

**RECORD OF A JOINT MEETING HELD BY THE WARREN COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION (EDC) WITH THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR THE COUNTY OF WARREN IN THE WARREN COUNTY ARMORY CIVIC CENTER ON MONDAY – FEBRUARY 20, 2017 AT 7:00 PM.**

The February 20, 2017 Joint Meeting was opened by Chairman of the Warren County Board of Commissioners Victor Hunt (who also services on the EDC Board).

Members of the Economic Development Commission (EDC) present: Chairman Brady S. Martin, Dr. Ray V. Spain, Jane Ball-Groom, John C. Krysa & Kenneth I. Deloatch.

EDC Members Absent: Carl Lynch and David Hight

Others in attendance: Town Administrator Robert Davie, Ron Skow, Citizen and Jennifer Harris, Editor of the Warren Record Newspaper.

Members of the Board of County Commissioners present: Bertadean Baker, Tare Davis, Jennifer Jordan Pierce and Walter Powell. Also in attendance: Interim County Manager Robert Murphy, County Attorney Jamie Wilkerson and Clerk to the Board Angelena Kearney-Dunlap.

A welcome & purpose of meeting was given by Chairman of the Warren County Economic Development Commission Brady Martin.

Self-introductions of EDC and County Administration staff was done.

Ken Bowman, Economic Development Director gave an update of 2016-17 EDC activities:

- Triangle Business Summit
- Kerr-Tar Regional Economic Development Stronger Economies Together
- Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy: first CEDS Strategy Committee meeting held Thursday, January 12, 2017
- Industry Roundtable Meetings
- 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Career Day: 17 Companies, 34 HS students, 6 Static displays; program was recognized as a 2016 Achievement Award winner during NACo annual conference
- Current Use of Former Peck Manufacturing Facility
- Buck Spring Project Phase 1
- Triangle North Warren
- Solar Farm Development (aka a Solar Energy System - SES)
- Tourism
- Small Business: 51 new sole proprietorships or simple partnerships registered locally and 58 new County for-profit corporations or LLCs filed with the NC Secretary of State
- Travel Events - June-December 2016 & Travel Events January-June 2017
- Websites (3)

Tom White, Director NCSU Economic Development Parthship Office of Extension Engagement and Economic Development made a thorough presentation of business growth in North Carolina and possible incentives for Warren County.

A question & answer period was allowed. Closing remarks were made by Chairman Board of Commissioners Victor Hunt and Chairman Board of Education Barbara Brayboy.

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



Angelena Kearney-Dunlap, Clerk