

RECORD OF A SPECIAL WORK SESSION HELD BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS WITH THE WARREN COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION FOR THE COUNTY OF WARREN IN THE ARMORY CIVIC CENTER MEETING ROOM ON MONDAY – JANUARY 12, 2015 AT 6:00 PM.

The Special Work Session was called to order by Economic Development Chairman Brady Martin at 6:00 PM.

In attendance:

Warren County Commissioners: Bertadean Baker, Tare Davis, Victor Hunt, Vice-Chair Jennifer Jordan, Chairman Barry Richardson and County Manager Linda T. Worth.

Economic Development Commission: Carl Lynch, Pete Deschenes, Chairman Brady Martin, Gene Hundley, Dr. Ray Spain and EDC Admin. Assistant Peggy Richardson

Also present: Charles Hayes, President of the Research Triangle Regional Partnership and Joe Kronner & Sam McCormick of Must Innov8, Inc.

EDC Chairman Martin introduced Mr. Kronner and Mr. McCormick of Must Innov8, Inc., who gave a presentation about the importance and success of a Science Technology Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) program in creating excellence in school systems. (Presentation on file in EDC office.)

EDC Chairman then introduced Charles Hayes, President and CEO of the Research Triangle Regional Partnership (RTRP), to which Warren County belongs. Mr. Hayes explained how the region is identified as a seventy-five mile radius from Research Triangle, not political boundaries; that Todd Wemyss, Manager of Glen Raven in Norlina, Robert Davie, Administrator for the Town of Warrenton, and EDC Director Ken Bowman currently represent Warren County on the RTRP Board of Directors; and that member counties pay \$.30 per capita annually for membership. Mr. Hayes described services provided to members, and shared a page of information (on file). There were questions and discussion of benefits received by Warren County.

Kenneth Bowman, Director of Warren County Economic Development, gave a power point presentation on current activities and asked those present to determine their priorities for the county in short and long term goals, considering their thoughts on what our economy should look like in ten years; what industry sectors should be the focus of our recruitment efforts; and what are existing barriers to economic development. (Presentation on file.)

The presentation was followed by comments and discussion.

Special Work Session was adjourned at 8:45 pm


Angelena Kearney-Dunlap, Clerk