

MINUTES – MARCH 14, 2013

The Caswell County Board of Commissioners met in special session at the Thomas Day House in Milton, North Carolina at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 14, 2013. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss various issues with the Yanceyville Town Council and the Milton Town Council. Members present from the Board of Commissioners: Cathy W. Lucas, Chair, William E. Carter, Nathaniel Hall, Larry G. Hamlett, Jeremiah Jefferies and N. Kent Williamson. Absent: Kenneth D. Travis. Members present from the Yanceyville Town Council: Curtis Davis, Mayor, Alvin Foster, Mayor Pro-Tem, Margie Badgett-Lampkin, and Odessa Gwynn. Absent: Ray McGuire. Members present from the Milton Town Council: Mayor Harriet Brandon, Helen Hooper, John Williams and James Upchurch. Absent: Cathia Stewart. Also present: Kevin B. Howard, County Manager, Haynes Brigman, Town Manager, Senator Mike Woodard and Angela Evans representing The Caswell Messenger. Paula P. Seamster, Clerk to the Board, recorded the minutes.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Brandon called the Milton Town Council meeting to order.
Mayor Davis called the Yanceyville Town Council meeting to order.
Chair Lucas called the Board of Commissioners meeting to order.

STATUS REPORTS – COUNTYWIDE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARD

Mayor Brandon stated “We have not been very involved with this as of yet.”

Chair Lucas stated “Our Board did address this. We voted at a Commissioners meeting, I think two commissioners meetings ago. We actually went through and filled in the slots with numbers as far as what we thought the commission membership should be in total and the membership total from our Board. We filled in the blanks to the extent that we felt like we could and that is where we are with it.”

Mayor Davis stated “At our first meeting of the month we addressed the issue and approve going forward with the Countywide Economic Development put we have not done anything as far as naming names for the board.”

Commissioner Hall stated “I think my expectation, well as the County Board has done and the Yanceyville Board has done is they have met separately and talked about it and determined that this is what we want to do. Once the Milton Board gets to that point then we will get together and establish the commission. We will just have to wait until your board approves this.”

Mayor Brandon asked “Do you have anything that we need to fill out?” Mr. Howard responded “I am sending copies around now.” Commissioner Hall stated “That is a draft that our attorney drew up.” Mayor Brandon responded “Now this is yours so I will need another copy.” Commissioner Hall stated “You can use that one.” Mr. Brigman stated “The Yanceyville Town Council reviewed it and agreed in principle the way it was written and we have actually adopted

that resolution. They were comfortable with how it was written and how it was established and wanted to get started so we are on board with how it has been proposed.”

Commissioner Williamson asked “So you all have the numbers that we have on ours?” Mr. Brigman responded “Yes.” Councilwoman Badgett-Lampkin stated “But we did not choose the members.” Mr. Brigman responded “We agreed to have three per entity but we did not choose the members no.”

EMERGENCY WATERLINE CONNECTION ON 86

Mr. Brigman stated “I just wanted to give a brief update to everybody regarding that project and where we are at in it. I think at our last joint meeting we discussed that we had approved to move forward. We had acquired grant and loan funds in order to finance the construction of roughly 2.1 miles of 8 inch water line from our northern most line in the Providence community to where North Elementary School is. The agreements are in place with Caswell County and the agreements are in place with Danville, VA for us to proceed forward. Our engineers are in the design phase of it now and hoping to complete the design phase of it soon. We hope to have construction beginning in either late April or early May depending on how this design phase continues to move forward. If you will remember in our last meeting one of the things that we considered or wanted to talk about was the maintenance and operation of that Caswell County system up there that serves North Elementary School and we talked about asking the county to find out what it cost them to operate that system and whether there would be any leaning towards the possibility of turning that system over to the Town of Yanceyville. Number one to eliminate Caswell County from having to operate that and number two so that Town of Yanceyville could have a unified system throughout. Now you are probably going to ask what is the benefit. Obviously if the Town wants to do this there has to be some benefit for them wanting to take over this water system. There are a lot of different answers to that but I will try to keep it simple. Water and sewer funds are not where we make our revenues so it is not to add the school system onto our water system because it is a big user but it not anything that would make us any money. The main reason is that, if you are familiar with the property area up there and the way the line comes across from the state of Virginia and where Danville supplies the water to North Elementary School it comes in through the Gatewood Road, runs parallel to the Gatewood Road and comes towards 86, south towards Highway 86 and it stops at North Elementary School. It literally stops in the front of that property and the Town would like to have as many users as possible added onto this new emergency water connection line that we have that we are going to install. There is a 28 unit mobile home complex, Carolina Shores Mobile Home Park, I think is the name of it, there are 28 mobile home units on the left hand side of Highway 86 just north of North Elementary School. Our hopes are adding as many users as possible we would like to extend our line up there to serve them. I know the County has considered serving them in the past but was unable to because of water pressure concerns. Another reason that we were looking to extend line north past where the line is currently at North Elementary School is we have actually met with Ms. Dailey the Chair of the Board of Education and Dr. Barker the Superintendent and have discussed with them where they would like to see the location of the pump station that is going to be needed to be installed on this line. They have determined from their standpoint the best location for this is on the north side of the property and not the south side of the property where the driveway entrances are. We are looking to locate that pump

station up in a little treed area so it is not visible and it is off the roadway and it does not interfere with traffic and no visibility when entering or leaving the school and it will not be located next to any residential homes. Because of this we are actually going to be looking at running a line north of the line that Caswell County's system is on so we are looking at an extra 300 feet 8" ductile iron pipe that we are going to have to run north parallel to what already exists in the ground. 300 feet of 8" ductile iron pipe is going to cost us anywhere from \$75,000 to maybe even close to \$100,000 extra in project cost. If you are sitting there wondering where is the benefit for the Town of Yanceyville to tie into what already exists in the ground well that is it. It saves us a lot of the upfront cost in not having to parallel something that is already in the ground. I hope that maybe answers some of the people's questions and some people on the County Commissioners that have questioned why the Town would want to acquire that and maintain and operate that system and that is the reason. It saves us upfront on construction costs; it ties in and makes one uniformed system from the Virginia state line all the way to the Town of Yanceyville. We have also met with Danville Utilities and they are comfortable and almost are positive about having that system turned over to the Town of Yanceyville and having the North Elementary School system taken off them responsibility wise. The reason is that is the last user on that line and they have had not difficult issues not problems but they have certainly run into water quality concerns at North Elementary School because it is on the line. They have to do a lot of flushing because it is at the end of the line. There are many reasons for it but I just wanted to update everybody on that. We are moving forward with the planning stages. If there is any consideration from the County to want to do that if you would like to look into that further now would be the time for us to do it so that we can complete our planning stages without having to duplicate something or reverse the course later down the road. If there are any questions I will be glad to try to answer them. I don't know if this is something that the County has considered of done a cost analysis on what it cost the County to operate that system or what. This is just a kind of an update."

Commissioner Carter stated "I think it is costing us somewhere between \$7500 and \$9500 a year and of course that does not include if we have a major water break where it could cost upwards of \$5000. I will make a couple points like he was talking about; we have had a problem all along with chlorine. I have had to stay on Danville right much to maintain a certain chlorine level. It is hard for us to maintain certain chlorine levels and a lot of flushing has to do done and if the Town takes over the line that will leave us out of that. Caswell pays for the water. On the other end with the mobile home park I think on the state level DENR would like to see it tied onto the line. We talked about this in our last retreat and I think the Board is in favor of this, well I certainly do. I think it would be a benefit to the county to save anywhere between \$7500 and \$10,000 a year. That is my feelings on this."

Chair Lucas asked "Mr. Brigman these negotiations have been going on with the City of Danville is that right?" Mr. Brigman responded "We met with the City of Danville in late February. I had a conversation with their Utilities Director. Their Assistant Manager is going to be brought on board with this as well but I actually received a letter from them regarding that meeting and the general consensus is that they are okay with losing North Elementary School on their water line." Chair Lucas continued "Was the county invited to participate in those meeting? I don't recall hearing anything about it." Mr. Howard responded "Not that one but I met with the School System." Mr. Brigman responded "When I met with the School System you

were involved in that but not with the City of Danville.” Chair Lucas stated “That is all news to me and I guess the rest of the Board as well. I did not know that those meetings had taken place.” Mr. Brigman responded “What we needed to do was we needed to make sure, we needed to review the agreements that we had and there are agreements in place with Caswell County and the City of Danville for us to move forward. There is nothing that is stopping us and there is nothing that is preventing us from moving forward. This is something that can be addressed later on down the line. The reason we are bringing it up now is again we are in the planning stages and we could save a significant amount of money up front if we knew that the County had interest in turning that water system over to us. Right now Caswell County does not gain any revenue from the water system. It is costing the county money like Mr. Carter said with the regular maintenance, the lab work and everything that is involved in operating that system.” Chair Lucas asked “How would it be different, if you don’t mind, with the chlorine levels that Commissioner Carter was talking about coming from one direction as opposed to the other direction? Is there more users on the line coming from Yanceyville?” Mr. Brigman responded “That is correct. North Elementary School is the only user on that line. If nobody is familiar with how this is set up there is a water meter at the state line and every drop of water that passes through that water meter is charged to North Elementary. There are fire hydrants and other things located on that length of line, the DOT uses it to fill water trucks, the fire department has used it for their water trucks so you are not just being charged for the water at North Elementary school. There are other factors that play into that. That is the only meter that is located there. If you were to turn the water system over to the Town of Yanceyville there would be a water meter installed at each user. There would be a water meter installed right there and it would just serve the School. You would have the school, the 28 unit mobile home park and hopefully potentially others that would be on that line. Again right now Danville only serves North Elementary School so it is not a huge user especially during the summer months when there are no students in class. There are a lot of issues that cause the flushing of the lines. I am not saying that the Town of Yanceyville might not have chlorine concerns there but we would be more adapted to addressing the situation and flushing the system because it is our system. Right now, not to put words into Danville, VA Utilities’ mouth but they don’t have a lot of interest in things that happen beyond the state line.” Chair Lucas continued “The next question is how will it affect us on the Welcome Center side, Highway 29 side, if they have changed their position on that side how will it affect us on the 29 line?” Mr. Brigman responded “We would have to negotiate a new contract because Caswell County’s contract with Danville covers both of those water systems. They are actually two separate systems covered under the same contract. What you would do is remove North Elementary School and you would continue to have the contract on the Pelham water system. Then the Town of Yanceyville and the City of Danville would then negotiate a contract that would remove Caswell County from it because right now there are three entities in place so we would streamline it and the Town of Yanceyville and Danville would have a contract in place to serve that line to receive water. Now Danville, VA is interested in this because not only can the Town of Yanceyville receive water in the event of an emergency but the Town of Yanceyville can actually supply the City of Danville with water in the event that they have an emergency. We are not able to produce enough water to serve all of their users but we are able to produce enough water to meet the demands of their critical need users like their hospital, prisons, nursing homes and facilities like that so that is where their interest is and so if you ask what does Danville going to benefit from this because they will lose North Elementary as a water customer. Their benefit will be that in turn they will have the benefit to receive water

from the Town of Yanceyville.” Chair Lucas asked “How will it affect the customer’s water rates? Will that be negotiable?” Mr. Brigman responded “We have an outside water rate for out of town customers.” Chair Lucas continued “I understand that but will there be a point of negotiation?” Mr. Brigman responded “That would be something that the Town Council will have to consider. I don’t see us having a specific set of water rates for the users on this line but again that is up to the council to consider.”

Commissioner Carter stated “I will comment on your question about the water systems. The County has two water systems that are assigned two different identification numbers, the 86 line and the 29 line. What would happen if we were to turn the line over to Yanceyville is Danville would need to contact the regional office in Winston-Salem and in turn they would notify the Raleigh office and the 86 line identification number for the water system will cease to exist. Danville will still have the 29 line.”

Mr. Brigman stated “Well it is out there, I will let you guys consider it. If you would like to bring it before your Board to consider it and we would be interested to know what your decision is so we can let our engineer know so they can begin the planning process. Like I said it looks like there could be some cost savings for both the County and the Town by using this scenario.”

Commissioner Carter asked “What are you looking at as far as a completion date?” Mr. Brigman responded “We are hoping to have our engineering work done by the 1st of May.”

Commissioner Carter continued “When would the Town want to take the line over? Would that be after the completion of the construction?” Mr. Brigman responded “Yes.” Commissioner Carter stated “That is what I needed to know. I have talked with DENR on this and they said they would like to get this at least 6 months in advance of completion.” Mr. Brigman responded “Our completion date is expected 12 months after the start of the construction.”

Commissioner Hamlett stated “I think we need to have a meeting with Danville to make sure everything is okay.”

Mr. Brigman stated “Some of the concerns that the School Board brought up and just to let you know we tried to cover this from every angle, Danville currently accepts the sewer from the school. There is no septic system for North Elementary School. Danville has agreed to accept the sewer from the school even though they will not be providing the water. That was one issue that Danville agreed to.” Chair Lucas responded “That is amazing to me.” Mr. Brigman continued “They don’t view North Elementary School as a large user. They don’t receive a lot of bad waste from an elementary school and you certainly don’t have a tremendous amount of use there so they said if you want to that will work for us. That was their approach to it.”

Chair Lucas asked “When did the meeting with the School Board take place?” Mr. Howard responded “A couple of weeks ago. We decided to discuss this further when we meet with them.”

Commissioner Carter stated “Caswell County looked at installing a chlorine lift station but you would still have to flush the system. If Caswell County keeps the line the State may require us to have to install that lift station.” Mr. Howard responded “We don’t have anywhere to put it. We

would have to build a building to put it in. I know when the State came to us a couple of years ago about putting that trailer park on the line it was going to be about \$80,000 to put in that lift station then, not a lift station but a pump station.”

Mr. Brigman stated “Another benefit will be the water pressure will be higher than what it currently is now. The Town of Yanceyville’s water system is almost 100 feet higher than the City of Danville’s water system so it would all flow downhill to North Elementary School. The water pressure will be significantly increased.” Commissioner Carter stated “I think that is why we did not put the trailer park on that line.” Mr. Howard responded “We would have had to put a pump station in to increase the water pressure.” Commissioner Carter continued “I think it is only going to be a matter of time before the State is going to require us to put a pump station in.”

Mr. Brigman stated “We see a benefit for both sides so we will keep you informed as we move forward in the project.”

Commissioner Carter asked “When would you need to know?” Mr. Brigman responded “Again we don’t have a deadline and right now we have everything in place that we need to move forward but we would love it if we knew beforehand to save on the cost of construction. We would hate to go in and install another 8” line parallel to something and to be able to bypass that and not have to worry about that. Upfront it would save us a lot of money in construction costs. This is something that we can come back to. It does not happen right now. It could happen in 5 years. Our benefit right now is the cost savings in the project so we would prepare if you are going to consider it to do so in a relatively short period of time. We don’t want to rush you, I did want to say that but if you would consider it and gather some information on your end to see if it is worth it or not.”

MUNICIPAL PARKING LOT LEASE AGREEMENT WITH THE TOWN OF YANCEYVILLE

Mr. Brigman stated “I just wanted to get an update on the Municipal parking lot lease with the Town. I know it was something that was passed by the commissioners five or six months ago. I know you were waiting for the county attorney to put something together for you. I figured this would be a good opportunity to check and get an update on that. I see something coming around so you much have something for us to look at.” Mr. Howard responded “We got it today actually.” Mr. Brigman asked “Are there any updates on it or anything?” Mr. Howard responded “He just changed the language a little bit.” Mr. Brigman stated “We don’t need to talk about this any further. We will let our council review it and then our Board will go from there.”

Mayor Brandon stated “I would like to recognize our Senator that has just arrived. Have you some pizza while it is still tasty.” Senator Woodard asked “Did it come from up the street?” Mayor Brandon responded “Yes, just help yourself.”

GENERAL UPDATES FROM LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

Mayor Brandon stated “We have had quite an ordeal. We have met in the lawyer’s office about a month ago over the sewer problems. Then they had another meeting here last week and

hopefully productive. We had some outside engineers from the state, the Rural Center and the USDA working with us. I was told by Dewberry that they were not responsible but they were going to give us some money and I don't know what that means. Anyway we are coming along. As you can tell we might have a fight on our hands but it boils down to a flawed plan and then putting it in and it was supposed to be overseen by Dewberry. Anyway we are working on it and we think it is coming along pretty well. The other thing I have is on April 3rd the bridge down here, Country Line Creek, is going to be dedicated to Tom Buck. Some of you may remember Tom Buck, he was a character. He was the Town Constable back in the 60s when I was the Town Clerk. He could not read or write. He signed his name with an X but people listened to him and he did a really good job. Of course he was hit and killed on purpose, I am sure, but anyway but the bridge will be dedicated on April 3rd at 2:00 in the afternoon, I believe. His grandson, who has been pushing for this, met with me either Monday or Tuesday afternoon but we have kind of more or less outlined the program, how it will be carried out. He has a list of people that he wants to invite to do certain things. It will not be a grandiose event like we have seen but it is going to be a nice event. At first we were going to do it down here but he is inviting about 50 people and there is really not enough room here so we will be doing it in the Woman's Club. We will do the whole thing there. His mother, Tom Buck's daughter, is kind of disabled, there is no place to do the dedication like it was down on the river. So it will be April 3rd and that is the anniversary of the date of his death, the 50th anniversary of the date of his death. It was important to have it on that particular day. I did not see his guest list but I am sure some of you will at least hear from him about this. Everything is on go. He is Johnny on the spot with getting things done and we will get it done. Those are the main things that are going on in Milton right now."

Mayor Davis stated "Really all of our updates were all handled by Haynes." Chair Lucas responded "He sort of controlled the agenda tonight." Mayor Davis continued "I don't know of any other updates to bring to you other than that."

Councilwoman Badgett-Lampkin stated "I would like to say that we are working with the Caswell County Partnership for Children through a Youth Leader Initiative funded by the Rural Center. Even though the meetings are being held at the Yanceyville Town Hall it is for everybody. We want to get more young people from across the county more involved. We meet on the third Tuesday of each month at 5:30 p.m. They can come out and start joining the crew that we have. Right now we have a group of young men. There are supposed to become emerged in the leadership part of this county and also culture. I would love to bring a group down here to the Thomas Day House. The three young men have come to the Town Council meeting and we have also had them to come to the County Commissioners meeting. They are a fine group of young men. They are working on projects right now. They have the Hoop Fest where people can sign up to play basketball on March 22nd and 23rd. That is open to anybody. It is free. You can get on a team and play ball. I am proud of this group. Odessa and I work with them. Haynes is one of the young people and also gives his time. It is a pleasure to work with them to see how they develop. If you know of any young people that really, really want to join and get into something that will help them let them know. Tell them to get in contact with Haynes. He knows what is going on and when our next meeting is. Right now we had our meeting early for this month because of the Hoop Fest. We do have a meeting in April." Mr. Brigman added "She said youth, but anybody age 16 to 30, male or female, county resident. We

feed them. You can't beat that you just have to show up and you get fed well. If you know anybody between 16 and 30 that would like to participate feel free to send them our way. We have a lot of grant money that we need to spend and we need projects to spend it on. The basketball tournament, the Hoop Fest, is one of them. We are working on creating more ideas to spend these grant monies on. There is a lot of opportunity there to get them involved. We encourage everyone to come and participate." Councilwoman Badgett-Lampkin continued "Our focus with it is Health & Wellness. In Caswell County there is not much to do so we need to get out and get moving and doing some things. That is the main focus of it. The Rural Center's point of view is the kids need to know about their history and their culture. We still need other people to join so we would love to have others to come." Mayor Brandon stated "We will send some that way. We see them wondering the streets so we will send them that way." Councilwoman Badgett-Lampkin responded "That is what we are talking about. That is what we need to get them engaged."

Mayor Brandon stated "One thing I did not mention when I was talking about what we have done is Nate Hall has been working with Cathia Stewart who is on our Board and I don't know where she is tonight well anyway he has been working with her on applying for a grant and we do appreciate that and all of your help. They have called back here a couple of times for various things but at least they are considering it. We need all the help we can get."

Chair Lucas stated "A couple of things that have claimed the Board's attention recently, I will give a brief update on the Detention Center. We actually had the opportunity to actually take a tour and I think they have rescheduled the opening date for that facility for May of this year." Mr. Howard responded "I don't have an exact date yet." Chair Lucas continued "We are feverishly working to pull that project together and hopefully that will take place sooner than later." Commissioner Hamlett stated "I would like to invite any of you to spend the night." Commissioner Lucas responded "Well actually I will give you all a heads up there is a proposed lock-in prior to the opening of the detention center by the United Way but I don't know if that is going to pass but it is on the agenda for Monday night. Just keep that in mind. The other thing is the Internet Sweepstakes that was addressed by the State Supreme Court. It is my understanding that our local DA issued an order and the ones in our county have been closed. I don't know of any that are operating do you Kevin?" Mr. Howard responded "The one they shut down most recently was the last one that was still open." Chair Lucas continued "One other thing, the Heritage Festival, Paula do you have some information on that or Kevin? It is going to be in May." Mr. Howard responded "May 18th. This is put on by the Caswell County Historical Association. I have been going to the meetings. Haynes has come, Paula and a couple of others on these boards as well. It is for one day right now but if it is a success we hope to turn this into a multi-day festival. The plan is to have, we had try-outs the other day or auditions, we will actually have historical figures dressed up and walking around in certain places like Thomas Day, Chicken Stephens, Henrietta Jeffries, Calvin Graves, Bedford Brown and many others. They will actually be in period costumes. They will memorize and talk about their lives. Folks will be able to come up and hear their stories and ask some questions. We are looking to have craftsmen who will do things that were done back then. I don't know if we will have the actually moonshiners now or not but there has been talk."

Mayor Brandon stated “Our town clerk is actually into soap making.” Ms. Seamster responded “Have her call me, please.”

Senator Woodard stated “I want to update you on a couple of things. Seeing tobacco stringing is giving me flashbacks. I have this callus on my hand that will never go away. My father swears it will be on my hand until I die to remind me of my tobacco heritage. Did you mention the BBQ this Saturday? You did or did you forget?” Mayor Brandon responded “I forgot.” Senator Woodard continued “Well I will mention it. I am the biggest Caswell County promoter south of Caswell County. Saturday from 5:00 – 7:00 the Friends of Caswell which is our business development group is having a BBQ so I hope you all will come. They have tickets. I have mine and I hope that you will get yours. It is from 5:00 – 7:00 at the Woman’s Club.” Mayor Brandon stated “That building is unique and if you have not been in it, it is worth the trip just to see and the cost of the BBQ just to get to look at it. It is very unique.”

Senator Woodard stated “I ran into Jack Saturday and I became aware of a problem with the post office and one in particular that I would like to address and the Yanceyville folks you all can weigh in on this. Apparently there has been a reassignment, the Post Mistress in Yanceyville is now serving Milton and she has sent a letter to the businesses here along the street instructing them that they have to take their mailboxes off the building and put a mailbox down on the street and I can’t even image what that would be like here to go and get your mail. I have also spoken with some residents who were given those instructions as well. I don’t know if any of you in Yanceyville have gotten wind of this or in other parts of the county.” Mayor Brandon responded “They said that we could not use the boxes, the boxes that are in the post office if you are on her route she will be able to drop it off as she goes through her route. Evidently she has not seen this street.” Senator Woodard continued “Well we fought this issue, we have been fighting it in Durham for eight years so it is kind of funny that I heard this when I was up here Saturday. There is a postal regulation; the post office cannot force you to change your method of delivery so if you are getting your mail in a box mounted to the front porch of your house or if they are getting the mail at the post office.” Commissioner Williams stated “They are getting their mail at the post office, there is no home delivery. It is all post office boxes.” Mayor Brandon added “That is what she is talking about.” Senator Woodard stated “Method of Delivery is the technical term. I have a call into the Greensboro Office. They cannot force you and they cannot withhold your mail. If you all hear more about this feel free to call my office and let me be aware of it. I am working on the issue so don’t do anything drastic. If you get wind of this let me know the extent in which they are trying to do this.” Commissioner Hooper stated “They have a sign up at the post office posting the size box you will have and how much it is going to cost you.” Senator Woodard responded “Well I don’t know that I can fight that one but they cannot force you to...” Commissioner Hooper continued “But we have not been paying for our boxes. That was because we were taxpayers.” Mayor Brandon added “We were not having it delivered to our door therefore we were given free post office boxes.” Senator Woodard stated “The regulation is clear and we are not going to allow them to force this. I have been working on this for 8 years. Since I knew I would see you all I want to make sure that you all were aware of this. If you get wind of this don’t be afraid to stand up to your mail carrier and when I get word back from the Greensboro regional manager I will make sure to share it with all of you.”

Mayor Brandon stated “We have written a letter to the Post Mistress in Yanceyville and also sent it to the one in Greensboro explaining the circumstances. Post office boxes will not add a thing and it just does not go with the Town. Most of our businesses are not open on a full time basis therefore they may have mail sitting in their boxes for several days and that does not work well either. We have not heard back from that either.” Senator Woodard responded “Well I left them a message and I told them that I would follow up with them on Tuesday when I am back in Raleigh and say here is your regulations and we fought these issues in Durham for over eight years now in case you try to pull this again. We have the ordinance; I have a copy in my hand.”

Councilwoman Badgett-Lampkin asked “Is this only for businesses?” Mr. Woodard responded “It is for residential too.” Mayor Brandon stated “It is our understanding that it is just down 57 and up 62 towards Yanceyville.” Senator Woodard asked “The 62 folks are residential right?” Mayor Brandon responded “Yes.” Commissioner Upchurch stated “What they are saying is the mail carrier now drives past these businesses and residents and if he goes by your house then you are no longer eligible for a free post office box because he can drop the mail off in your mailbox.” Senator Woodard stated “Their regulation says that they cannot force you to change. Now if you want to change that is fine. Let me caution you all if you take that letter as the gospel truth and change your method of delivery you cannot change it back. That is why I caution you not to do anything until I talk to the folks in Greensboro and read their regulation back to them.”

Commissioner Hamlett asked “You have not heard anything about closing the post office have you?” Senator Woodard responded “I have not heard that.” Mayor Brandon added “We have not either.” Commissioner Williams stated “We did receive a request to cut hours. We had a meeting in January and they cut hours and they said that was all they were going to do.” Senator Woodard responded “That could change like the wind. We have to be vigilant about that and if you hear anything about that please let me know and if you hear anything from the Post Mistress.”

Mr. Brigman stated “She actually called me this afternoon and was requesting information about Yanceyville and what they did as far as requiring mailboxes on the roadway. She made the comments that your guys biggest objection is it would hit the water line in the ground. That is what she said, everybody was objecting to it because of the water lines in the ground and that does not make a whole lot of sense. It is interesting now since it is a topic tonight.” Senator Woodard asked “Most of the mailboxes in town are on the houses, right?” Councilwoman Badgett-Lampkin responded “No all of our mail comes to the post office.” Mr. Brigman responded “You have the option to choose within the town limits because I have a mailbox in my front yard. You can have a mailbox versus a PO box.” Councilwoman Badgett-Lampkin stated “I did not even know we had an option. It has been so long ago since I did that.”

Commissioner Hooper asked “Can I ask you one more thing?” Senator Woodard responded “Sure.” Commissioner Hooper continued “We had a bulletin board in the post office that we posted everything on and she made us pull the information off of it.” Commissioner Williamson added “She said only postal items could be posted there.”

Chair Lucas stated “We have an issue in front of the Historic Courthouse when it rains. I don’t know how it can be handled but we have to put on galoshes on to get to the front entrance of the courthouse and if you are not fortunate enough to have galoshes you just get wet.” Mr. Brigman responded “We have actually contacted DOT on multiple levels of that because it is in front of the courthouse and in front of the drug store and it is an issue. It does not matter the amount of rain you have water that builds up in the majority of those parking spaces.” Chair Lucas stated “The drain hole is about that big.” Mr. Brigman responded “It comes down to the fact that the grading was not done properly so it doesn’t push the water in that direction and the pipe that was installed does not have enough fall in it to pull the water off of the parking spaces so there are several issues. It has been addressed regional level and it is getting ready to be addressed at the state level because there is little activity going on with how they plan to correct that. From our end we have written letters from the Town. We have written emails from the Town so we have done our efforts to make sure they are aware of it. Their response to us has been we are working on a plan to correct it. Unfortunately the only way to correct it is to tear it up and do it all over again and that is not what they are wanting to do but that is the only way they are going to be able to solve it.” Senator Woodard asked “When was the last time you talked to Mike Mills about that?” Mr. Brigman responded “I have gone up the chain of command and I have not reached Mike Mills.” Councilman Foster added “I talked with him two weeks ago and he said he is working on a plan.” Mr. Brigman continued “Mike Mills knows about it but I have taken the necessary steps and not just jumped straight to him so he does know about it.” Senator Woodard stated “I went a road trip with him about 3 weeks ago. We rode over the whole county on a Friday and we stopped right there and he is aware of it. They have a plan and I think they have made some movement on it.” Mr. Foster stated “I saw him at a RPO meeting a couple of weeks ago and he said they are working on a plan.” Mr. Brigman stated “That is all we know at this time. They know about it and they are working on it.” Senator Woodard stated “I will call Mike Tuesday and follow up on it.” Mr. Brigman responded “Sounds like a plan.”

Commissioner Williamson stated “I one other thing. As a member of the Caswell County Cattleman’s Association we are having our annual steak dinner March 28th and it will be held in front of the Agriculture Building and we will also use the kitchen downstairs for you to come in and eat or you can drive up on the street and pick it up. The steaks are \$12.50. It also comes with a baked potato and a salad. It starts at 5:00 to 7:00. The proceeds from this goes towards scholarships for our County FFA students. We ask for your support and to spread the word. We need to get the tickets sold so we can plan on how many to prepare. The County Agency has the tickets and also I have some.”

Commissioner Hall asked “Does the Town of Milton have any type of relationship with VIR?” Mayor Brandon responded “Well I am working at it. I think unfortunately there were some disagreements about some things back when and we have not been too agreeable on things in the past. I am working on it. I think they are coming around a little bit more. I am working on trying to build that relationship back. A lot of them come to eat at Millie’s.” Senator Woodard responded “I can help you with that dialogue if you would like. We can set up a time to do that.” Mayor Brandon continued “It was sort of an unfortunate thing I think back when. Our fire department refused to be at their beckon call. I think they were told that they needed to be over there on such and such day and that ruffled their feathers and so it was some unfortunate things like that that happened. I would like to mend fences because Milton has already had a, and this

goes way on back, have always been that we think we are holier than thou. With that attitude we did not get very far with anybody. I will talk with you Mike if you need any help with that.”

Commissioner Carter stated “At the Old Caswell Airport on 158W we have a club in the county called the Caswell Air Models. There are about 18 members and we fly the radio controlled airplanes. We usually fly on Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday. We have people in the county that are members of it. We have people from Reidsville and Ringgold. Like I said we have 18 members. The airplanes over there range anywhere from \$500 to \$5,000.” Councilman Foster added “You ought to go out there to see them, they are cool to watch.” Mr. Howard stated “I would hate to wreck a \$500 plane much less a \$5,000 plane.”

SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING

Mayor Brandon stated “We need to schedule the next meeting. That would be June and I don’t know who has it next but I guess it is Caswell.” Mr. Howard responded “The County would have the next meeting.”

Chair Lucas stated “We will be right in the middle of the budget in June. We may need to move it up to the first of July.” Mr. Brigman responded “The first week of July is a bad week because of vacations.” Mr. Howard stated “Well sometime in July.” Mr. Brigman stated “We move our council meeting to the second week of July.” Mayor Brandon stated “Our regular meetings are the first Tuesday of every month. I could have a called meeting between now and then.”

Commissioner Hall stated “I think that should give your Board time to react to the resolution before we meet again so we can formulate a joint resolution.” Mayor Brandon asked “Now when you say before we meet again you are talking about July?” Commissioner Hall responded “Yes.” Mayor Brandon stated “By all means at the next meeting we will address it.”

Councilman Foster asked “How about the second Thursday in July.” All three boards agreed to meet on Thursday, July 11, 2013 at 6:00 at the Historic Courthouse.

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:35 p.m. Mayor Brandon adjourned the Town of Milton’s meeting. Councilman Foster moved, seconded by Councilwoman Gwynn to adjourn the Town of Yanceyville’s meeting. Commissioner Jefferies moved, seconded by Commissioner Hall to adjourn the Caswell County Board of Commissioners’ meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

Paula P. Seamster
Clerk to the Board

Cathy W. Lucas
Chair
