

CASWELL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

AGENDA

May 13, 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	Scott Meszaros
Deputy County Manager	Melissa Williamson
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
Adjourn	

CASWELL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

April 08, 2024--Minutes

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

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

Zoom: Dr. Senegal, Amanda Hodges

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

Welcome: Alvin Foster

Roll Call: Shirley Wilson

Approval of Minutes: March 11, 2024, Minutes, Emily Buchanan motioned to approve the **March 11, 2024, Minutes** and Tony Smith seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Alvin Foster: **Stated he wanted to change the Approve Agenda to Review the Agenda so if any changes are made during the meeting items can be added under New Business.**

Old Business:

EDC Update- Tony Smith

- ✦ Broad Band System-Zytel pulled out of their contract for (Great Grant) The state will take over and divide the contract between Spectrum and Bright Speed 50/50 Early part of the Great Grant. Tony explained that this is probably a good thing.
- ✦ Had a conversation with Raleigh last week about the CAB Grant and they're going to take the total investments three point two million dollars (3.2 million) to get the project going. They are currently working with us taking bids. We are involved in the process and this time they will actually ask us for our input before they choose. This should be coming forward within the next month.
- ✦ **Projects:** We have been talking currently about a daycare facility going into the Pelham Industrial Park.
- ✦ **Project Anchor,** which is the business prospecting for PCC, talks are ongoing, and we anticipate 1110 next week. Hopefully, we have gotten details worked out where we can move on.
- ✦ We are currently clearing the Pelham Business Park Lot with the hope of taking that money and reinvesting in signage and interest. So, we can keep PCC interest.

County Manager-Scott Meszaros

- ✦ In our Budget Process
- ✦ Need to meet with departments and colleges, school districts, and their representatives.
- ✦ We're busy with the budget this year and then getting that started.
- ✦ We have a new Family Services Director today.
- ✦

PCC: Dr. Senegal/Emily Buchanan

- ✦ Dr. Senegal thanked all for joining them to thank Congressman Manning for the half Million Dollars of support that she was able to steer towards the SEED Project
- ✦ Registration for Spring and Summer Classes are open.
- ✦ Lots of Scholarships available
- ✦ Encourage everyone to complete the FASFA so we can hopefully connect them with scholarships.
- ✦ Working with Scott and Tony and some other folk on the opioid settlement recommendations and hopefully we'll have some recommendations about how we encouraged Caswell County to expand those funds, in ways that are good for preventions and managing problems we are having.
- ✦ There is an AG Summit that's coming up. Apparently, there are over 40 people that are already registered. There is probably still some space.

PCC: Emily Buchanan:

- ✦ The AG Summit is a two-day event. One day is for community members and ground UPS. We have the state president of Farm Bureau Sean Hardening coming to speak and give a keynote address. We are showcasing how we are collaborating too. Reinforcement in our community and help that continues to grow. There're some folks from NC State and A&T programs that will be there. You have some representatives from the North Carolina Department of Commerce who will be there as well.
- ✦ We are going to showcase some things that they will provide breakfast, lunch, and we will actually take a chartered bus out to the Seed Site. Luke Bernard is going to do a demonstration. Giving everybody a chance to see the site before we start construction. SEED updates will be given. The 2nd day, the 19th, is the day that we will bring the AG students to our campus. Local groups PPXC, PPFPG, with local foods council, and others will be doing some.
- ✦ Some Slides are still available.
- ✦ As part of our BLAST Program, we were able to purchase \$500.00 in farm, Mark Farmers Market Vouchers to give to the local elementary School kids and their families who participate in the BLAST Program. This

program is a way to promote healthy food but then also promote the farmers market local foods in our community.

- ✦ PCC's SGA received top college of the year.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE: Jillian Medlin—N/A

TOWN OF YANCEYVILLE: Alvin Foster/Kamara

- ✦ Budget Process began was holding off due to landscaper. (Wasn't in the
- ✦ Received the 911 load today.
- ✦ Eckerd's work toward opening people is already hired and on site.
- ✦ Running shifts on site around the clock
- ✦ Tanks repaired, tested, and refilled and water back as it should be. System on the tank company name SCADA
- ✦ Dillard School Apartment Project –Progressing will keep everyone posted.

AG UPDATE: TRAVIS HOESLI: N/A

TOWN OF MILTON: Shirley Wilson:

- ✦ Town offices are moving to the building behind the State Bank
- ✦ The walkway is completed going to the Townhall.
- ✦ Working to create more attention to Caswell.

AMANDA HODGES: TOURISM/NA

- ✦ QR Code/Website, Instagram, Facebook--Explained

Dr. Murray CCS: N/A

NEW BUSINESS: N/A

Adjourn: Alvin Foster adjourned the meeting 1:30 p.m.

Minutes submitted by: Shirley Wilson, Secretary