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JOINT SPECIAL MEETING WITH HICKORY CITY COUNCIL
Monday, April 14, 2008

The Catawba County Board of Commissioners and Hickory City Council held a Joint Special Meeting on Monday, April 14, 2008 at 9:45 a.m. The purpose of the special joint meeting was to announce an economic development opportunity.

Present were Chair Katherine W. Barnes, Vice-Chair Lynn M. Lail and Commissioners Glenn E. Barger, Dan Hunsucker and Barbara E. Beatty. Also present were County Manager J. Thomas Lundy, Assistant County Manager Lee Worsley, County Attorney Debra Bechtel, Catawba County Economic Development Corporation President Scott Millar and County Clerk Barbara Morris.

Present from Hickory City Council were Mayor Rudy Wright and Councilmen Brad Lail, Bruce Meisner, Danny Seaver, Z. Ann Hoyle, Sally Fox, Jill Patton, City Attorneys John Crone and Arnita Dula, City Manager Mick Berry, Assistant City Manager Andrea Surratt, City Clerk Pam Tallent and Deputy City Clerk JoAnne Kuhn.

At 9:47 a.m., upon motions by Chair Katherine W. Barnes and Mayor Rudy Wright, which were unanimously carried, the Board and the Council, in accordance with NCGS-143-318.11(a)(4), agreed to move into Closed Session to discuss matters relating to the location or expansion of industries or other business in the area. At 10:55 a.m., the Board and Council returned to open session.

Representatives of Sutter Street Manufacturing, the Economic Development Corporation Board and media then joined the meeting. Pieces of Sutter Street Manufacturing furniture were displayed in the room.

Tony Rose, Chairman of the Catawba County Economic Development Corporation welcomed all present and Sutter Street Manufacturing. Sutter Street Manufacturing Representative Eric Fulcher came forward to express how pleased Sutter Street Manufacturing was to be coming to the area. He explained the proposed operation would bring 820 jobs to the area over the next five years and would utilize the skills existing in the area and protect furniture related jobs. Richard Wiley, Director, Business Recruitment of the State of North Carolina came forward to officially award a JDIG Grant by the State of North Carolina and welcomed Sutter Street Manufacturing to North Carolina. Mayor Rudy Wright, accompanied by the members of Hickory City Council, came forward and presented Eric Fulcher with a key to the City of Hickory and welcomed Sutter Street Manufacturing. Chair Barnes came forward, with members of the Board of Commissioners, and presented Eric Fulcher with a piece of local pottery with the Catawba County seal on it and welcomed Sutter Street Manufacturing to the county.

At the end of the presentations, for the Board of Commissioners, Commissioner Glenn Barger made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

Katherine W. Barnes, Chair

Barbara E. Morris, County Clerk