

CASWELL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

AGENDA

December 11, 2023

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	
EDC Update:	Tony Smith
County Manager	Tony Smith
PCC	Dr. Senegal
CCCOC	Jillian Medlin
Town of Yanceyville	Alvin Foster
Ag. Update	N/A
Town of Milton	Shirley Wilson
Tourism	Amanda Hodges
Caswell County Schools	N/A
New Business	
Other Information	Open to All
Adjourn	

CASWELL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

November 13, 2023

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

Members Present: Alvin Foster, Shirley Wilson, Kamara Graves, Tony Smith, Shirley Cadmus, Emily Buchanan, Laura Picardo, Amanda Hodges,

Zoom:

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

Welcome: Alvin Foster

Roll Call: Shirley Wilson

Approval of Minutes: Amanda Hodges motioned to approve the **October 09, 2023**, Minutes and Emily Buchanan seconded the motion. were in favor.

Approval November 13, 2023, Agenda: Emily Buchanan motioned to approve the **November 13, 2023**, Agenda, seconded by Shirley Cadmus. All were in favor.

Old Business:

EDC Update- Tony Smith

County Manager-Tony Smith, County Manager

- ✦ Within the last thirty days we received DRF \$254, 000 operating expenses for the Co-Square (explained)
- ✦ Mayor Alvin Foster and Tony Smith met with a new member of the Economic Department of North Carolina
- ✦ Caswell County Management Finances continue to get better and 2021 Audit was submitted and working on the 2022 and 2023 Audits. Hope to be finished by the middle if January 2024
- ✦ Meeting on November 27, 2023, with the Finance Review Committee and Commissioners to set guidelines and deadlines and discuss finances for the county.
- ✦ Last week we added a new position we hired a new HR Specialist to assist the HR Director-explained.
- ✦ Will met with the North Carolina Assoc. of County Managers
- ✦ New Librarian Manager-Pat Fitzgerald
- ✦ Currently we have several vacancies: the Agricultural Advisory Council needs four members, the Board of Justice need two alternates, Caswell Adult Advisory Council has four agencies' vacancies.

PCC: Emily Buchanan

- ✦ **CEAD Project is moving forward with Phrase I with a meeting scheduled with Tony Smith and another architect to consider bringing in a new partner on board to help with operating expenses for Phrase I.**
- ✦ **Home stretch of getting funding for the CDL Truck Driving Class from Golden Leaf near the end of this month (November) once approved we will have a full center at the CEAD site. Explained**
- ✦ **Awarded a new Grant for the Blast Program After School Enrichment Program we are now in each elementary school, home school association and expanding into Roxboro NC.**
- ✦ **Campus: Enrollment continues to go up, one of three Community Colleges that has an increase in enrollment.**
- ✦ **Health Facility (Ribbon Cutting in the Spring)**

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE: Jillian Medlin

- ✦ **DRF Community Councils throughout the Dan River Region and there are two in the planning process already in Caswell County and just about ready to go into the full process where an actual committee will be formed. (explained)**
- ✦ **Christmas activities are coming up on December 02, 2023**

TOWN OF YANCEYVILLE: Alvin Foster/Kamara

- ✦ **Town of Yanceyville received a Grant Award from the Tobacco Trust Fund for the Farmers Market \$500.00 will be rescoping the Project.**

AG UPDATE: TRAVIS HOESLI:

- ✦ **Agriculture Venture Grant is out. In our area local producers can apply up to \$8,000.00**
- ✦ **Education Center Farmers Operation will end December 15, 2023**
- ✦ **Wednesday night we have a Food Safety Workshop Scheduled Nov. 15, 2023**
- ✦ **Partner with Farmers in the County and on the edge of Caswell**
- ✦ **Farmers Boot Camp after the first of the year**
- ✦ **Continue on a weekly basis to have two to five individuals come in changing operations.**
- ✦ **Farmers Pop up Market Thursday and the 30th**

TOWN OF MILTON: Shirley Wilson: Shirley Cadmus:

- ✦ **New Officers are being installed tomorrow night. Mayor: Angela Upchurch; Commissioners Jackie Jeffries; Bob Palmer; Steven Lattime**
- ✦ **Christmas Festivities on December 9, 2023**

AMANDA HODGES: TOURISM

- ✦ **TD Website showed PowerPoint.**
- ✦ **Update in different meetings so the county will be involved in.**
- ✦ **Full Grant Cycle TD awards monies to select organizations of \$2500.00 or less.**
- ✦ **Explained representation of colors**

Dr. Murray CCS: N/A

NEW BUSINESS: Alvin Foster / NA

Adjourn: Alvin Foster asked for a motion to adjourn. All were in favor.

Minutes submitted by: Shirley Wilson, Secretary