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A Special Joint Meeting of the City Council of the City of Hickory, City Council for the City of Conover, City Council of the Town of Maiden, Catawba County Board of Commissioners, and Catawba County Property Development Corporation was held at the Workforce Solutions Complex, 1980 Startown Road, Hickory, North Carolina, on Wednesday, November 9, 2022 at 4:00 p.m., with the following members present:

Tony Wood	Hank Guess	David L. Williams
Charlotte C. Williams	Aldermen	David P. Zagaroli
Danny Seaver		Jill Patton

A quorum was present.

Also present were Hickory City Staff: City Manager Warren Wood, Assistant City Manager Rick Beasley, Deputy City Manager Rodney Miller, Deputy City Attorney Arnita Dula, Communications and Marketing Manager Dana Kaminske, Executive Assistant City Manager Yaidee Fox, Public Utilities Director Shawn Pennell, Deputy City Clerk Crystal B. Mundy, and City Clerk Debbie D. Miller.

Also present were City of Conover Council Members and Staff; Town of Maiden Council Members and Staff; Catawba County Board of Commissioners and Staff, and Board members of the Catawba County Property Development Corporation.

1. Welcome

Dr. Garrett Hinshaw, Catawba County Economic Development Board Chair welcomed everyone to the Catawba Valley Community College's campus, the Workforce Solutions Complex, better known as Red Hawk Nation. The County was all about workforce and economic development, the future, and doing things together in partnership, and today was a perfect representation of that. He asked Chairman Randy Isenhower to begin the meeting.

2. Convene Boards

a. Catawba County, Confirm Quorum	Chair Randy Isenhower
b. City of Conover, Confirm Quorum	Mayor Kyle Hayman
c. City of Hickory, Confirm Quorum	Mayor Hank Guess
d. Town of Maiden, Confirm Quorum	Mayor Max Bumgarner, Jr.
e. Property Development Corp., Confirm Quorum	Chair Joe Beaman

Catawba County Board of Commissioners Chair Randy Isenhower convened the meeting for the Catawba County Board of Commissioners and confirmed that a quorum was present. All Commissioners were present.

City of Conover Mayor Kyle Hayman convened the meeting for the City of Conover and confirmed that a quorum was present.

City of Hickory Mayor Hank Guess convened the meeting for the City of Hickory and confirmed that a quorum was present. All Council members were present.

Town of Maiden Mayor Max Bumgarner, Jr. convened the meeting for the Town of Maiden and confirmed that a quorum was present. All Council members were present.

Catawba County Property Development Corporation Chair Joe Beaman convened the meeting for the Catawba County Property Development Corporation and confirmed that a quorum was present.

3. Projects Dogwood, Agate, Yoga, Pine and Star Overview and Incentive Proposal

Scott Millar, EDC President

Catawba County Economic Development Corporation President Scott Millar presented a PowerPoint presentation. He commented about the beautiful fall day, a beautiful new building, and Dr. Hinshaw had a couple hundred of his closest friends present, and they were about to consider a billion-dollar technological operation. He asked was there anything better than that.

Dr. Garrett Hinshaw replied no sir.

Catawba County Economic Development Corporation President Scott Millar commented as an economic development he was pretty sure there was not anything much better than that. He was glad everyone was present, and that this day had finally arrived. He referred to the data center and marketing initiative that they had in place for the last 14-years, with the leadership of the cities and the counties, they had chosen to chase opportunities such as they were considering today. They had a lot of technological companies, Corning, CommScope, and Prysmian, all of them making telecommunication products in Catawba County. They had that end of the communications world, and they had been successful in recruiting data center opportunities that would use that product development. They had been very successful. Bed Bath and Beyond was located in Claremont. Apple was located in Maiden, which had been a phenomenal investment and an opportunity for the Town of Maiden. Also, they jointly developed using the resources of five different governmental entities. They invested in a multijurisdictional business park in Conover, called the NC Data Campus.

Mr. Millar discussed Project Dogwood that was proposed to be the combination of four different sites throughout the County with technology center commitments over the next 10-years of a minimum of a billion dollars and committing to creating a minimum of 50 jobs over the course of those years within those facilities. Certainly, it could be more than that, but that was what they were expecting. He advised

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that each of the smaller projects had different names. Over the last several months, they had gone through planning board processes, and the City Council approvals for annexation and rezoning for many of these properties that were being considered. That was part of this whole process.

Mr. Millar referred to the PowerPoint and listed the project names: Project Pine in Hickory; Project Agate, approximately 219-acres in Conover and it involved the multijurisdictional park property that was developed about 10-years ago; Project Star, in the Highway 321 corridor, about 160-acres; and Project Yoga. 292-acres.

Mr. Millar discussed Project Agate in Conover. He referred to the PowerPoint and pointed out an area located just below Apple's solar farm, there was approximately 56-acres that belonged to the Catawba County Property Development Corporation, which was an outgrowth of the Economic Development Corporation, that held these projects together. He noted there was another 163-acres on the north side of NC 16, to the east of Walmart and the east of Tri-City Baptist Church. He referred to Jo Belle's that was formerly in that area, it was represented on this property. It surrounded the Smithfield Development in that area, and it encompassed all of those property including Lyle Creek. If you entered into this site by Northern Drive, which was the road pass Walmart, through the traffic circle, continuing down to the Lyle Creek Greenway, which had parking in that area, if you continue on that would be one of the primary entrances into this site. That was the method they would be using to get into the site, particularly for heavy construction vehicles as well. The Lyle Creek Greenway, as a part of this project would be extended. The offer by the company provided right of way of the extension of the greenway 5,300 feet on Lyle Creek itself on up and through the property. That was part of what they were considering today.

Mr. Millar discussed Project Star in Hickory. He referred to the PowerPoint and pointed out the Target Distribution Center. The primary access point for this would be off of Stover Court, off of Highway 10, which was near US 321. The site encompassed the entire area over to Hickory-Lincolnton Highway, containing approximately 160-acres. He pointed out a transmission line that ran through the middle of the property. That was an asset to the technological company. They would be using it as they consider the development of this site. Just like the project that he mentioned in Conover, the investment commitment on this site was \$332 million dollars, the investment on Project Agate, the Conover site, would also be \$332 million dollars. Project Pine was also a related piece that would be along Tate Boulevard in the City of Hickory. Approximately 16-acres, located next to the Canteen, it was mostly wooded now. It was on the southside of Tate Boulevard, it was on the other side of Tate Boulevard from the Brian Center. It was already zoned appropriately, and Hickory City Council annexed this site in October. They felt this would be a smaller technical networking facility, working with all three of the other facilities. The investment commitment was contractually, the minimum amount of \$33 million dollars.

Mr. Millar discussed Project Yoga in Maiden. This was a larger site, approximately 292-acres north of West Maiden Road. He referred to the PowerPoint and displayed an aerial of the property. He pointed out the road from downtown Maiden down to US 321 on the southside of the photo. He pointed out a dead-end road which was Old Maiden Road, and on the east side of these properties were Zeb Haynes Road and it circled around back to US 321 on the east side of the property. He pointed out a transmission line on the north side of these properties. There was a substantial flood plain on the western side of all of these properties. The investment commitment here was likewise \$332 million dollars.

Mr. Millar advised all the properties aspects specific to these four parcels had been dealt with over the last several months under these code names. He noted they all were unanimously approved by the Planning Boards and the City Councils as they considered these. This meeting was specific to the formalization of the Economic Development Agreements that were required as a result of this project. He discussed the aspects of the Economic Development Agreements. There were four different Economic Development Agreements. The County's encompassed all of the investments, so the County's required commitment, a billion dollars, was a total of all of those facility investments. The individual municipal agreements represented the commitments that were guaranteed within each agreement. Conover, \$332 million dollars; Maiden, \$332 million dollars; and City of Hickory \$365 million dollars, which was the \$332 million dollars plus the \$33 million dollars which was the commitment for the 16-acre site. These were modeled after other technology-oriented agreements. They used the base modeling for incentive agreements that they use for every opportunity that was considered by every municipality in the County across Catawba County. They were basically modeled after that and these closely resembled other technology usages that they have. These are performance-based incentives, so no money gets out ahead of yearly tax income by the municipalities and the County. The grants he was referring to were always backwards after the receipts of the payments of taxes that were received during the timeframe that the Economic Development Agreements state. All of them had legal claw backs. If those requirements were not met, if the certifications were not met, then there was the ability to go after the grants that had been awarded to the company previously or in the future. They were always in that positive position. These Economic Development Agreements that they were proposing each had a 10-year term. The percent of grant back were based as follows: 50 percent on the real property, buildings and the hard assets that were developed on the site, 50 percent of the receipts on those would be granted back to the Company in the form of an incentive grant after they pay their taxes each; 85 percent of the personal property, which was a fast depreciating asset, they would be refreshing these, therefore the 85 percent had been used in this and in other technology-oriented agreements. The company who had applied for the agreements would be expected to work with the cities and the County to identify activities that would benefit from their location, their sponsorship, and their unique resources. They would see once the company was identified; they would agree that there were opportunities for them to provide things to the County in ways that others might not be able to. He had already mentioned the Greenway being granted back. They had also committed to actively pursue other partnerships such as that, and other engagement opportunities. They had already facilitated some of those discussions. Hopefully that would continue.

Mr. Millar discussed the County's specific Economic Development Agreement for Project Dogwood. The agreement required that they create four technology-base sites at the four sites he previously discussed. The Certificate of Occupancy for the initial facility would be required within 72-months after December 31, 2022 or the grants were reduced. They built in a factor to allow those to be reduced if they do not take immediate steps toward construction soon. The company had the option to extend the initial term by two additional terms of 5-years. In year 10, assuming they had made the required investments under the agreement, and they committed to an additional \$500 million dollars, then the initial grant term would be extended by 5-years. In the County's case that initial commitment was a billion dollars that was required for them. In year 15 there was another opportunity for an additional 5-year term to be added on and that would require an additional commitment of \$500 million dollars, and of course, the previous investments had to have been made as well. The company may carry over previous investments. For example, the company spent \$1.2 billion dollars by the 10th year that additional \$200 million dollars would be carried over as a credit toward the additional term, and likewise for the next term. If there was a shortfall in the investments, for example, if they spent \$900 million dollars, there was a shortfall of \$100 million dollars, in order for them to receive that extension built into the agreements was the ability for the company to commit an additional \$500 million dollars, plus any of the shortfall. If they commit another \$600 million dollars then they would get the additional 5-year term, but that \$100 million dollar shortfall would not be eligible for incentives. That would be kicked out as sort of a penalty for not making it the first time.

Mr. Millar discussed the overview for the municipalities. For each municipality each of these agreements typically mirrored one another. They were very careful in using the attorneys of each municipality and the County, and staff, Council, and elected officials had been involved as well. Carefully designing these to mirror one another as much as possible. Of course, addresses and tax rates and things like that were required to be changed. In general, all of these agreements were mirroring one another. The same situation for these if the facility was not built then there was a reduction in incentives, and there was also the built-in opportunity for expansions for additional time periods. For each of municipalities they could not require them to commit to a billion dollars, so they reduced that to \$500 million dollars. The contractual requirement for municipalities, Conover as an example, was \$332 million dollars. If they had achieved \$500 million dollars during the first 10-year window and they chose to extend that by committing another \$500 million dollars, then the commitment would be a billion dollars. The same was true for year 15. Same with the shortfall as well.

Mr. Millar discussed the 56-acres of the NC Data Campus that was developed approximately 10 to 12 years ago with the City of Hickory, Town of Catawba, Town of Claremont, and Catawba County. The expenses to develop that site were born by each of those, but they were shared by putting money into the development pot. Each share was about \$25,000 of commitment by that municipality or County. The County had 57 shares, City of Hickory 19 shares, City of Conover 18 shares, Town of Maiden 5 shares, and Town of Catawba 1 share. The opportunity they were talking about at that time was they shared in the costs, they would get the share in the development and the benefits down the road. With the agreements that had been offered by this company, the sale price was \$55,000 per acre would accrue back to each of those shareholders in an amount greater than what they invested and any future development on that site would also be shared in those same percentages. For example, when that site gets developed the Town of Catawba would be one percent of the tax receipts off of anything that gets developed. Likewise with the Town of Maiden, City of Conover, City of Hickory, and Catawba County. It required approval and oversight of all of the managing entities of that organization which was the 5 managers. They had received consent by all of those managers to move forward with this agreement. They also had the Property Development Corporation which Mr. Beaman and Mr. Shuford were representatives, as well as Mary Furtado, and himself. They were on board, and they were the ones that would be approving the consent forms that would be required to do the transaction to take place later in the meeting. He asked for any questions.

4. Questions by Elected Bodies and Corporation

No questions were asked.

5. Joint Public Hearing

- a. Catawba County Board of Commissioners
- b. Conover City Council
- c. Hickory City Council
- d. Maiden Town Council
- e. Property Development Corporation Board

Catawba County Board of Commissioners Chair Randy Isenhower opened the public hearing for Catawba County Board of Commissioners. He asked for any comments, either pro or con regarding the economic development project.

City of Conover Mayor Kyle Hayman opened the public hearing for the City of Conover. He asked if anyone wished to speak on the project. No one appeared. He closed the public hearing.

City of Hickory Mayor Hank Guess opened the public hearing for the City of Hickory. He asked if anyone wished to speak either in opposition or in favor of the project. No one appeared. He declared the public hearing closed.

Town of Maiden Mayor Max Bumgarner, Jr. opened the public hearing for the Town of Maiden. He asked for questions or comments. No one appeared. He closed the public hearing.

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Catawba County Property Development Corporation Chair Joe Beaman opened the public hearing for the Catawba County Property Development Corporation. He asked for any discussion. There was none. He closed the public hearing.

Catawba County Board of Commissioners Chair Randy Isenhower closed the public hearing for Catawba County for the Catawba County Board of Commissioners. He advised the public hearings had been closed for all of the municipalities, per statute.

6. Consideration and Action
 - a. Catawba County Board of Commissioners
 - b. Conover City Council
 - c. Hickory City Council
 - d. Maiden Town Council
 - e. Property Development Corporation Board

Catawba County Board of Commissioners Chair Randy Isenhower asked the Catawba County Board of Commissioners if there was a motion or action regarding the Economic Development Agreement.

Commissioner Kitty Barnes moved approval of the Economic Development Agreement as presented by Mr. Scott Millar between Catawba County and Project Dogwood and the related Resolution authorizing the expenditure of funds and authorizing the Chairman to execute any and all documents including but not limited to the Economic Development Agreement and Resolution necessary to complete the substance of the underlying transaction.

Catawba County Board of Commissioners Chair Randy Isenhower asked for any discussion. The vote was taken and passed unanimously.

City of Conover Mayor Kyle Hayman advised the Conover City Council they had before them Resolution 36-22, which would approve this Economic Development Agreement, Project Agate. Conover City Council member Mr. Eckard moved, seconded by Conover City Council member Mr. Fulbright, approval of the Economic Development Agreement as presented by Mr. Millar between the City of Conover and Project Agate and the related City of Conover Resolution 36-22 authorizing the expenditure of funds and authorize the Mayor to execute any and all documents, including but not limited to, the Economic Development Agreement and Resolution necessary to complete the substance of the underlying transaction. The motion carried unanimously.

City of Hickory Mayor Hank Guess moved, seconded by Alderwoman Patton that the Hickory City Council approve the Economic Development Agreement as presented by Mr. Millar between the City of Hickory and Project Star and Project Pine and the related Resolution authorizing the expenditure of funds and authorize the Mayor to execute any and all documents, including but not limited to, the Economic Development Agreement and Resolution necessary to complete the substance of the underlying transaction. The motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 22-68

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ECONOMIC INCENTIVES AND THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN CITY OF HICKORY AND PROJECT STAR/PINE

WHEREAS, STAR/PINE has requested City of Hickory enter into an Economic Development Agreement between STAR/PINE and City of Hickory whereby STAR/PINE would receive incentives for investments within the County; and

WHEREAS, STAR/PINE has agreed to make investments in City of Hickory by purchasing real property, constructing buildings and other improvements thereon, and installing equipment, fixtures, and tangible personal property on the real property, (collectively the Land, Equipment, and Improvements are the "Facilities," as described in the Economic Development Agreement). STAR/PINE anticipates the total development costs and operating expenses of the Facilities, including the Land, Improvements, and Equipment located in City of Hickory, will equal, or exceed Three Hundred Sixty-Five Million Dollars (\$365,000,00) by the end of the initial ten (10) year term as defined in the Economic Development Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Economic Development Agreement will result in a substantial investment in the City of Hickory, increase the City's tax base, result in local jobs, and attract other businesses and industries; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was properly noticed and conducted on November 9, 2022, pursuant to G.S. 158-7.1.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City of Hickory City Council as follows:

1. STAR/PINE will make substantial investments in Catawba County by purchasing real property, constructing buildings and other improvements thereon, and installing equipment, fixtures and tangible personal property on the real property, as set forth in the Economic Development Agreement, that will equal or exceed Three Hundred Sixty-Five Million Dollars (\$365,000,00) by the end of the initial ten (10) year term as defined in the Economic Development Agreement and create a minimum of fifty (50) local direct or contract jobs.
2. City of Hickory hereby approves the Economic Development Agreement between City of Hickory and STAR/PINE and the appropriation and expenditure of County funds pursuant to said agreement for the initial term and any extensions.

3. The Mayor, Hank Guess, is authorized and directed to execute the Economic Development Agreement on behalf of City of Hickory. The Clerk, City Manager, and City Attorney are directed to undertake, do, and complete all acts necessary, proper, and appropriate to effectuate the City Council's decision to enter into the Economic Development Agreement and to perform the Agreement in accordance with its terms and conditions.

Town of Maiden Mayor Max Bumgarner, Jr. advised Maiden Council members they had before them an Economic Development Agreement for Project Yoga. Maiden Council member moved, seconded by another Maiden Council member, approval of the Economic Development Agreement as presented by Mr. Millar between the Town of Maiden and Project Yoga and the related Resolution authorizing the expenditure of funds and authorize the Mayor to execute any and all documents, including but not limited to, the Economic Development Agreement and Resolution necessary to complete the substance of the underlying transaction. The motion carried unanimously.

Catawba County Property Development Corporation Chair Joe Beaman asked for action from the Property Development Corporation Board. A Board member of the Catawba County Property Development Corporation moved, seconded by another Board member of the Catawba County Property Development Corporation, that the Catawba County Property Development Corporation approve the sale of approximately 56-acres of the Property Development Corporation's property as presented by Mr. Millar, Project Norwood, for \$55,000 per acre along with the related written consent understanding the sales in accordance with the terms of the 2012 Interlocal Agreement between multijurisdictional partners and had been approved by the managing entity as required and authorize the Property Development Corporation President to execute any and all documents necessary to complete this transaction. Mr. Beaman asked for discussion. The motion carried unanimously.

7. Project Identification

Dr. Garrett Hinshaw

Dr. Garrett Hinshaw commented as Chairman of the Economic Development Corporation he thought they all had witnessed what partnership looked like. He compared it to Catawba Valley Community College's (CVCC) strong partnership with Lenoir-Rhyne University and many things that were going to happen in this community. They had gone through the formal processes required by statute. He referred to the requirement they had been placed under for confidentiality of the projects. He invited Catawba County Board of Commissioners Chair Randy Isenhower, the Mayors, and Mr. Joe Beaman to the podium. Dr. Hinshaw unveiled the identity of the company making this monumental step with them to secure a great future for all of them in Catawba County. The company was Microsoft. A standing ovation was given, and photos were taken. He invited Mr. Jonathan Noble, Microsoft Government Affairs Team to the podium for comments.

Microsoft Government Affairs Team, Jonathan Noble thanked everyone for all of the phenomenal work that everyone had done, they really appreciated the support. At Microsoft, their mission was to empower every individual, every organization on the planet to achieve more. That would not be possible without their employees, their data centers, and their partnerships with the communities, like the ones they have here before them today. Microsoft has been invested in North Carolina, they have over 1,800 employees at their facilities in Charlotte. They were happy to announce this partnership with them in Catawba County. One billion dollars over the next 10-years as a minimal commitment. It was going to be big for them, and it was going to be big for Catawba County. The data centers that they knew were empowering industries around the world and innovating. They power the surfaces that we all rely on every single day. These facilities were absolutely critical to the innovation, growth, and economic growth that they see all around this discussion in this area. He said thank you, thank you, and thank you. They realize that partnerships like this were critical for the success of their company and for the success of them. Today was a very important step. They recognize it was a first step and there were a lot more to go and they were committed to working with everyone in the months and years ahead as they work on the partnerships for that investment here in the County. They were not here for tonight alone; this partnership was critical for them. They recognized the hard work that Mr. Millar and his team, the cities, the County, and the Property Development Corporation had made to make this a part of the reality. There was a lot of work that had to be ready. He reiterated thank you. A very simple message, but it was a most important message on a day like today. They were very excited to be in Catawba County.

Catawba County Economic Development Corporation President Scott Millar mentioned how hard it was to keep everybody in the know but not known. The trust they have developed and have within their Councils, within their teams, was very, very important. He wanted to mention a few people and wanted to make sure they realized the importance of each one of these pieces, because without each one of these pieces, like spokes in a wheel, if one of those spokes was broken the wheel was not going to go around, or that bike was not going to go anywhere. He mentioned the City of Conover Planning Staff and Planning Board; City of Hickory Planning Staff and Planning Board; Town of Maiden Planning Staff and Planning Board; City of Newton had a role in this, he thanked them for their partnership in this project; other economic development partners, The Charlotte Regional Business Alliance; the North Carolina Economic Development Partnership; Robert Dunn, Stump Corporation, helped coordinate a lot of things going on; State of North Carolina Representative Rogers, he noted Representatives Setzer and Adams could not be present; Town of Catawba for their support and help; the Chamber of Catawba County; the Catawba County Economic Development Corporation Board; Duke Energy Corporation, was monumental for their support in this initiative for many years; Ben Rojahn, CBRE; Alicia Wilfong, Team Prism; Shad Walters, WK Dickson & Co., an engineering group, one of which was represented trying to pull together things, they had done so much work with them over the years; Tri-City Baptist Church; and Catawba Valley Community College, Dr. Hinshaw and his teams and staff had done. This facility was their sales tool. The Commissioners lead and support on the development of this, the development of these and other facilities in Catawba County, CVCC's facility was a premier facility. He gave special thanks to the elected officials of the Towns, Cities, and the County, the staff that had participated in this, and all of their new friends that they could now identify. They were afraid to identify

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them before in the event something was to happen. He thanked Microsoft and they looked forward to a long and fruitful partnership. They were the best, and they had fun doing it. He hoped it continued.

8. Adjournment

- a. Catawba County Board of Commissioners
- b. Conover City Council
- c. Hickory City Council
- d. Maiden Town Council
- e. Property Development Corporation Board

Catawba County Board of Commissioners Chair Randy Isenhower thanked Microsoft and Mr. Scott Millar and commended him and his staff on a great job. He thanked the County's Communication Director Amy McCauley. He thought this was a great example of how the municipalities worked together. When you have entities that come together, the municipalities, the Economic Development Corporation, the Chamber, etc., the people benefit. He commented nobody does it better than here in Catawba County. He asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting for the Catawba County Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Barbara Beatty moved to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously. Catawba County Board of Commissioners adjourned the meeting at 4:42 p.m.

City of Conover Mayor Kyle Hayman commented there was no topping what Chair Isenhower just said. It was very well said. He thanked Mr. Millar for all of the work he and his team had done on this. He thanked Microsoft for their commitment in Catawba County and the municipalities. They looked forward to working with them and being a partner with them for many years to come. He thanked his Council members and the fellow Council members from the other municipalities. Partnerships was how this works. And they get it, and that was important. That was why they were the best. He asked for a motion to adjourn. A Conover Council member moved seconded by another Conover Council member to adjourn the meeting for the City of Conover. The motion carried unanimously. City of Conover Council adjourned the meeting at 4:43 p.m.

City of Hickory Mayor Hank Guess commented on behalf of the City of Hickory he welcomed Microsoft to Hickory and Catawba County. This was a very exciting day, not only for the City of Hickory, but also for all of the municipalities in the surrounding area. It had been said several times within this room, but projects like this do not come about without having partnerships and relationships. They felt they had partnerships and relationships with everyone in the room. Without everyone working together partnerships like this would not come to fruition. He appreciated greatly everyone's leadership and the role that everyone had in this. He reiterated welcome to Catawba County and Hickory, Microsoft. They were extremely excited to have them as part of their well-crafted community. Mayor Guess moved, seconded by Alderwoman Patton to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously. City of Hickory adjourned the meeting at 4:44 p.m.

Town of Maiden Mayor Max Bumgarner, Jr. thanked Microsoft, and Mr. Scott Millar, the other municipalities, and Council members. He commented this was something else. It was great. Christmas come early. A Town of Maiden Council member moved, seconded by another Town of Maiden Council member to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously. Town of Maiden adjourned the meeting at 4:45 p.m.

Catawba County Property Development Corporation Chair Joe Beaman commented on behalf of the Catawba County Property Development Corporation board they were grateful for the partnerships. A Board member for the Catawba County Property Corporation moved, seconded by another Catawba County Property Corporation Board member to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously. The Catawba County Property Development Corporation adjourned the meeting at 4:45 p.m.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Mayor

City Clerk