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JOINT MEETING WITH THE ROCKY MOUNT CITY COUNCIL, NASH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND EDGECOMBE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS HELD JULY 13, 2011 AT 3:00 P.M. AT THE CAROLINAS GATEWAY PARTNERSHIP, 427 FALLS ROAD, ROCKY MOUNT, NC

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mr. Leonard Wiggins, Chairman, Mr. Charlie R. Harrell, Vice-Chairman, Mr. Jonathan Felton, Ms. Evelyn Powell, Mr. Donald Boswell, Ms. Viola Harris and Rev. E. Wayne Hines.

OTHERS PRESENT: Mr. Eric Evans, Asst. County Manager.

Mr. Wiggins deferred the opening of the meeting to Mayor David Combs, City of Rocky Mount. Mayor Combs called the meeting to order and asked Rev. Wayne Hines to lead the group in prayer.

Mayor Combs gave a summary of Twin County Competitiveness initiative up to this point. He then introduced the Consultants from SKEO to present the firm's proposal for a strategic plan for the Twin Counties. Following the presentation, there was some time for questions and discussion.

Mr. Charles Penny, Rocky Mount City Manager discussed next steps. He said that he and his staff are still in negotiations with SKEO on the cost for the strategic plan. He also said that Rocky Mount has received a grant from the Rocky Mount Community Foundation for \$25,000 to go towards the project. He said he would be forwarding a formal request to the Count Boards asking that they consider taking action at their August meeting to allocate funds towards the project. He said they would also be requesting the boards to appoint 7 to 10 people from each county to serve on a steering committee.

With the no further discussion, Commissioner Wiggins made a motion to adjourn the Edgecombe County Commissioners' Meeting. Commissioner Hines made the second. A vote was called, and it passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by Eric Evans, Assistant County Manager