MINUTES OF A JOINT MEETING HELD BY THE WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS WITH THE ECONOMIC DEVELOMENT COMMISSION IN THE ARMORY CIVIC CENTER MEETING ROOM ON MONDAY - SEPTEMBER 21, 2015 AT 6:00 PM.

The Joint Meeting was called to order by Chairman Barry Richardson. Other Commissioners present: Bertadean Baker, Tare Davis, Victor Hunt and Jennifer Jordan.

Economic Development Commission (EDC) members present: Chairman Brady Martin, Jane Ball-Groom, Dr. Ray V. Spain, Pete Deschenes, Carl Lynch and EDC Director Ken Bowman. (Com. Victor Hunt is also an EDC member.)

Others in attendance: County Manager Linda T. Worth; Tax Administrator Starlin Beatty; Planner/Zoning Administrator Ken Krulik; representatives from Duke Energy Progress John Nelms & Tanya Evans; Representative from Halifax Electric Corporation Charles Guerry and Benny Finch, Carolina Solar Energy.

Clerk to the Board read the "Conflict of Interest Disclaimer."

In accordance with the State Government Ethics Act, it is the duty of every Board member to avoid both conflicts of interest and appearances of conflict.

Does any Board member have any known conflict of interest or appearance of conflict with respect to any matter coming before this Board today?

If so, please identify the conflict and refrain from any undue participation in the particular matter involved.

EDC Chairman Brady Martin, introduced representatives from local utilities and gave the floor to Ken Bowman, EDC Director.

Ken Bowman gave an annual update to the Board of Commissioners and public of Economic Development activities during Fiscal Year 2014-15. Bowman then began discussion on Solar Farms and the effect on Warren County assets.

Several questions were posed to Ken Krulik, Planner/Zoning Administrator and Starlin Beatty, Tax Administrator; regarding zoning and the effects on land values & tax credits where solar farms are located as well as the effects on land values of properties adjacent to solar farms.

Answers to both sets of questions were similar:

1 – Zoning has only been implemented in the lake areas of the County and in the Towns of Warrenton and Norlina, solar farms are permitted in certain zoned areas;

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2 – The value of property is determined by the market.

Charles Guerry of Halifax Electric Corporation gave the utilities perspective on solar farms pros & cons.

With no further business to discuss the joint meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.