

CASWELL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

AGENDA

October 07, 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 for June and August 2024	Alvin Foster
Approval of Agenda	Alvin Foster
Guest: Jon Weninger --- National Modulars	
Amelia Foster --- The Rosenwald Schools Project and their efforts to install historical markers at the six one room black schools in Caswell County dating back to the 1920's	
Old Business	Alvin Foster
EDC Update:	Tony Smith
County Manager	N/A
Deputy County Manager	Melissa Williamson
PCC	Dr. Senegal
CCCCOC	N/A
Town of Yanceyville	Alvin Foster
Ag. Update	Travis Hoesli
Town of Milton	Shirley Wilson
Tourism	N/A
Caswell County Schools	Mrs. J. Gwynn Superintendent (Designated Staff Member)
New Business	
Other Information	Open to All
Adjourn	

CASWELL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

September 09, 2024--Minutes

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

Members Present: Alvin Foster, Jackie Jeffries, Emily Buchanan, Shirley Wilson, Tony Smith, Ruby Graves, Elin Claggett, Travis Hoesli, Shirley Cadmus, Holt Finch,

Zoom: Jonathan McCain

Members Absent: Jillian Medlin

Welcome: Alvin Foster

Roll Call: Shirley Wilson

Approval of Minutes: June 2024 Minutes and August 13, 2024, Minutes, Shirley Cadmus motioned to approve the **June 11, 2024,** and **August 13, 2024, Minutes,** and Ruby Graves seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Alvin Foster: Asked everyone to Review the Agenda for additions or deletions. Ruby Graves motioned to approve the September 09, 2024, Agenda and Shirley Cadmus seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Mayor Alvin Foster stated we have two presentations today:

Guest: Jonathan McCain

Jon Weninger

Guest have not arrived: Mayor Foster stated we will move on to the updates.

Old Business:

EDC Update- Tony Smith

- ✚ Received notice last week from Piedmont Triad Region Council that they will hold a digital Inclusion meeting October 15, 2024, location will be decided later. Broadband and Housing in Caswell County) Encouraging all leaders to be there. A brochure will be published soon.
- ✚ Project Eckard plans are moving forward, looking at moving the location, encounter some rock at the Pelham Industrial Park. (Explained) Will move closer to HWY 29. This will open the way for the sewer lines for the PCC project to be installed in the new corridor.
- ✚ Talked to Mrs. Word, Chairperson for facility in Pelham, moving forward and she is working with the state on Grant Funding.
- ✚ Update on Broad Band: In the process of signing five contracts—1 for Aldolf which is complete, three separate contracts for the Great Grant (2 with Spectrum, one with Bright Speed) one producing Spectrum. Should see Spectrum all over the county.
- ✚ Emily Buchanan stated that the Company doing the Digital Inclusion called about using their facility.

County Manager-Scott Meszaros

- ✚ N/A no updates

PCC: Dr. Senegal/Emily Buchanan

- ✚ **Dr. Senegal** is in another meeting.
- ✚ **CEAD Project:** Phase 1 is through the first part of a three-part state constructional approval process. Moved into Stage II which is called Design and Development.
- ✚ Architect and Construction manager are working through the documentation for the state instruction office.
- ✚ Construction is scheduled to begin right now. Timeline June 2025--Occupancy is scheduled for July 2026
- ✚ Greenway to have classes Predesign packet (new sign, solar powered lights and QR code)
- ✚ Foundation Office is working to start raising money for Phase II Project (Education Building)
- ✚ BLAST Program (afterschool program) for Elementary age students to help boost interest in the Ag program. (Stoney Creek, North Elementary, Home School Association and one in Roxboro also.
- ✚ Enrollment across both campuses is at a ten-year high.
- ✚ High Dual Enrollment at the High School
- ✚ New Nursing Cohort in January 2025
- ✚ Finished renovating the Health Science Lab
- ✚ Approached by Alamance County Community Service Agency

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE: Jillian Medlin—N/A

- ✚ Going ahead with the Hoe Down September 28, 2024---9:00 to 7:00

TOWN OF YANCEYVILLE: Alvin Foster/Kamara

- ✚ Will be putting fiber optic boxes in the sidewalk in the downtown area and will be finished by the Hoedown.
- ✚ End date to be completed September 20, 2024.
- ✚ Upgrading Sewer Plant progressing
- ✚ Remove dam off Foyers Creek—Request for qualification go out of Friday. Grant from NC Department of Public Safety

AG UPDATE: TRAVIS HOESLI:

- ✦ **25-30%** loss Flooding and Drought---Farmers decimated
- ✦ Impact economically on the county
- ✦ Collaborating with Farmers on Insurance letters
- ✦ Ag Venture Grant Program apply up to 8 or 9 thousand.
- ✦ Hoedown--Ag Expo

Tony Smith introduced the guest: Jonathan McCain

- ✦ **Shared slides**
- ✦ **Goal is to help rural areas grow.**
- ✦ **Get people to stay in Yanceyville.**
- ✦ **Tourism Dollars**
- ✦ **Outdoor Recreation**
- ✦ **Interventions to Grow**

TOWN OF MILTON: Shirley Wilson: N/A

- ✦ Town of Milton officials are applying for Grants for replacement of Grinder pumps.
- ✦ Constitution week September 21,2024
- ✦ Milton will Celebrate Great Trails State Day on October 19th, 2024, Incorporating the crossing of the Dan River in 1728
- ✦ William Byrd surveyed the Virginia NC Border as well as Wayne Bailey
- ✦ Milton Merchants has chosen October 26, 2024, to celebrate Autumn.

TOURISM/NA

CCS: New Superintendent has been notified of the EDC meetings.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Comments from Dr. Claggett:** Attending First Fridays concerts, to include Megan Doss, who performed last Friday.
- **Supporting Yanceyville's Farmer's Market weekly. PCC, TDA, Agribusiness, small businesses and other organizations are represented.**
- **Attending the back-to-school bash that was held at the Parks and Recreation under the guidance of Alice Robinson and her outreach programs.**
- **Board of Trustees meeting at Piedmont Community College**
- **DEEDS walk-through next week. This is the transformation of the former Dillard Middle School into senior living quarters with PCC extending classes into this facility. A community cookout is planned for later.**
- **Participation in the Bright Leaf Hoedown, sponsored by the Caswell Chamber of Commerce on Sept. 28th. I will be supporting the Veterans and Senior Center who are also sponsoring a car drive-in.**
- **On Sept. 24, Ms. Gwynn, the new Caswell Co. Superintendent will be holding the first meeting on her "community listening tour". There are ten stakeholder slots, and I will be attending that afternoon.**

Adjourn: Alvin Foster adjourned the meeting Motioned by Shirley Cadmus and seconded by Jackie Jeffries

Minutes submitted by: Shirley Wilson, Secretary