreements that may need to be signed with Project Light to induce them to bring a manufacturing facility to the City of Roxboro, NC.

This resolution shall be effective upon adoption.


Adopted, this the 18th day of October, 2012.



PERSON COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS


Jimmy B. Clayton, Chairman

Attest:


Brenda B. Reaves, NCCCC, CMC
Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners

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RECESS:

A **motion** was made by Commissioner Blalock, **seconded** by Commissioner Jeffers, and **carried 4-0** to recess the meeting at 10:30 am until October 29, 2012 at 6:30 pm at Bethel Hill Charter School for the purpose of a Community Conversations meeting.

Brenda B. Reaves
Clerk to the Board

Jimmy B. Clayton
Chairman

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