

NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF GREENE

The Greene County Development Symposium met on Wednesday, July 18, 2007 at 5:30 p.m. at the Greene County Museum. Present for the meeting were Pat Adams, Perry Baker, John Paul Black, Bob Clark, William Connor, Don Davenport, Mayor Don Davis,

Pat Adams	Greene County Board of Education & Greene County EDC Vice-Chair
Perry Baker	Greene County EDC
John Paul Black	LCC & Greene County EDC
Bob Clark	Town of Snow Hill
William Connor	Greene County EDC
Don Davenport	Greene County Manager
Mayor Don Davis	Town of Snow Hill
Bert Diener	Snow Hill Development Commission Vice-Chair
Frank Harper	Greene County Chamber & Greene County EDC
Bennie Heath	Board of Commissioner Chairman & Greene County EDC
Lisa Johnson	Greene County Secretary
Robert Master	Contentnea Development Partnership (CDP)
Moses Ramsey	Greene County EDC
Chris Roberson	Greene County Asst. County Manager & EDC
Michelle Strickland	Snow Hill Development Commission Secretary
Bobby Taylor	Greene County EDC
Allison Thomas	Snow Hill Development Commissioner & Greene County EDC
Angie Turnage	Greene County Chamber of Commerce

Vice-Chair Pat Adams called the Economic Development Commission to order.

Introductions were made.

Chris Roberson stated that the Economic Development Commission had asked to have this meeting in order to discuss development in the County as a whole. Mr. Roberson gave a summary of activities for the Greene County Economic Development office.

Bennie Heath stated that there have been a lot of accomplishments in the County.

Angie Turnage advised that the Chamber website has recently been updated and that they received over 11,000 hits in one week. She also noted that is working with travel and tourism committee.

Bob Masters noted that there are several tools available to help with economic development in the County. The County has come a long way since 2001.

Bert Diener stated that the committee needs to try and develop or map where they want to see the County go. Need to identify what would fit here and go after them. Both Snow Hill and Greene County is a very progressive place.

Mayor Don Davis noted that everyone needs to work in the same direction.

Allison Thomas expressed concern over lack of marketing of the Towns and County.

Pat Adams stated that everyone wants the same things for the County. It is the responsibility of individuals serving on various boards/committees to report back to the people they represent. Everyone needs to be on the same page.

Bob Clark noted that it is sometimes tough to share information due to the sensitivity and confidentiality of it. He gave YamCo as an example.

Chris Roberson stated that this is the purpose of this joint meeting, to try and work to make coordination efforts better. He explained the YamCo situation.

Mayor Davis noted that communication between the County and Towns has improved significantly.

Chris Roberson suggested that when dealing with various Towns regarding a project, that they sign a confidentiality agreement in order to be able to discuss things more in depth.

Pat Adams stated that there are confidential issues that affect everyone. The question is how to process this information better in order to bring business to the County. All individuals have to find a way to work as best as they can.

Bob Clark distributed information regarding the background, structure and objectives of the Snow Hill Development Commission. He noted that the Town subscribes to ECivis Grants Locator service, which is a useful research tool for searching economic and community development grants sources.

John Paul Black advised that marketing is a very big issue for Greene County as a whole.

On motion by Bennie Heath, seconded by Bobby Taylor the Greene County Economic Development Commission voted unanimously to adjourn.