Notes from the Economic Development Corporation and Chatham County Joint Elected Boards Meeting January 21, 2010

The Board of Directors of the Chatham County Economic Development Corporation (EDC) met with the elected boards of Chatham County – the Board of Commissioners, the Goldston Town Board, the Pittsboro Town Board, the Siler City Town Board and the Chatham County School Board – on Thursday, January 21, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. at Bestfood Cafeteria in Siler City.

ATTENDANCE SHEET IS ATTACHED.

Joe Glasson, Chair of the EDC, welcomed everyone to the fourth meeting of the joint boards. He introduced Dianne Reid, EDC president. Dianne presented economic data from "the great recession" of 2009, discussed the status of the implementation of the EDC's strategic plan, and the five year plan of the EDC. (Power Point presentation attached). The floor was then opened for each Board to update other attendees on projects and topics that they are currently working on.

Sally Kost informed the group that the Chatham County Commissioners are currently involved in a three day retreat. Topics of their discussions include working with the Town of Cary on a land use plan, working with the Town of Goldston on their sewer needs, and contemplating options for a new Chatham County landfill.

Superintendent Logan discussed the recent publicity of Chatham County schools. Two of the three high schools in Chatham have been recognized by national publications for their excellence. He also recognized the success of extracurricular activities.

Charles Johnson, Mayor of Siler City, noted that their new reservoir is open and they have an abundant water supply. He also mentioned that the Town is working to preserve the natural beauty of the area and revitalize the downtown area.

Tim Cunnup, Mayor of Goldston, then stated that they are having a large meeting with key individuals and groups on February 1 to discuss possible solutions to Goldston's sewer issues. He also stated that he was honored to be in the presence of such leadership and commended the EDC for the work that they're doing. He was glad to see the teamwork occurring amongst the Boards.

Town of Pittsboro's city planner, Bill Terry, then discussed some of the obstacles faced there. Water is still an issue, but due to recent improvements to the water plant and new treatment methods, the quality is better. The moratorium has not been lifted yet, but there is enough supply to possibly continue with some small projects.

EDC Chair Joe Glasson then resumed the floor and commended Dianne Reid on the job she was doing. The meeting adjourned at 8:15.