**Bethlehem Community Plan Steering Committee**

**Thursday, January 24th 6:00 p.m.**

**Bethlehem Volunteer Fire Department**

**Meeting Summary**

Committee Members Present: Bud Caywood Andi Jack, Betty Long, Steve Brown, Ashley D. Starnes, Susan Osborne, John Dahlstrom, Ryan Mayberry, Randy Bock

Staff Present: Jon Pilkenton, Virginia Austin, Johnny Wear and Hunter Nestor

**I. Call to Order –** Andi Jack called the meeting to order at 6:06 P.M.

**II. Approval of November Meeting Summary -** The minutes from the November 29th, 2018 meeting were approved unanimously through a motion by Betty Long and a second from Ashley Starnes.

**III. December Community Meeting SWOT Results –** Johnny Wear presented the SWOT analysis results from the December Community meeting held on December 18th 2018.

**IV. Overview of Economic Development -** David Icenhour the Executive Director of the Alexander County EDC gave a presentation on economic development for Alexander County that included the current status and a future outlook for the County and what is needed to help continue development in Alexander County. Connie Kincaid the Business Development Manager for the EDC also gave a presentation on the small business potential for the Bethlehem area and what is needed to help promote growth.

**V. Focus of Next Meeting -** Next committee meeting will be held February 28th and discuss Natural Resources and Parks and Recreation.

**VI. Adjournment –** Meeting adjourned at 7:35 PM