

THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF CRAVEN RECONVENED ITS RECESSED REGULAR SESSION OF JULY 15, 2013 ON JULY 15, 2013 AT 6:00 P.M. IN THE BERNE ROOM OF THE NEW BERN RIVERFRONT CONVENTION CENTER, 203 SOUTH FRONT STREET, NEW BERN, NORTH CAROLINA. THE PURPOSE OF THE MEETING WAS TO PRESENT THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIC PLAN TO OTHER COMMUNITY LEADERS.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chairman Scott C. Dacey
Vice Chairman Thomas F. Mark
Commissioner Jefferey S. Taylor
Commissioner Steve Tyson

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Commissioner Lee Kyle Allen
Commissioner Theron L. McCabe
Commissioner Johnnie Sampson, Jr.

STAFF PRESENT:

Jack B. Veit III, County Manager
Gene Hodges, Assistant County Manager – Facilities/Operations
Gwendolyn M. Bryan, Clerk to the Board

Elected officials from the municipalities of Havelock, New Bern, River Bend and Trent Woods were in attendance.

Mr. Kyle Talente presented the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategic Plan for the benefit of local elected leaders and economic development stakeholders, which was presented earlier in the Commissioners' work session. He emphasized to the assembly that it is critical that the community entities work collaboratively in the implementation of an economic development strategy, as no one entity is capable alone of accomplishing what needs to be done.

There was discussion concerning organizational structure, funding requirements and time frames for bringing the concept to reality. Mr. Talente stated that recommendations concerning the make-up of an organizational entity and funding requirements will be presented to the ad hoc strategic planning work group on July 17; however, he did not recommend, when asked, that the Committee of 100 be designated as the 501(c) (3) implementation entity. He stated that becoming operational could range from six months to several years.

Mr. Talente made himself available, at no charge on a limited basis, to guide staff through the process.

At 7:28 p.m. Commissioner Mark moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Taylor and unanimously carried.

Chairman Scott C. Dacey
Craven County Board of Commissioners

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Clerk to the Board