

CASWELL COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MEMBERS PRESENT

May 18, 2023
OTHERS PRESENT

Ethel Gwynn
Jeremiah Jefferies
Frank Rose

Melissa Williamson, Deputy County Manager
Carla Smith, Clerk to the Board

The Board of Commissioners for the County of Caswell, North Carolina, met in a joint meeting with the Town of Milton and Town of Yanceyville on Thursday, May 18, 2023 at 6:00 pm at Yanceyville Municipal Building.

Members present from the Yanceyville Town Council: Mayor Alvin Foster, Odessa Gwynn, and Kamara Graves, Yanceyville Town Manager. Absent: Brian Massey and Keith Tatum.

Members present from the Milton Commissioners: Valerie Sottile, Cathia Stewart, John Wallace, Mayor Pro-Tem, and Shirley Wilson, Town Clerk. Absent: Sherry Gerrard and Patricia Williams, Mayor

WELCOME:

Mayor Foster called the meeting to order. A moment of Silence was observed and all recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Foster offered a blessing before the meal. The Board and Town Councils then had dinner.

Mayor Foster thanked the Occasions for the meal. Then everyone introduced themselves

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Commissioner Jefferies called the Caswell County Board of Commissioners meeting to order. Mayor Pro-Tem Wallace called the Milton Town Council meeting to order. Mayor Foster called the Yanceyville Town Council meeting to order.

GENERAL UPDATES FROM LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

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County Manager Miller gave the following updates:

- Bryan Miller and Melissa Williamson have been working with Hillary Sherman, NC Economic Development Representative – U.S. Dept of Commerce who has connected us with Carolyn Fryberger, Assistant Director of Economic Development NC Growth at UNC and Dana Crater with International Economic Development Council. Dana Crater with International Economic Development Council met with us at the first of the month and we are excited that she and some of her colleagues will be coming out from June 12th-June 14th to do a site visit. They will want to meet with stakeholders during this time and will be at the

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next Economic Development Commission meeting to gather input. They will see what opportunities we may have with the casino opening. They will look at the Yanceyville and Pelham Industrial sites. We will schedule a kick off call with them once we receive the scope of practice and time for a site visit. This will cost us a little money but not a lot since it is through UNC.

- Golden Leaf Project. April 27th, the Golden LEAF Foundation held a [Community-Based Grants Initiative Kickoff](#) for the Piedmont-Triad Prosperity Zone in Lewisville. The county manager plays a critical role in the Community-Based Grants Initiative. Later in this process, the county manager will select up to four projects requesting up to \$2 million to put forward to Golden LEAF for consideration for funding. Deadline to submit the final slate of projects is August 10th at 12 noon. Guilford Tech information session: May 25th at the Guilford Tech Convention Center
- Broadband Update: Great Grant has been signed with Zitel covering the northern part of the county. Rodney Gray, Chief Operating Officer for Zitel said they have Plans to start digging in the next 90 days. Plans to make a presentation at a Commissioners Meeting. CAB will come right behind the Great grant. No issue getting fiber for the project. There is a 2 year roll out for this project.
- County Manager and Deputy County Manager visited the Milton Heritage Walking Trail.

TOWN OF MILTON

Mayor Williams gave the following updates:

- Milton Heritage Trail: Mrs. Roxanne Palmer is her to tell us about the trail.
 - ADA accessible.
 - Tells some of the history of Milton
 - Crop Street significant for Tobacco Warehouse
 - Benches and some landscaping during the trail
 - Plan to continue to get grants to complete the trail. Would like to go down to the River and offer Kayaking and canoe rental. VIR is offering to extend the trail. Hope is to increase revenue for Milton and the County
 - Also had a donation box on the Trails grand opening for food insecurity. Need donations for food insecurity.

TOWN OF YANCEYVILLE

Mayor Foster then gave the following updates:

- Ribbon cutting on the Story Walk at the Maude Gatewood Park
- Eckerd's Connect a Restorative program to occupy the old Baptist Building. Therapeutic treatment center for boys that is voluntary.
- Dillard Project (53 apartments.) Bond will close on June 26th.
- Water discoloration is cleared, but continue to test.

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- Annual Consumer report will come out on July 1
- First Friday:
 - June 2, 2023 will be Kings of the Highway will be at First Friday. Starting at 7
 - June 30th First Friday Fireworks Celebration for the Fourth of July. Retro band, food trucks will be here.
- Shred Day is May 19, 2023 10:30 to 6 pm. Food Truck will be on site.
- Dedication May 24 to the Public Safety Award.
- Construction by the Bank on the corner will be the 911 Memorial.
- EDC Meeting June 12, 2023 will be at the 911 building.

SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be hosted by the Town of Yanceyville on Thursday August 17, 2023 at 6:00 pm at Milton Town Hall Thomas Day Museum.

ADJOURNMENT:

A **motion** was made at 6:57 pm by Commissioner Rose and seconded by Commissioner Gwynn and **carried unanimously** to adjourn the Board of Commissioners meeting.

Mayor Foster Adjourned the Town of Yanceyville's meeting.

Mayor Pro-Tem Wallace adjourned the Town of Milton's meeting.

Carla R. Smith
Clerk to the Board

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