

**MINUTES
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

February 11, 2019

Executive Conference Room, Administration Building,
Beaufort County Government Robert Smalls Complex,
100 Ribaut Road, Beaufort, South Carolina 29902

The electronic and print media duly notified in
accordance with the State Freedom of Information Act.

Attendance

Present: Chairman Stu Rodman, Vice Chairman Brian Flewelling, Alice Howard, Joseph Passiment and Paul Sommerville

Not Present: Larry McElynn

Ex-officio Michael Covert, Gerald Dawson, Chris Hervochon and York Glover (Non-committee members of Council serve as *ex-officio* members and are entitled to vote.)

Staff: Jim Beckert, Auditor; Tom Keaveny, County Attorney; Jon Rembold, Airports Director; Dave Thomas, Purchasing Director; John Weaver and Interim County Administrator

Call to Order

Chairman Rodman called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

Approval of Agenda

There was no motion to approve the agenda.

Citizen Comments

There were no comments.

ACTION ITEMS

Item: Consideration of Reappointments and Appointments / Airports Board

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Flewelling, seconded by Mrs. Howard that Committee recommend Council reappoint Howard Ackerman, Dan Ahern, James Buckley, Anne Esposito, Leslie Adlam Flory, Brian Turrisi, Harold Wallace, Barry Wilbur and Blakely Williams as members of the Airports Board. The vote: YAYS – Mr. Flewelling, Mrs. Howard, Mr. Passiment, Mr. Rodman and Mr.

Sommerville. Mr. Covert, Mr. Dawson, Mr. Glover and Mr. Hervochon did not vote. The motion passed.

Recommendation: Council reappoint Howard Ackerman, Dan Ahern, James Buckley, Anne Esposito, Leslie Adlam Flory, Brian Turrisi, Harold Wallace, Barry Wilbur and Blakely Williams as members of the Airports Board.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Item: Update / Beaufort County Economic Development Corporation – John O’Toole, Executive Director, Beaufort County Economic Development Corporation

Discussion: Mr. O’Toole gave a PowerPoint presentation highlighting the activities of the Beaufort County Economic Development Corporation. Some of the highlights include:

- Increased marketing on social media and national / international network for site selectors.
- Focus on the workforce pool including exiting military, TCL and USCB graduates.
- Market targets include headquarters, healthcare, insurance and financial services, back-office operations, aerospace, defense, bio/life sciences, light manufacturing, breweries and spirits. The main focus for next year will be back-office operations, aerospace and light manufacturing.
- There have been 75 leads so far this year. Two-thirds of these leads have been homegrown.
- Capital investment year to date is \$24M.
- 243 jobs have been created.

Status: For information only.

Item: Update / Beaufort County Airports – Jon Rembold, Airports Director

Discussion: Mr. Rembold gave an update of the Hilton Head Island Airport projects and activities.

American, United and Delta Airlines are offering selected service to Charlotte, Ronald Reagan, Dulles, Chicago O’Hare, Newark, Atlanta and LaGuardia. Some destinations are seasonal.

Upcoming projects and activities:

- Terminal renovation and expansion including a modular hold room, interior building modifications of terminal and TSA office space
- Commercial ramp expansion
- Campus entrance and public art
- Development opportunity on east side of field
- Increase surface parking
- Increase rental car areas

Marketing opportunities include:

- Cooperative digital campaign in destination markets and connecting markets
- Sponsorships of local events for local exposure
- Vacation planners with Chambers of Commerce and Lowcountry Tourism Commission
- RBC Heritage, PGA tour event
- Local media

Flight paths have changed and will likely change from time to time based on many factors. Information regarding flight paths is available to residents.

There will be congestion at the airport until the terminal project is completed.

Status: For information only.

Item: Discussion Items / Courtesy Nominations, Council's Rules and Procedures and Strategic Planning Retreat

Discussion: Courtesy Nominations will be discussed at the next Executive Committee Meeting. Mr. Weaver will include updates on Council's Rules and Procedures and the Strategic Planning Retreat in his next Administrator's Report.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:04 p.m.

Ratified by Committee: March 25, 2019