

Closed Session IV (Project Liberty) — August 4, 2014

At 9:52 p.m., the Board, already in closed session on another matter, began closed session on a different matter relating to the location or expansion of business in the area, pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11(a)(4) and to instruct the public body's staff or negotiating agents concerning the position to be taken by or on behalf of the public body in negotiating the price and other material terms of a contract or proposed contract for the acquisition of real property by purchase, option, exchange, or lease, pursuant to [N.C.G.S.143-318.11(a)(5)(i)]. Commissioners Holmes, Frye, Kemp, Lanier and Haywood were present. Also present were County Manager Richard Wells; Will Massie, Assistant County Manager/Finance Officer; County Ben Morgan; Aimee Scotton, Associate County Attorney; Amanda Varner, Clerk to the Board; Dana Crisco, Deputy Clerk to the Board; Kevin Franklin, EDC Existing Industry and Business Coordinator and Bonnie Renfro, Randolph County EDC President.

Bonnie Renfro, Randolph County EDC President, provided the following update on the proposed Greensboro-Liberty megasite:

- 1100 acres under contract and still in talks with other property owners
- Site layout has been revised: The proposed border extends west to Julian Airport Rd.
- Owners in the south east part of the site are not being approached at this time
- Approximately one year from being certified site

Ms. Renfro said Greensboro plans to seek a Golden LEAF grant on behalf of the utilities. Randolph County is also eligible to seek a similar grant to be used for certification. She said that she would keep the Board informed on any new developments with this project.

At 10:20 p.m., closed session ended on this topic.

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J. Harold Holmes, Chairman

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Darrell L. Frye

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Phil Kemp

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Stan Haywood

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Arnold Lanier

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Amanda Varner, Clerk to the Board