

MINUTES – MARCH 18, 2013

The Caswell County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at the Caswell County Historic Courthouse in Yanceyville, North Carolina at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, March 18, 2013. Members present: Cathy W. Lucas, Chair, Kenneth D. Travis, Vice-Chairman, William E. Carter, Nathaniel Hall, Larry G. Hamlett, Jeremiah Jefferies and N. Kent Williamson. Also present: Kevin B. Howard, County Manager, Brian Ferrell, County Attorney, and Angela Evans representing The Caswell Messenger. Paula P. Seamster, Clerk to the Board, recorded the minutes.

MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER

Chair Lucas opened the meeting with a Moment of Silent Prayer.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Board of Commissioners and all the guests in the audience recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Howard stated “I would like to add Economic Development to Closed Session if possible.”

Chair Lucas stated “I would like to add after Item 5 Discussion of a Public Hearing on the issue of the Watershed Ordinance and the Reclassification of the Dan River.”

Chair Lucas moved, seconded by Commissioner Hamlett to approve the agenda as amended. The motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Travis moved, seconded by Commissioner Williamson to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

The following items were included on the Consent Agenda:

- A. Approval of Minutes of February 28, 2013 Special Meeting
- B. Approval of Minutes of March 4, 2013 Regular Meeting

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. John Claggett made the following statement:

“Good evening, my name is John Claggett and I reside at 108 Jaye Lane, Providence, NC. I have here in my hand a copy of email correspondence between the County Manager and I regarding the recent unfortunate mishap surrounding ambulance number 207. Hopefully all of you have taken the time to read your copy and are familiar with what I’m referencing. As of this past

Friday some of my questions from this email were answered and was told by the County Manager that by Monday I would be provided with additional information as well as discussion would ensue at tonight's meeting. Maybe the discussion is forthcoming however the information he promised me is for naught and as usual with most of my information requests, as history shows, will become untimely, and not totally accurate. I have witnessed and everyone here has been involved with the countless hours associated with the Caswell County Vehicle Use Policy and I'm still not sure if one exists yet or not, but at the very least I would hope the county conducted an investigation into this mishap. Knowing what the Messenger printed from an eyewitness who from what I understand is well versed in the area of Emergency Medical Services and a former member of our own EMS Department coupled with the fact that two of our Commissioners could contribute to an investigation by way of there are of expertise, one of which is towing and the other is insurance I asked some questions. All of the answers once again haven't come. There's obviously a serious void in this county with regards to leadership and it starts with the unilateral disregard of that problem by you Commissioners. I would like timely and accurate answers to the following questions:

1. Was there an investigation into the mishap surrounding Unit #207?
2. If so what size wrecker was used in towing the ambulance?
3. What is the curb weight of Unit #207?
4. What kind of warranty work requires a 2011 ambulance to be towed?
5. Was it determined if proper towing practices were taken prior to and immediately after the mishap as to try and ascertain if the county can expect possible transmission issues on this vehicle in the future?

Thank you."

Mr. Robert Brandon made the following statement:

"I would like to address the Board on the issue of the Dan River reclassification, I think there need to be a public hearing and that is all I have to say."

Mr. Lawrence Bernard made the following statement:

"I would like to say that we need to think about this thing on the watershed. It is messing with people's livelihoods. I have been farming for a long time and the restrictions are enough on us so far and I want to voice my opinion in a public hearing."

Chair Lucas asked if anyone else would like to speak during Public Comments. With no other comments Chair Lucas declared Public Comments as closed.

DISCUSSION OF A PUBLIC HEARING CONCERNING CHANGES TO THE CASWELL
COUNTY WATERSHED ORDINANCE REGARDING THE
DAN RIVER RECLASSIFICATION

Chair Lucas asked "Do any of the commissioners have any thoughts regarding a public hearing or in favor of such?" Commissioner Hamlett responded "Yes I think we should have one. I keep hearing different things come up and I would love to hear whole story." Commissioner Jefferies responded "Yes I am in favor of having one."

Mr. Ferrell stated “I think a public hearing is a fine idea. If you want to have more discussion on it you can. If you have a motion of the floor to have a public hearing I would suggest that you set a time and a date certain and your next meeting could be an option. Usually for a public hearing you need some time to put it in the paper so we could do that in time for you next meeting.”

Commissioner Travis moved, seconded by Commissioner Jefferies to hold a public hearing on the Caswell County Watershed Protection Ordinance and the Reclassification of the Dan River.

Mr. Ferrell asked “What date would you like so the public will know when the public hearing is?” Commissioner Travis responded “I don’t know if we have time to do it at our next meeting.” Mr. Ferrell stated “You just need 10 days notice.”

Chair Lucas asked “Paula what is the date for the second meeting in April?” Ms. Seamster responded “April 15th.” Mr. Ferrell stated “I think that would give more time for the compliance with the publication for a public hearing.”

Commissioner Carter stated “There are a couple of things that I am hearing from several people in the county especially farmers. We need to find out if there are going to be any restrictions or changes where the State has proposed going from WS-II to a WS-IV is there going to be any restrictions that involve the farmland and farmer in the Dan River area that has land. I think we need to find out some information from the State or whoever on how it is going to affect the farmers in that area.” Commissioner Jefferies responded “That is my reason for this public hearing.” Commissioner Carter continued “I am all for the public hearing but also I would like to know this information where the State has proposed to do this to a WS-IV and how it will affect the farmers in this county.”

Upon a vote of the motion, the motion carried unanimously.

PRESENTATION OF THE CASWELL COUNTY HERITAGE TRAILS MASTER PLAN

Mr. Chad Hall stated “Madam Chair and Board members thank you for seeing me tonight. My name is Chad Hall and I am with the Dan River Basin Association. As many of you know I have been working over here for about 4 years working with the public to help create the master plan that you have in front of you. The reason I am here tonight is to talk hopefully briefly mainly about Chapter 2 mainly about the trails of the master plan. We are also seeking approval of the master plan at some point. It does not have to be this evening but there are some benefits of getting approval of the master plan and I will talk to you about that in a few minutes. In February of 2010 we conducted a public workshop over 3 days. We had about 35 to 40 people come out and talk about trail ideas and options for Caswell County. The bottom paragraph is the important one. The resulting heritage trails master plan is a public envisioned community-based blueprint for a county network of trails, greenways, blueways to connect people, places and events around the county linking natural, historical, cultural heritage sites, activities and tourism. The key words there is ‘public envisioned’. This is not the Dan River Basin Association’s idea. This actually came from the public and people that attended. There are some benefits to the

trails, obviously ones are environmental benefits, physical benefits but there are also economical benefits and social benefits. I am not going to run through this whole list but some examples of those are support economic prosperity, attracting and retaining new employers to the area, promoting tourism, fostering and joining adverse communities, providing an improved quality of life, encouraging healthy lifestyles, and the list goes on and on. You can see in parenthesis which one of these benefits each ties to. This is a small list. You have a much more expanded list in the master plan. The trails in the master plan which we are going to get to are conceptualized off-road trails and trail systems for the county and the key word there is they are conceptualized. You will see that these are broad lines on these maps, we are not trying to pick on any specific properties or property owners, it is just a conceptual idea of a 50 year or more build out of trails throughout the county and also to point out that we are not picking on anybody in particular, a guiding principle that we heard from everyone at the public workshops is to make sure that every sub-basin that fed into County Line Creek or the Dan River had a trail system associated with it. That is how we moved forward in developing this master plan. So the trails are realistic opportunities to create a fibrous network of trails throughout the county. They can when they cross bridge couple with bikeways, the scenic byway and other routes that can help to promote heritage tourism in the county and they can connect beyond the borders of this county. There are opportunities to reach into Virginia on the Beaches to the Bluegrass Trail and also when you connect into Rockingham County on the Mountains to the Sea Trail. Each one of those two statewide economic tourism engines we can connect to and funnel some of that traffic through Caswell County to benefit Milton and Yanceyville again to bring money and possible employment into the area. We have some Keystone trails that we feel are fundamental for creating economic development in the county. We have what we call Gold Leaf trails which are kind of an homage to the bright leaf tobacco that ties to some local historic links and the Green Leaf trails are more nature based trails. The Keystone trails for the area, there are two: one is the Dan River Trail and the other is the Country Line Creek Trail. The Gold Leaf trails we recognized four: the Rattlesnake Creek Trail, Hycro Creek Heritage Trails, also there are some trails proposed in Yanceyville and Milton and we are recognizing those to what we refer to as Gold Leaf Trails. For Green Leaf Trails there are a couple systems probably Hogans Moon Trail System which is kind of a hybrid between Hogans Creek and Moon Creek, the Birch Creek Trail System and the Cherry Chapel Trail System. I will show you some map of those in just a couple of minutes.”

Chair Lucas asked “When you speak about these trails are there any resemblance of trails there currently or?” Mr. Hall responded “There probably is. I know on Rattlesnake Creek there are certain private properties that have some horse trails but they are not open to the public and what we are talking about here is more of a public trail system. With that and we will get into that in just a second we are recognizing that it would be a variety of user groups using these trails but one group we are trying not to attract is more of the ATV crowd. This is more of your walking, hiking, biking and equestrian trail systems. The Dan River trail is roughly a 10 mile trail within North Carolina, within Caswell County. It is a keystone trail. The purpose is to connect the River District in Danville to Historic Milton. It could possibly extend up to VIR but it would take the property owners in Virginia to participate in that. There is an opportunity to follow an abandoned rail line. If that were an opportunity we would recommend that it would be a paved multi-mode trail, kind of a greenway. There is also an option for a blue way which means just using kayaks and canoes down the river. You can also follow roads to go along the property

lines. There are a variety of ways to do this. There is just not one way to do any of these trails. There is also going to be short term options as well as long term options. That is why we say this will be a 50 year build out for the full trail systems. It is important to note that this rail line that we are referring to is a vast majority of that has reverted back to the property owners, it is not just right of way sitting there so it would take the cooperation of those property owners and throughout all of these trails that we are talking about it is going to take them giving. It has nothing to do with anybody coming in and taking, it is the property owners giving permission to use these trails. That is fundamental for everything that we are recommending. There are certain pilot trails that we recommend. For the Dan River trail we recommend coming from Milton working our way westward. All though we do recognized there could be an effort to come from Danville coming to the east, that is outside of the jurisdiction so we are recommending that it start in Milton and work its way in that direction. Again this is kind of a broad line but it does follow that abandoned rail line or it could be along the river. We are not picking on any property owners in particular. There are also some roads near that don't show up on this map. Again you can follow it for a little ways and come to a road or however you want to do it. There are a variety of ways to make this trail happen if anybody wanted to pursue it. In terms of economic tourism it is one of the lower hanging pieces of fruit in the County. The one thing that happens here is it does not necessarily benefit Yanceyville but it will definitely benefit Milton and Danville. Country Line Creek trail is roughly 50 miles in length and it would connect roughly in Milton, to the other side of Milton to the Beaches to the Blue Ridge trail into Rockingham County to the Mountain to the Sea trail. This will be a natural surface trail. Again there are only two trails in the master trails plan that we are recommending to be paved and one of those is the Dan River trail we just talked about if it follows that abandoned rail corridor. All the rest of the trails will be natural surfaced. There are a couple of pilot trail options and you can read about those more so in the master plan. Really again we are talking about connecting in Milton into Rockingham County following Country Line Creek. As you can imagine there are so many property owners involved through that trail. There are a lot of way that this can be done: following roads, crossing the creek several times, when you get to the north side or get beyond Yanceyville the floodplain of Country Line Creek broadens out to about 300 feet and it would be a little more difficult to build that section but that is also the natural heritage area that has recently been declared. The State just released a report at the end of last year about that because there is a lot of fauna and flora in that area that is worth preserving and the State has recognized that. There should be the opportunity to create some trails around those attractions. Rattlesnake Creek trails we are recommending that it be a Gold Leaf trail. The reason it is a Gold Leaf trail is because we will have the opportunity to connect to the Poteat Plantation and the Brightleaf Tobacco marker in that area. You could also connect to the existing trails that we are building around Oakwood Elementary School and the Senior Center. You also have the trails at Maud Gatewood Park. That would end up extending to where we were talking about the Dan River trail as well. There is a chance at this point when we were talking about not benefiting Yanceyville with the Dan River trail there is chance to make a connection in this area and bring people into this area by way of that creek. That is how we start to create this fibrous network. You have these core trails and you build off of those. Hyco Creek is the same way from Baynes Store and Griers Church to Leasburg and then make connections up to Milton that way. I am trying to abbreviate this presentation because it could take forever if I go through all of it and you have all of this information in front of you. Again you have South Elementary, Griers Church, go down to Baynes Store, come up and connect to Leasburg and make your way over to

the Country Line Creek trail we had talked about and again you have those two core trails to build off to link what is more locally significant in the area. Same with Hogans Moon, there are a couple options there. East of 86 you have the Washington tour site and the Brightleaf Tobacco site. You can create a nice loop section in there to connect to that Dan River trail. To the west of NC 86 it is sort of a Green Leaf trail system. You have Hogan Creek and Moon Creek. You also have Park Springs Road and Allison Road and a bunch of roads in between there that if you could not have trails all along those creeks there are still ways to create trail systems. Same with Byrds Creek but this one will be a little bit more difficult because there are a lot of game lands involved that you would have to bisect and we are not necessarily recommending that anyone do that but the premise was that we were going to look at a creek in each sub basin, that is why it was proposed. There is a chance to connect to the County Line Creek trail on the other side of Yanceyville there. With Cherry Chapel it gets outside of the Dan River Basin itself. It gets into the Cape Fear Basin but there is chance to create a system there that will eventually connect to the Haw River trail. Again it is an opportunity to tap into what is already pulling a lot of economic tourism by way of trails and link that to Caswell County. Yanceyville Town trails; there are three that are recommended. One is a trail from historic downtown Yanceyville roughly following the Badgett Sisters Parkway and making a connection over at Farmer Lake. Again that will connect to the Country Line Creek trail system. The other is basically a sidewalk connection around the Senior Center into downtown Yanceyville and Maud Gatewood Park in that area and into downtown Yanceyville. The third connection from Bartlett Yancey School, old Dillard Middle School over to the historic downtown. In Milton we have already talked about the Dan River trail and the Country Line Creek trail and really at that point it is really making sure it is a safe connection point along the Main Street there. There are options to extend to the north but again that would involve properties in Virginia so it would have a cooperative effort there. The last thing we were asked to do per the public workshops was to look at an opportunity for a State Park in County. Without getting private property owners to consolidate land to create such a thing there is one opportunity that stood out and that is kind of central to Milton, Yanceyville and Leasburg. It is north of High Rock School Road and south of Longs Mill Road. This land is currently active game lands and we have to recognize that so it would require working with the State to convert that and it would really take the County's side as to whether they want to pursue it or not. The benefit of this piece of property is that it is somewhat isolated from other game lands so if there was a conversion to take place it is an easy way to say look there is no hunting in this area because it is not like it is tangent to any other game land. It really is separate. It is over 1300 acres and it is in that natural heritage area. There is already a trail, the Country Line Creek trail, proposed to go through this area so there is an opportunity to create a State Park there. With discussion with the State they have expressed desires to look at the conditions of some of the game lands because they don't feel they have the proper revenue coming in, not that they have identified this site at all but they have asked us to make some recommendation for some parks using NC State land. So that is the recommendation there. When all of this is said and done over the 50 years or so we could end up with at least 150 miles of trail in Caswell County, over 40 miles of paddle trail, again a roughly 1300 acre Heritage State Park, this would also provide substantial economical, physical, and social benefits to the County and in the long run this is what it looks like. Again this is conceptual in nature but you get an idea of how you build off of these main trails systems, you connect to more of the local historic routes, and then you have more of the Green trail systems that could augment that system. Again our goal is for this plan to be approved. Approval of this plan would allow

multiple agencies and grass-roots efforts the ability to begin planning and discussions about making these proposed trails a reality. It means talking with property owners. It will also give any of these entities an opportunity to pursue funding. When we were working on the trails at the Senior Center we did receive a grant from the State to extend those trails and one of the highest criteria as far as the point value when you write out a grant was if there was an approved master plan for where you are looking at this. An approved master plan would give a little more teeth to any of the property owners or any of the grass-root agencies that would be considered for funding to receive those grants. That is why we feel it is really important to get approval of this master plan. On Tuesday, March 5th the Yanceyville Town Council approved the plan unanimously so we are here tonight presenting this to you hoping that in the future or tonight that you will consider doing the same. The acknowledgement, the Caswell County Recreation Commission is an affiliate member of the Dan River Basin Association and they helped out greatly with the preparation of this master plan. The Dan River Basin Association preserves and promotes natural cultural resources of the Dan River Basin through stewardship, recreation and education. This was funded through the Danville Regional Foundation. That is how we got to create this plan and presented it to you. With that and I know it was an abbreviated presentation but I wanted to be sensitive of your time but I will be happy to answer any questions that you may have.”

Chair Lucas asked “You did say that the Town did approve this on March 5th at their meeting?” Mr. Hall responded “Yes they did.”

Mr. George Daniel asked “I know the county; well several years ago they looked at possibly of using some of these creeks, lakes as a fresh water system. My question is when you adopt this master plan like this along those creeks does that in any way if ever Caswell County is seen as a place that we could be a water provider for itself or for other counties around us will that inhibit being able to do that? It looks like to me it would if we adopt a trail on the creek side. I would just like to ask that.” Mr. Hall asked “Do you want me to respond to that?” Chair Lucas responded “Sure.” Mr. Hall continued “This is a conceptual master plan and by that it is able to adjust to anything that could be done like that. There are recommendations in the master plan that talk about how you follow the floodplain fringes so any of that basin would extend beyond that. I can tell you from the work on the trails around Lake Norman which is a water supply watershed for Charlotte, they have trails around all those systems and it has not been a conflict of interest.” Chair Lucas asked “Were the trails there prior to the...” Mr. Hall responded “They came afterward. When they built Lake Norman there were roads that got literally put under water so there is always ways to adjust and plan around. I think it is also important to note that we mentioned that the Dan River Trail and the Farmer Lake to Yanceyville Greenway are the only two trails we are proposing to be hard surfaced so really if anything happened along Country Line Creek or the others it would be real easy to adjust those.”

Chair Lucas asked “Mr. Hall isn’t there a whole trail section on the Department of Transportation website?” Mr. Hall responded “There is.” Chair Lucas continued “It is really interesting. I went there and looked at it and I was not aware that there were that many trails throughout the State. It is interesting and I would recommend to the commissioners to go there and actually visit that site. It is under the Department of Transportation.” Mr. Hall responded “They actually, just to add to that, when the bridge was replaced on Branch Road earlier this year

that actually contacted us to talk about this master plan because they knew it was in the works. They made sure that there was a corridor on each side in case there was to be a future trail.”

Chair Lucas stated “Thank you very much for the presentation and considering the fact that we just received this today we will take the time to look at it and get it back on the agenda.” Mr. Hall responded “Thank you so much.”

DETENTION CENTER UPDATE

Mr. Howard stated “The Detention Center is moving on pace to be completed in May as discussed at the last meeting. They have installed the lines for the lift station/grinder pump. They are waiting on the actual package to get here to put that in place. I have had discussions with Brennan and they have started preparing documentation or reports to approach the civil engineer on the site drawings about reimbursing the county to some extent for the errors that we have seen in the site drawings on the project. The two most expensive of those that we have had to put out for was the additional parking. That was an error due to nobody checking with the Town about parking requirements. That was \$74,099. The grinder/lift station was \$109,066 and then we had to reroute the water line and do some other work to it because the plans did not have it going to the correct road which is another ten to fifteen thousand dollars so we are looking tight at \$200,000 that we had to spend out of contingency just to cover those three items. They are working on that. Dennis will be at the next meeting to give you an in depth report on where it stands.”

Chair Lucas asked “I have a question about the electrical part of the project down there. Where do we stand with it? What I need you to explain to the Board is we have an electrical contract, is that right, with a company?” Mr. Howard responded “Yes ma’am.” Chair Lucas continued “And the name of the company is?” Mr. Howard responded “Morgan Mechanical.” Chair Lucas stated “Morgan Mechanical. Did that cover the connectivity of the building?” Mr. Howard responded “What you are referring to is the data portion of that. We were told originally in the contracts that it covered the entire data installation, running all the CAT6 cables, and then the junction boxes where you would plug the computer into. Within the last month we found out that this was not part of the project, the actual finishing it out so we are getting estimates to finish that part of it. That is our discussion with the architects. I have been involved in projects where that was included and not included. The problem is we were told from the beginning that it was included and we did not allow for that in our FF&E. We would have if we had been told that so we are working on that one as well. That is about \$18,000.” Chair Lucas asked “And you were told it was part of the contract and you found out that it was not?” Mr. Howard responded “Yes ma’am. I have been involved in some project where it was not included. When we asked those questions we were told by the folks down there on site it was included in the electrical contract as their scope of work. As we got towards the time for that part to be done we found out it was not included in their scope of work so we are having to find someone to do that.” Chair Lucas asked “Are you getting bids on that?” Mr. Howard responded “Yes we have gotten one and we are getting others. The bid estimate is about \$18,000.”

UNITED WAY FUNDRAISER REQUEST

Mr. Howard stated “You have a copy of an email from United Way in your packets. What they are requesting is to use the new jail for a lock up fundraiser prior to being put in full operation. I don’t know if we can grant permission at this time but I wanted to make you aware of that. It is going to depend on how much time we have between finishing and getting folks moved in. This is something for the Board to consider. I will bring this back up at the next meeting.”

Chair Lucas stated “They are saying prior to the opening of the detention center and we don’t know when that will be.” Mr. Howard responded “Well we don’t know the exact date yet but we know it will be some time in May. That is taking ownership. What they are asking is from the time we take ownership to when we put folks in there can they use it for one night to do a lock up fundraiser.”

COUNTY MANAGER’S REPORT AND UPDATES

DOT’s Request for 2013 Resurfacing List

Mr. Howard stated “I received a letter from DOT asking for any recommendations on resurfacing projects. I wanted to bring this to your attention, if you know of any roads in your district or any areas in the county that need to be resurfaced they are asking for those recommendations. They will put this list together and do through them as they go through their resurfacing list for next fiscal year. They had a list. They are just asking us if there are others that we know of that may not be on their list so they can compare those.”

Chair Lucas asked “When are they planning to be here? Is it the next meeting that DOT is planning to be here?” Ms. Seamster responded “They are planning to be here April 15th.”

Commissioner Hall stated “I would like to find out from the DOT what it would take to surface the road going into Farmer Lake.” Mr. Howard responded “Okay. You are talking about the drive from the hard surface into the lake?” Commissioner Hall responded “Yes.”

Commissioner Jefferies stated “I would like to found out about Old Durham Road in Leasburg.”

Chair Lucas asked “Any others from the commissioners?”

Mr. Howard stated “If you come up with any if you would send those to me I will send them to DOT.”

Pelham Industrial Park

Mr. Howard stated “They are in the process now of retrofitting the new pump station. They are putting in a new pressure tank and upsizing those pumps to increase the pressure at the Industrial Park. We have always had some issues with the water pressure at the Visitors Center and this will correct those problems. That should be finished within the next two or three weeks. All we have left to finish up over there is the relocation of the lift station to the back of the park so the whole park can use that lift station.”

Chair Lucas asked "Is the funding in place for that?" Mr. Howard responded "Yes ma'am. That is part of the Golden Leaf funding and all the grants we got the Department of Commerce grant, The Rural Center grant, and the Golden Leaf fund." Chair Lucas continued "So the so the lift station will be in within two weeks you think?" Mr. Howard responded "They may be finished this week depending on the weather."

Ambulance

Mr. Howard stated "The ambulance roll over incident. I wanted to try to clarify after reading the article in the newspaper. All of those costs will be paid for by the insurance of the towing company. The ambulance, once it is ready to roll, if there is any other damage to the engine or transmission or anything they are going to pay for that. They have also paid for us to lease an ambulance while it is being repaired. To kind of explain what happened on that. We have five ambulances. Three of those ambulances weigh about 3,000 lbs. Two of them weigh right at 16,000 lbs, the two newer ones they bought. When this call was dispatched the dispatcher sent the wrong size wrecker or tow truck out for that ambulance."

Commissioner Travis stated "That is an issue right there. The driver should have had more sense than to hook to it." Mr. Howard responded "I am not disagreeing. I am just explaining what happened."

Chair Lucas asked "The weights you gave us of the units, is that considered curb weight?" Mr. Howard responded "Yes ma'am. I think that is the gross vehicle weight. I am sorry." Commissioner Travis stated "The one he picked up weighed more." Mr. Howard responded "The one he picked up weight right at 16,000 lbs. I will try to get a more accurate weight." Commissioner Travis stated "He did not have enough truck to start with to tow it." Mr. Howard responded "I think what caused the roll over is he had to take a detour. He was going up a hill. When he stopped at the stop sign at the top of the hill he stalled the truck out and it rolled backwards. When it did the ambulance went over."

Chair Lucas asked "Was he in route to a call?" Mr. Howard responded "They got to a call and the ambulance broke down. I think it was a compression hose that actually broke on it. So they switched the ambulance out and then the wrecker went to pick that ambulance up."

Commissioner Travis asked "Did the same wrecker take the ambulance to Sterns Ford?" Mr. Howard responded "No sir, the owner of the wrecker company came out and supervised getting it turned back over and they used a bigger wrecker to take it on. The body work is being repaired right now." Commissioner Travis continued "Who is doing that?" Mr. Howard responded "Stallings in Danville." Commissioner Travis stated "I thought we had been using Cobb over here." Mr. Howard responded "We ended up using Stallings for that one. The insurance company wanted to use Stallings. It is all Ford parts and it will be checked by Northwestern, the company that built the ambulance. It will be taken there once the repairs are completed and they will do a thorough inspection at the cost of the insurance and if it passes that inspection it will be put back on the road."

Chair Lucas asked "I am not a mechanic but maybe Commissioner Travis can answer this. Is it logical for a compression hose to go bad on a 2011 ambulance? Can that happen?" Commissioner Travis responded "It could happen. I thought it was the turbo." Mr. Howard responded "I think it was the compression hose going into the turbo." Commissioner Travis stated "When they pull an ambulance the drive shaft needs to come out before towing or they need a wrecker big enough to pick it up from the back end. First of all, I don't like a guy coming from Danville to pull our ambulances. Why don't we contact the guy in Reidsville to do this? He has big wreckers." Mr. Howard responded "We use different companies depending on where they are at in the county." Commissioner Travis continued "That does not make any difference, if we can get a contract with Tarheel Towing I think it would be worth our money to have him do it all."

Chair Lucas asked "So there is no policy in place now?" Mr. Howard responded "There is no written towing policy. It is based on where the ambulance is in the county. They may use Diesel Engines out of Burlington but we are reassessing that."

Commissioner Travis stated "If we had the right size wrecker we would not be in the situation we are now." Mr. Howard responded "Nick's Towing has the right size wrecker to tow it they just sent the wrong size to tow it."

NCACC DISTRICT MEETING DATE

Chair Lucas stated "The closest one for our Board will be in Asheboro on April 3rd from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. I think right now Commissioner Hall plans to attend, is that right?" Commissioner Hall responded "Yes." Chair Lucas continued "Any of the other commissioners that are interested in attending if you would let the Clerk to the Board know so she can get you registered."

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

- A. Meeting with Senator Woodard and Representative Jones – Thursday, March 21st @ 4:00 p.m. – Historic Courthouse
- B. Meeting with School Board – Monday, April 8th @ 6:30 p.m. – Historic Courthouse
- C. Heritage Day – Saturday, May 18th 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.
- D. County Employee Family Picnic on June 22, 2103 with a rain date of June 29, 2013.

Commissioner Jefferies stated "April 3rd they are going to dedicate that bridge to Tom Buck at 2:00 p.m. in Milton." Mr. Howard added "The Tom Buck Bridge Dedication will be April 3rd at 2:00 p.m. They will do everything at the Milton Woman's Club. There is no room down by the bridge to do anything so everything will be done at the Milton Woman's Club."

Chair Lucas asked "Did everything hear the time and the date on the dedication of the Tom Buck Bridge?" Commissioner Carter stated "You might want to explain to the audience about it since it is the 50th year anniversary of his death." Chair Lucas stated "This is the 50th year of the anniversary of his death. It is a bridge dedication in Milton for Tom Buck. It is being named in his honor and that was the date and time for the ceremony."

CLOSED SESSION

Commissioner Carter moved, seconded by Commissioner Travis to preserve the Attorney/Client privilege – Triumph, LLC v Alamance-Caswell LME, an Area Authority/Local Management Entity, Alamance County, and Caswell County, Alamance County v PBH d/b/a Cardinal Innovations, John P. Paisley, Jr., Jandy Andrews and National Digital Forensics, Inc., Alamance County File No. 12CvS1365 (NCGS 143-318.11(a)(3) and to discuss matters relating to economic development (NCGS 143-318.11(a)(4)). The motion carried unanimously.

REGULAR SESSION

Commissioner Williamson moved, seconded by Commissioner Hamlett to resume regular session. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Carter stated that the Board needed to call the Winston Salem Division of Water Quality to find out more information about the reclassification of the Dan River.

Commissioner Hall stated that Caswell County was in line to get a pier at Farmer Lake through the Wildlife Commissioner and he was told that the County has been bumped. He thought the Board should send a letter to the Wildlife Commissioner to complain since the County had been told we would receive the pier this April. Chair Lucas asked if this should be shared with the legislative leaders when they come. Commissioner Hall felt that the County should express their displeasure with the Wildlife.

Commissioner Hall moved, seconded by Commissioner Travis to send a letter to the Wildlife Commission expressing the Board's displeasure with being bumped on receiving a fishing pier. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Hall stated that the Board had not heard from the Tax Office in quite some time on ad valorem taxes. Mr. Ferrell stated that the State is finally taking on the automobile tax collection. Commissioner Travis stated that the County does not know when we will start doing that here. Mr. Ferrell stated that before you can get your registration the person will need to pay their motor vehicle tax first. Commissioner Hall stated that his concern was the County just sitting back and not collecting old taxes. Chair Lucas asked the Clerk to schedule the Tax Collector to come to a meeting on these matters.

Commissioner Jefferies brought up the issue with the Town of Yanceyville and the water system to North Elementary School. He did not want Danville to have a bad taste in their mouths about the County. He felt the Board should meet with the City of Danville before moving forward. Chair Lucas stated that she had concerns with the Town meeting with the School Board and the commissioners not being informed. Mr. Howard responded that he found out about the School Board meeting the day it was held. He added that he and Ms. Dailey had talked and that he would be glad to talk with the City of Danville if the Board wanted him to. Chair Lucas asked if the Board had taken a vote to do this. Mr. Howard responded no.

Commissioner Hamlett stated that someone needed to be present at the next meeting from Brennan regarding the Detention Center. He added that he does not see a lot of working going on down there.

Chair Lucas stated that she had received complaints on the coyote population outside the Milton town limits. Mr. Howard responded that he does not live too far from there and that you can hear 50 to 60 at a time. He added that it was addressed during a Cattleman's meeting. Someone came in and talked about the issues. If someone has a problem these people will set up and kill the population. He will get the information.

Chair Lucas also asked when the carpet was going to be cleaned in the courthouse. Mr. Howard responded that the movie company had paid for the carpet to be cleaned and that Hunt Janitorial was cleaning this week.

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:58 p.m. Commissioner Jefferies moved, seconded by Commissioner Hamlett to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously.

Paula P. Seamster
Clerk to the Board

Cathy W. Lucas
Chair
