

**CLEVELAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**March 22, 2011**

The Cleveland County Board of Commissioners met on this date, at the hour of 5:00 p.m., in Room 1139 at Cleveland Community College for the purpose of a joint meeting with the City of Kings Mountain to discuss an incentive agreement for Project Roosevelt.

Present:

**Cleveland County Board of Commissioners:**

Chairman- Johnny Hutchins

Commissioner- Eddie Holbrook

ABSENT: Vice-Chairman Ronnie Hawkins

Commissioner- Jason Falls

Commissioner- Mary Accor

**Kings Mountain City Council:**

Mayor- Rick Murphrey

Dean Spears

Tommy Hawkins

Rick Moore

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Mike Butler

Rodney Gordon

ABSENT: Howard Shipp

Others present included: County Manager David Dear, County Clerk Kerri Melton, City Manager Marilyn Sellers, City Clerk Ann Sessom, City Attorney Mickey Correy.

County Commission Chairman, Johnny Hutchins welcomed all in attendance and led the audience in the "Pledge of Allegiance" to the flag of the United States of America. Kings Mountain Mayor, Rick Murphrey provided the invocation for the meeting.

**City of Kings Mountain held their meeting** (*Clerks Note: For minutes from their meeting, contact Kings Mountain City Hall*).

Chairman Johnny Hutchins reconvened the meeting of March 15, 2011.

The purpose of the meeting was to hold a public hearing to discuss a proposed incentive agreement for Project Roosevelt.

County Manager David Dear began by thanking the City of Kings Mountain for jointly making this decision. He highlighted several points in the incentive agreement including the following:

- The Company contemplates the purchase of approximately 26 acres and the construction of an approximately 98,000 square-foot building located at Riverside Drive in the T-5 Data Center Park near Kings Mountain.
- The Company intends to create approximately 45 new, permanent full-time jobs during the first five years of the agreement.
- The total investment created will be approximately One Hundred Million Dollars over a ten (10) year period.
- The Company acknowledges that the incentives will serve as an inducement for the company to purchase, construct and operate the project in Cleveland County
- At no cost to the Company, the County will provide a secondary water source to the Project.
- The County agrees to work with the City of Kings Mountain to expedite the processing of permit applications and to waive all permitting fees.
- The County agrees to pay for all connection fees to local utilities.
- The County shall make the incentive grant payment to the Company in an annual amount equal to 65% of the total ad valorem taxes on real and personal property paid by the Company to the County over a period of ten (10) years.

**ACTION:** Mary Accor made the motion, seconded by Eddie Holbrook, and unanimously adopted by the Board, *to open the public hearing.*

*Dale Carroll, NC Department of Commerce,* spoke in support of Project Roosevelt. Cleveland County has received a \$500,000 grant through the Industrial Development Fund to help with water infrastructure to serve the T5 Data Center Park. He described this project as a way of restoring the tax base and attracting high-tech jobs.

*Kristin Fletcher, Executive Director of CCEDP,* thanked Commissioners for their continued support. “Look at the projects underway, none of these would have happened without you. This sends a very clear message to others that Cleveland County is open for business and upholds a precedent that we work together to make things happen.” Ms. Fletcher described the project as another catalyst project. “As leaders, you are working to add high-tech, high paying jobs to the county.”

*Michael Chrisawn, President of the Cleveland Chamber,* spoke in support of Project Roosevelt. “On behalf of the 650 Chamber members, I would like to thank you for your support and I urge you to pass this incentive grant. Project Roosevelt will put us on the map.”

*Steve Thornburg, Chairman of CCEDP,* thanked County Commissioners and Kings Mountain City Council for their cooperative spirit. “This sends a message to the community that we are moving forward. This is a significant opportunity for Cleveland County and a tremendous statement to the world that Cleveland County is a great place to do business.”

**ACTION:** Jason Falls made the motion, seconded by Mary Accor, and unanimously adopted by the Board, *to close the public hearing.*

**ACTION:** Eddie Holbrook made the motion, seconded by Mary Accor, and unanimously adopted by the Board, *to approve the incentive agreement as presented by County Manager David Dear (copy found on Page \_\_\_\_\_ of Minute Book \_\_\_\_\_).*

Chairman Hutchins described the meeting as “another historic moment” not only for attracting Project Roosevelt but for another successful partnership between the county and a municipality.

Commissioner Falls thanked the City of Kings Mountain, CCEDP and David Dear for their hard work on this project.

Commissioner Holbrook thanked the Department of Commerce, those who spoke in favor of Project Roosevelt, CCEDP and the City of Kings Mountain.

Commissioner Accor also thanked the City of Kings Mountain and the County Manager for the “know how to get it done”.

**ADJOURN**

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, Mary Accor made the motion, seconded by Jason Falls, and unanimously adopted by the Board, *to adjourn the meeting.*

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*Johnny Hutchins, Chairman  
Cleveland County Board of Commissioners*

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*Kerri Melton, Clerk  
Cleveland County Board of Commissioners*