

MINUTES OF CAPITAL PROJECTS SALES TAX COMMISSION MEETING

5:30 PM, February 22, 2024

HOWARD EVENT SPACE

The meeting was called to order at 5:35 pm.

In attendance:

Commission members in person:

Mark Hawn - Chair Reed Tiller

Gary Cooper

Robert Crenshaw

Commission members present via Teams (virtual):

Ashley Nelson

Commission members not in attendance:

Harris Chewning

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

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 participation and input from the few 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 8, 2024 meeting.

MOTION was made by Tiller and seconded by Crenshaw to approve the minutes from the February 8, 2024 meeting.

Motion passed 5-0.

The Commission discussed the latest draft version of a set of criteria or “matrix” for evaluating projects that was developed by Commissioner Harris Chewning and Jim Hipp. The Commission noted that the formulation of final version of the evaluation criteria matrix may continue to be developed as input is received. The evaluation process and matrix will be considered final once we begin formally evaluating projects.

The Commission will hold its next several meetings as follows:

- February 29, 5:30 pm – Southern Georgetown Library
- March 7, 5:30 pm – Andrews Library (if there are project submittals)
- March 14, 5:30 pm – Carvers Bay Library (if there are project submittals)
- March 28, 5:30 pm – Waccamaw Library (if there are project submittals)

**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 6:46 pm via motion by Cooper, second by Crenshaw.