

## **BIC Meeting Minutes**

March 28, 2019, 3:30 – 5:00pm  
FITCI @ ROOT 118 N. Market Street

**BIC Members Present:** Sharad Doshi, Denise Guyton-Boyer, Whitney Hahn, Denise Jacoby, Tom Lynch, Chris McLean, Dwayne Myers, Tamar Osterman, Jim Racheff and Pierre Reed

**Other Attendees:** Jan Gardner, Helen Propheter, Heather Gramm, Michelle Day, Richard Griffin and Haresh Mehta

**Welcome – Helen Propheter**

Introduced new BIC member from the manufacturing industry, Dr. Christopher McLean from Wilcoxon Sensing Technology.

### **Updates from County Executive:**

State legislative session is ongoing a few items to pay attention to include:

- Bridge to Kirwan passed
- There is a \$255M bill to include teacher's salary increase of 1.5% if Frederick County does a 3% increase
- Six county executives, including County Executive Gardner, participated on a panel to support a new construction bill using lottery money which unanimously passed the house and is awaiting Senate approval
- Next Gen 911 which allows 911 to receive text messages and video is a big initiative with Frederick County leading the way on this bill
- Minimum wage increase was vetoed by the Governor

Frederick County's Ag Initiative was announced today, kicking off with a survey to the agriculture community on their challenges/ opportunities and how to help keep the industry viable. The results would be presented at an Agriculture Viability Roundtable on Earth Day, April 22 at 6:30pm.

Frederick County Government is working on an online portal for a new permit and review system which will help facilitate the entire permitting process.

### **Discussion Topic – OED's GO Strategy (Helen Propheter and Heather Gramm)**

- A review of the GO (Growth Opportunity) Strategy and the findings of the Jacob France Institute and TEconomy Partners (JFI-TEconomy) were summarized and handouts were provided to all
- Numerous Key Findings were highlighted about the economy, business climate and opportunity of the County
- Six core industry clusters were identified in the County as strong targets for economic development
- Four Strategic Priority Areas were identified looking forward over 10 years and detailed in the handout
- In 2019, OED will bring the stakeholders together to discuss the GO Strategy to support the implementation.
  - Tom Lynch suggested creating a Progress Report
    - Possibly invite educational institutions
    - Could be presented during a breakfast or "State of Business" type forum

**Wrap Up (Helen)**

- Suggestion for State Highway to present at future meeting to provide an update on projects and long-term plans
- Next meeting, April 25<sup>th</sup>, 3:30 – 5:00pm at 118 N. Market Street, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor

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