

CASWELL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

AGENDA

February 10, 2025

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 January 13, 2025,	Alvin Foster
Review February 10, 2025, Agenda	Alvin Foster

Standing Reports:

EDC Update:	Renee Paschal
Interim County Manager	Renee Paschal
PCC	Dr. Senegal
CCCOC	Hosanna Pennell
Town of Yanceyville	Alvin Foster
Ag. Update	Travis Hoesli
Town of Milton	Shirley Wilson
Tourism	Amanda Hodges
Caswell County Schools	Mrs. J. Gwynn Superintendent (Designated Staff Member) David Useche
New Business:	Alvin Foster

Discussion: Agenda Structure: Mr. Alvin Foster

Discussion: Asking Commissioners to revisit a public/private partnership for Shell/Spec Building Program for all Caswell County Industrial/ Business Parks and or Sites

Discussion: Public participation in meeting

Other Information

Open to All

Adjourn

CASWELL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

January 13, 2025--Minutes

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

Members Present: Alvin Foster, Kamara Graves, Shirley Wilson, Ruby Graves, Jackie Jeffries, Amanda Hodges, Tommy Goddard, Renee Paschal, Elin Claggett,

Zoom: Emily Buchanan,

Members Absent: Travis Hoesli, Finch Holt, Dr. Senegal, Jason Watlington

Welcome: Alvin Foster

Roll Call: Shirley Wilson

Mr. Alvin Foster stated we need to revisit and correct the December 09, 2024, Minutes: Mr. Goddard's name is not listed present nor absent. Also Mr. Tony Smith had gone off this board and should not be listed as an EDC member.

Mr. Alvin Foster called for approval of November 18, 2024, Minutes, Ruby Graves motioned to approve November 18, 2024, Minutes and Jackie Jeffries seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Mr. Alvin Foster called for approval of December 09, 2024, Minutes, Amanda Hodges had comments on the last three items written under Tourism. (Discussed) Alvin asked if there were any other corrections to December 09, 2024. Question from Mrs. Claggett directed to Mrs. S. Wilson. (Question Answered) Shirley Cadmus motioned to approve December 09, 2024, minutes, and Jackie Jeffries seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Alvin Foster: Asked everyone to Review the Agenda for additions or deletions. Jackie Jeffries motioned to approve January 13, 2025, Agenda and Shirley Cadmus seconded the motion. All were in favor.

EDC Update- Renee Paschal

- ✚ **Met with the Property Owners Association last week and amended the restricted covenants for Pelham Industrial Park. That was the last barrier to Jerky Tobacco located in the business park. All things are good to go.**

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE: Renee Paschal

- ✚ Conference call with a couple who were interested in opening a daycare in the area.
- ✚ Followed up with a conference call with Commerce last week. We are exploring state revenue options for a four- or five-star daycare center near Pelham Business Park. This will really be good with the CEAD Building opening next year.

PCC: Dr. Senegal/Emily Buchanan

- ✚ **We are really happy that the commissioners unanimously approved our proposals for the easements, and we thank Renee for her work in helping us get that done.**
- ✚ **With the easements, for the utilities, water and sewer is a big step forward.**
- ✚ **We are meeting today to talk about what our next steps are and what our timeline continues to look like.**
- ✚ **Partnership with PCC and the County for Co-Square giving our students a discounted rate to join.**
- ✚ **Our blast program continues to go really well. We have dates set up for the spring and we would like to also thank the local foods council, Amanda, your group as well for asking our Blast Program to be a part of the Farmer's Market presentation.**
- ✚ **Caswell County Campus received a \$13,000.00 grant from the Community Foundation of Dan River Region. Monies will be used to expand the Blast Program and offer an AG Across North Carolina trip for High School aged students who are interested in pursuing Ag as a Career so we can see what Ag looks like as a career across the state.**

TOWN OF YANCEYVILLE: Alvin Foster/Kamara

- ✚ Made it through the holidays without water issues for two years.
- ✚ The auditor is working and everything is on track.
- ✚ Explained Sewer Plant issues.
- ✚ Replacing Pump-Sheriff's Department-
- ✚ Replace Ball Screen second week in February (causes sewer treatment plant issues) Explained.
- ✚ Testing twice a week
- ✚ Question: Is the town of Yanceyville on the UAL list (Explained)

AG UPDATE: TRAVIS HOESLI: N/A

TOWN OF MILTON: Shirley Wilson:

- ✚ **Danny Cash will be sworn in as one of Milton's Commissioners tomorrow night January 14, 2025, at 7:00p.m.**
- ✚ **Milton Mascot-Turkey (Wayne Bailey**

TOURISM: Amanda Hodges

- ✚ Work to serve the initiative of our organization, which is to use the money that comes to us through taxes, not from us in Caswell County but folks who stop and visit here. If they stay at the hotel or Air BNB those taxes are placed in a separate fund that has to be spent to market the community.
- ✚ We give out grants, we were able to award a couple of new grants lately. Camp Springs Bluegrass Park
- ✚ New folks are applying because they are working on deer processing.

- + Need a facility for the hunters so they will come over here to do some processing instead of elsewhere.
- + Grant with the Mural for the **Arts Council** that is going up now. They received a grant but asked for monies from the **Tourism Group for Marketing**.
- + Refurbish and update the bicycle trails and map.
- + The local Historical Association: Refurbish the house, applying for more money to fix the picket fence.
- + Collaborate with the historical association for training, cataloging, and coinciding with agriculture.
- + Kelowna University selected our museum to be one of a couple across the state to train for their new library science. A Master Program
- + Divvy duties for the market manager. We received half a million dollars (\$500,000.00) from the North Carolina Tobacco Commission.
- + Work on securing plans for building at the market site, including cold storage and public restrooms.
- + Coordinate with the different food pantries to ensure inclusion in the specific program.
- + Ag based community as long as we can keep our farms going. Help them raise money and make money at the farm.
- + Specific Program with surrounding Food Pantries. The Farmers Market (Economic Development) is a leading source of tourism.
- + Market: last Thursday in April through September
- + One person to come online with AIRBNB.
- + Need Volunteers. Need Young people to stay.
- + Question concerning the \$500,000.00 Question answered (Mayor Alvin Foster explained) Construction cost is astronomical.

CCS: Mr. Useche **N/A**

NEW BUSINESS: Mr. Alvin Foster

- + **Goddard has been in touch with Jon Weninger (National Modular) for a potential presentation. Keep in touch with him and let Mr. Foster know when he will be present to deliver the presentation.**

OTHER INFORMATION: Information sent by Elin Claggett: "As the meeting ended, Tony Smith as a public observer (non-member), questioned Alvin Foster, Yanceyville's Mayor on the status of the Town on the Local Government Commission's (LGC) Unit Assistant List (UAL). Foster's reply included a brief discussion of internal controls & accounts, denial of maleficence, and description of personal problems of the prior auditors that lead to delays in their FY2021 budget audit."

NOTE: This same member of the public questioned the TDA ex-officio member regarding construction plans for a farmer's market facility in Yanceyville.

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

Minutes submitted by: Shirley Wilson, Secretary

EDC JANUARY 13, 2025 MEETING

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