

MINUTES OF CAPITAL PROJECTS SALES TAX COMMISSION MEETING

5:30 PM, March 7, 2024

Andrews Branch Library

The meeting was called to order at 5:32 pm.

In attendance:

Commission members in person:

Mark Hawn - Chair Ashley Nelson

Robert Crenshaw Harris Chewning

Reed Tiller

Commission members present via Teams (virtual):

Gary Cooper

Commission members not in attendance: NA

Also present:

Jim Hipp – Facilitator for the Commission (via teams)

Walt Ackerman – Georgetown County staff liaison for the Commission

Members of the Press present: NA

The Chair then proceeded with the Agenda and asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the February 29, 2024 meeting.

MOTION was made by Chewning and seconded by Nelson to approve the minutes from the February 29, 2024 meeting.

Motion passed 6-0.

The Chair opened the meeting and informed all in attendance that the format of the meeting would be different than that of previous meetings. The Commission would be finalizing the evaluation matrix and going through the exercise of evaluating several mock projects in order to test the evaluation matrix. The Chair explained that after that exercise, the Commission would receive input from those in attendance.

The Commission then began the process of evaluating several mock projects. These varied widely in type, funding, service area, number of citizens impacted, etc. Each member scored each project, scores were totaled and then discussion was held on why certain members scored items the way they did. This discussion led to insights on interpretation of scoring criteria, and led to further refinement of the criteria.

After this exercise, members of the public gave their input. After all information was considered, and final changes were made, the Commission adopted the revised version as the final version of the Evaluation Matrix.

MOTION was made by Nelson to adopt the document as presented as the final version of the Evaluation Matrix, seconded by Crenshaw.

Motion passed 6-0

The Commission discussed the necessity of the next meeting, scheduled for March 14, 2024. The body decided that if there were no projects submitted for consideration by 5:00 PM on Tuesday, March 12, 2024, the meeting would be canceled. If projects were received by that time, the members would have the time necessary to perform a review prior to the meeting, and the meeting would be held as scheduled.

The Commission will hold its next several meetings as follows:

- 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)
- April 4, 5:30 pm – Howard Event Space

Meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:59 pm via motion by Nelson, second by Chewning.