

CLEVELAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

February 21, 2012

The Cleveland County Board of Commissioners met on this date, at the hour of 4:00 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 Cardinal.

Present:

Cleveland County Board of Commissioners:

Chairman- Johnny Hutchins
Vice-Chairman Ronnie Hawkins
Commissioner- Eddie Holbrook

Commissioner- Jason Falls
Commissioner- Mary Accor

Kings Mountain City Council:

Mayor- Rick Murphrey
Dean Spears
Tommy Hawkins
Rick Moore

Keith Miller
Mike Butler
Rodney Gordon
Howard Shipp

Others present included: Interim County Manager Eddie Bailes, County Clerk Kerri Melton, Attorney Bob Yelton, City Manager Marilyn Sellers, City Clerk Ann Sessom, City Attorney Mickey Correy.

County Commission Chairman, Johnny Hutchins welcomed all in attendance. Vice-Chairman Ronnie Hawkins 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 February 7, 2012.

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

Kristin Fletcher, Vice-President of Economic Development, presented highlights of the incentive agreement to Commissioners as follows:

"Project Cardinal will purchase approximately 130 acres and construct a 900,000sqft facility which will be located in the T5 Data Center Park on Countryside Road. During Phases I and II of the project, they intend to create approximately 106 full-time jobs during the first four years. A significant capital investment will be made in Phase I of the project which will include buildings and installation of machinery and computer equipment. If Phase II shall occur, it will include construction and installation of additional equipment. The amount of timing and total investment for Phase II is currently undetermined; however, if additional phases do occur; additional provisions will be made for the Company by Cleveland County."

Ms. Fletcher then presented a summary of incentives. She made note, prior to the summary, the fact that Cleveland County has obtained grant funding for all infrastructure projects that are within the agreement.

1. Secondary Water Line: At no cost to the Company, the County will provide a 12-inch secondary waterline along Countryside Road fully dedicated to the Project. Line will be based on specifications and designs mutually agreeable with the County and Company.
2. Access Road/Main Entry: At no cost to the Company, the County will provide an access road to the project which will be based on specifications and designs mutually agreeable with the County and Company.
3. Countryside Road Widening: At no cost to the Company, the county will widen Countryside Road, which will include a six foot expansion of the existing 18 foot roadway. In addition, a one half inch overlay over the entire surface shall be applied.
4. Sanitary Sewer: At no cost to the Company, the County will provide an eight-inch sewer line to the project which will be based on specifications and designs mutually agreeable with the County and Company.
5. Cleveland County incentive grant: Cleveland County has agreed to a 67% incentive grant of real and personal property taxes paid by the Company for twenty years.

Ms. Fletcher explained, the Company understands and has agreed to all provisions listed within the agreement and understands that they will need to uphold their commitments in order to maintain compliance and take advantage of the incentives listed within the agreement presented.

Chairman Hutchins opened the public hearing

Former County Manager David Dear, spoke in support of Project Cardinal. He thanked Commissioners for their vision and leadership in Economic Development. He explained, the ED team has pursued this project for over two years. “This Company would be coveted by any county in the country.” He reiterated the tremendous financial impact on the county via construction jobs and supplies. “The increase to the tax base and the creation of 106 new jobs will be tremendous.” He also noted a high probability for future expansion.

Michael Chrisawn, President of the Cleveland County Chamber, spoke in support of Project Cardinal. “On behalf over the 600 members of the Cleveland County Chamber of Commerce, I am here in support this incentive agreement. Commissioners have been very active in the recruitment of new economic development.” He expressed his gratitude for Project Cardinal choosing to invest in Cleveland County.

Cindy Bailey, 214 S. Lafayette Street, spoke in support of Project Cardinal. “I have been trying to be more involved in what is going on in Cleveland County...I had several questions during the a County Commissioners meeting, and all of my questions have been answered. I want to say thank you to the County Commissioners.”

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

ACTION: Ronnie Hawkins made the motion, seconded by Mary Accor, and unanimously adopted by the Board, *to approve the incentive agreement as presented by Kristin Fletcher*(copy found on Page _____ of Minute Book _____).

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.*

*Johnny Hutchins, Chairman
Cleveland County Board of Commissioners*

*Kerri Melton, Clerk
Cleveland County Board of Commissioners*