

Laurens County Development Corporation

Board Meeting – **Minutes**

Tuesday – November 19, 2019

Attendees:

Shawn Bell, Justin Benfield, Dan Blakely, Jon Caime, Randy Garrett, Amanda Munyan, Dr. David Pitts, Steve West, John Young

Guests:

Jacob Hickman (Upstate SC Alliance), Jeff Carroll (County Council), Jennifer Vernon & Marian Kansas (Avalanche Consulting)

Staff:

Jon Coleman, Lynn Finley, Whitney Robertson, Sandy Cruickshanks

Press:

Vic MacDonald (Chronicle)

Chairman Garrett called the meeting to order at 12:05 and gave the invocation.

Minutes and Financials

Chairman Garrett asked the Board for a motion to approve the meeting's agenda. Justin Benfield made the motion to approve and David Pitts seconded the motion. The Board unanimously approved the agenda.

Chairman Garrett then asked the Board for a motion to approve the minutes from the 9/17/19 meeting. David Pitts made the motion to approve the minutes as presented and John Young seconded the motion. The Board unanimously approved the minutes.

Lynn Finley provided a recap of expenses for September and October. The financials were accepted as information only.

Approval of 2020 Budget – David Pitts, Chairman of Finance Committee

Finance Committee Chairman, David Pitts, directed everyone's attention to the proposed 2020 budget previously provided and also included in the information packets. He reported that coming as a recommendation from the finance committee it does not require a second. Mr. Coleman went through the budget to explain certain line items that had changes from the previous year and answered questions. Mr. Coleman also pointed out that the budget is \$8,775.00 in the red and will be balanced with contingency funds. Chairman Garrett called for a vote and the 2020 budget was approved unanimously.

Other Reports:

None

With no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:20 p.m. to move into an open strategic planning time with Avalanche Consulting leading the discussion.

Respectfully submitted,
Lynn S. Finley