

CASWELL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

AGENDA

February 12, 2024

1:00 P.M.

Meeting will resume at the Municipal Building

Call to Order	Alvin Foster
Welcome	Alvin Foster
Roll Call	Shirley Wilson
Approval of Minutes	Alvin Foster
Approval of Agenda	Alvin Foster
Old Business	Alvin Foster
EDC Update:	
County Manager	
PCC	Dr. Senegal
CCCOC	Jillian Medlin
Town of Yanceyville	Alvin Foster
Ag. Update	Travis Hoesli
Town of Milton	Shirley Wilson
Tourism	Amanda Hodges
Caswell County Schools	N/A
New Business	
Other Information	Open to All
Loren Hill	Economic Development Partnership of NC Carolina Cores Presentation
Adjourn	

CASWELL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

January 08, 2024--Minutes

CALL TO ORDER: Alvin Foster at 1:00 p.m.

Members Present: Alvin Foster, Kamara Barnett, Shirley Wilson Tony Smith, Shirley Cadmus, Jackie Jeffries, Emily Buchanan,

Zoom: Dr. Senegal,

Members Absent: Ruby Graves, Dr. Carla Murray, Jillian Medlin, Melissa Williamson, Rick McVey, Cathia Stewart

Welcome: Alvin Foster

Roll Call: Shirley Wilson

Approval of Minutes: December 11, 2023, Minutes, Tony Smith motioned to approve the **December 11, 2023, Minutes** and Emily Buchanan, seconded the motion. were in favor.

Approval, Agenda: Tony Smith motioned to approve the **January 08, 2024, Agenda**, seconded by Emily Buchanan. All were in favor.

Old Business:

EDC Update- Tony Smith

County Manager-Tony Smith, County Manager

- ✚ **County Manager contract still in negotiations**
- ✚ **Jason Watlington will be the new Planner (EMS Director)**
- ✚ **Assistant County Manager has resigned, we are not looking to fill this position.**
- ✚ **Cover that job with the workers we have in place to save the county some money.**
- ✚ **Tony Smith put in his notice to resign but will work until the end of January 2024 in his current job.**
- ✚ **Tony will move into Economic Development part time February 04, 2024. Will work approximately 24hrs. a week.**
- ✚ **(Caswell County) submitted \$365, 000 towards phase 4 Broadband in Caswell County.**
- ✚ **Will be sending out bids to various carriers. Will be working hand and hand with Ralieggh.**
- ✚ **Phase 4 is the larger phase and will cover a lot of people.**
- ✚ **Ongoing Project- (Dr. Senegal and the State) Development in Pelham Industrial Park. Have a prospect looking to invest \$11.5 million dollars, create 39 jobs,**
- ✚ **above average pay. Hopefully will have an announcement next month.**
- ✚ **Caswell County Loan \$275, 000.00**
- ✚ **Expenses and Revenues for the 23-24 current year are in balance and accurate. This information is available to the Commissioners each month. By June 30th we should be current for this year. Working concurrently on 22-23 getting it to the auditors. We will only submit one at a time.**
- ✚ **Audit Report is completed (Fiscal year 2021) February 05, 2024.**
- ✚ **We received a report back from IEDC and we are waiting for the report to be presented to the Board of Commissioners first.**
- ✚ **Cytel is on track.**

PCC: Dr. Senegal/Emily Buchanan

- ✚ **Spring Term started today January 08, 2024**
- ✚ **CEAD Project: Emily and our Internal Facilities Services Director did a great job value engineering Phase 1 into the cash we have in our hands.**
- ✚ **We are optimistic that the Federal Government will come through with the 2.1 million approximately in order for the project to keep moving forward, we value engineered it and put everything else as alternates so we will easily be able to add those things back should that money becomes available to us.**
- ✚ **We have meetings next week with the state USDA personnel Ronald Spade to talk about subsequent bases for the CEAD Project.**
- ✚ **We have a Regional Collaboration Meeting. (President Danville Community College and Averett College and ourselves (PCC) Have conversation about what we should be doing about Regional Workforce Economy and making sure we are moving forward.**
- ✚ **The BLAST Project continues to move forward.**
- ✚ **Emily Buchanan: Health Sciences Lab to meet the needs of our increasing numbers for nursing co-Horts and other Health Science Programs. It will be the state of the Art once finished. After School and Summer AG Program we continue to get Grant money to fund our program, continues to expand. We will be in all 4 elementary schools, into the Home School Association, and spilling over into Roxboro.**
- ✚ **New Brochure is out.**

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE: N/A

TOWN OF YANCEYVILLE: Alvin Foster/Kamara

- ✚ **Mr. Alvin Foster will meet with Duke Energy about the streetlights. Fifty new streetlights. All lights up around the 911**
- ✚ **Received a Grant from Danville Regional Foundation in regard to the Comprehensive Land Use Plan for the Pavilion to go along with the North Carolina Tobacco Trust Fund with the Farmers Market. We are in the process of completing our Comprehensive Land Use long range plans for the Pavilion.**

AG UPDATE: TRAVIS HOESLI: N/A

TOWN OF MILTON: Shirley Wilson: Shirley Cadmus:

- ✚ **Town of Milton is moving forward with our newly installed officers.**
- ✚ **There is a Town Meeting tomorrow night.**
- ✚ **Lenice launched our new Milton website.**
- ✚ **Milton 66 hosted an Incentive Gathering in December to help with Food Insecurity Distribution in Milton.**
- ✚ **New Businesses will be opening soon.**

AMANDA HODGES: TOURISM/NA

- ✚ **Caswell County Tourism Website is up and running-visitcaswell.com.**
- ✚ **\$2500.00 was presented to the Chamber of Commerce-historical Association-Milton Foundation Renaissance-Milton Merchants Association-Milton 66**
- ✚ **Amanda thanked PCC for their Blast Program**

Dr. Murray CCS: N/A

NEW BUSINESS: Move one meeting date for EDC meeting.

- ✚ **NOVEMBER 11, 2024, TO NOVEMBER 18, 2024 All in Favor**

Adjourn: Alvin Foster adjourned the meeting 1:20 p.m.

Minutes submitted by: Shirley Wilson, Secretary