

MINUTES OF CAPITAL PROJECTS SALES TAX COMMISSION MEETING

5:30 PM, February 08, 2024

WACCAMAW BRANCH LIBRARY

The meeting was called to order at 5:34 pm.

In attendance:

Commission members in person:

Mark Hawn - Chair	Reed Tiller
Harris Chewning	Gary Cooper
Robert Crenshaw	Ashley Nelson

Commission members present via Teams (virtual):

None

Commission members not in attendance:

None

Also present:

Jim Hipp – Facilitator for the Commission

Walt Ackerman – Georgetown County staff liaison for the Commission

Members of the Press present:

Charles Swenson – Coastal Observer

Scott Harper – GAB News

The Chair introduced himself to those in attendance and described the format for the meeting, which would include direct involvement from all community members in attendance.

The Commission held a lengthy discussion, with significant participation and input from community members in attendance, about the types of projects that can be considered by statute, the method for presenting projects, requirement for a sponsoring agency, the necessity of being inclusive of all areas of the County, the Commission's commitment to transparency and several other topics.

The Chair then proceeded with the Agenda and asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the February 1, 2024 meeting.

MOTION was made by Chewning and seconded by Nelson to approve the minutes from the February 1, 2024 meeting.

Motion passed 6-0.

The Commission discussed the second draft version of a set of criteria or “matrix” for evaluating projects that was developed by Commissioner Harris Chewning and Jim Hipp. Revisions to the evaluation “matrix” were made since the last meeting, based on input from the citizens and a thorough review of other county evaluation criteria. The Commission noted that the formulation of final version of the evaluation criteria matrix will continue to be developed and will most likely take a few more meetings.

The Commission will hold its next several meetings as follows:

- February 22, 5:30 pm – Howard Event Space
- February 29, 5:30 pm – Southern Georgetown Library
- March 7, 5:30 pm – Andrews Library
- March 14, 5:30 pm – Carvers Bay Library
- March 28, 5:30 pm – Waccamaw Library

**The Commission did note that meetings beyond the February 29, 2024 meeting may not be held if no projects have been submitted. Future schedules will be discussed at each upcoming meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:12 pm via motion by Crenshaw, second by Tiller.