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SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
FOR THE
STRATEGIC GROWTH WORK SESSION
OF THE
LEE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
LEE COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER
106 HILLCREST DRIVE
SANFORD, NORTH CAROLINA 27330

JANUARY 16, 2013

The Strategic Growth Work Session of the Lee County Board of Commissioners for the County of Lee, State of North Carolina, convened at 12 Noon in the Gordon Wicker Conference Room, 1st Floor, Lee County Government Center, 106 Hillcrest Drive, Sanford, North Carolina, on said date. Commissioners present were Amy M. Dalrymple, Dr. Ricky D. Frazier, Charles T. Parks, Kirk D. Smith, and James K. Womack. Commissioner Dr. Andre Knecht and Commissioner Robert T. Reives were absent. Staff in attendance was County Manager John Crumpton, Assistant County Manager/Finance Director Lisa Minter, Attorney Kerry Schmid, and Clerk to the Board Gaynell Lee.

Chairman Parks called the work session to order and the following business was transacted:

Chairman Parks delivered the invocation.

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

The meeting was turned over to Mr. Ted Abernathy with Southern Growth Policies who presented economic competitiveness factors, and comparisons of Lee, Harnett, Johnston, Chatham, and Moore Counties were presented on percentage of population under 18, percentage of population age 65 and over, percentage of white individuals (not Hispanic), percentage of citizens with high school degree or higher, percentage of citizens with BA degree or higher, percentage below poverty level, percentage of median household income, labor force change from 2000 – 2011, unemployment percentage from 2000 through July 2012, unemployment percentage since 2000, Lee County residents employed, and Lee County in-county jobs. Mr. Abernathy presented a slide showing Lee County Jobs by Sector which included the following percentages from each area:

Manufacturing	34%
Trade/Trans	16%

Info Technology	4%
Admin/Waste	6%
Education	9%
Health	12%
Arts/Entertainment/Rec	1%
Accom/Food	7%
Other	2%
Public Admin	4%
Ag/Forestry	0%

The Board discussed where they would like to see Lee County in 5 – ten years with the list including more jobs (less unemployment), lower crime rates, and lower teenage pregnancy.

Suggested items for the March 1st Strategic Growth Forum included discussion of a tourism bureau, more small businesses, changes to the Economic Development organization, infrastructure, quality of life, and economic strategy.

Mr. Abernathy and Dan Parks from SBTDC will conduct a Strategic Growth Forum on March 1, 2013, at the McSwain Education Center on Tramway Road for Commissioners and Lee County stakeholders. The forum will begin at 9 a.m. and conclude around 4:30 p.m.

With no further business to come before the Board, Commissioner Womack moved to adjourn the work session. Upon a vote, the results were as follows:

Aye: Dalrymple, Frazier, Parks, Smith, and Womack
 Nay: None
 Absent: Knecht and Reives

The Chairman ruled the motion had been adopted unanimously and the work session adjourned at 3:05 p.m.



 Charles T. Parks, Chairman
 Lee County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:



 Gaynell M. Lee, Clerk to the Board