

MINUTES – JULY 15, 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, July 15, 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 Gerri Hunt 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

Chair Lucas stated “On the agenda it has been called to my attention that we need to remove or delete Item #9 Health Department Merit Raise Request. Are there any other additions or deletions that we need to be made aware of?”

Commissioner Carter stated “Madam Chair I would like to amend the agenda to add discussion about the Caswell Economic Development Commission.”

Chair Lucas stated “I also need to add an appointment to the Caswell County Schools, I received a letter after the agenda went out, there is a committee that has been formed to review the current policies and prices of rental facilities for the schools and the civic center and currently serving from the School Board is Mel Battle and Sylvia Johnson. They need this to be submitted by the 19th so if we can take action on that as well. We will insert that at #9 Appoint to the Board of Education, I am trying to decide was the name of the committee is here, I don’t think it has an official name.”

Commissioner Hall moved, seconded by Commissioner Williamson to approve the agenda as amended. The motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

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

The following items were included on the Consent Agenda:

- A. Approval of Minutes of May 21, 2013 Special Meeting

- B. Approval of Minutes of May 23, 2013 Reconvened Meeting
- C. Approval of Minutes of May 29, 2013 Reconvened Meeting
- D. Approval of Minutes of June 5, 2013 Reconvened Meeting
- E. Approval of Minutes of June 11, 2013 Reconvened Meeting
- F. Approval of Minutes of June 19, 2013 Reconvened Meeting
- G. Approval of Minutes of June 24, 2013 Reconvened Meeting
- H. Approval of Minutes of June 26, 2013 Reconvened Meeting
- I. Approval of Minutes of June 29, 2013 Reconvened Meeting
- J. FY 2012-2013 Budget Amendment #7

PUBLIC HEARING – CLOSE OUT OF THE CDBG – ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
PROJECT 07-e-1757

Chair Lucas asked “Is Mr. Green here?” Mr. Howard responded “I thought he was going to be here but I can handle the meeting though.”

Commissioner Travis moved, seconded by Commissioner Hall that the Board enter into a public hearing to receive comments on the Close out of the CDBG – Economic Development Project 07-E-1757. The motion carried unanimously.

Chair Lucas opened the floor for public comments.

Mr. Howard stated “Let me give a brief overview of what the project was just so it will be in the record. This is the close out of the CDBG economic development project 07-E-1757 which was essentially the construction of a 300,000 gallon tank at the Pelham Industrial Park. The total grant was for \$150,000 or 21% of the total project cost of \$719,315. NORAG committed to create 10 new jobs as a result of the project with 60% of the positions to be filled by low to moderate income. They filled all 10 jobs and they were 80% low to moderate income so we met the criteria to receive the full grant amount.”

Chair Lucas asked “So the balance left on the grant is what?” Mr. Howard responded “That grant has been completely expended. It was all for the water tank project which has been completed for the water tank phase.” Chair Lucas continued “So there was not a \$400,000 balance?” Mr. Howard responded “No we still have the Golden Leaf funds left in the project but this particular grant has been spent.”

Commissioner Travis moved, seconded by Commissioner Williamson to go out of the public hearing. The motion carried unanimously.

(At 6:36 p.m. Commissioner Jefferies entered the meeting.)

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chair Lucas opened the floor for public comments.

Ms. June Dailey came before the Board and made the following statement:

“Good evening. Before I start I would like to introduce you to our new superintendent. This is Dr. Renee Franklin who has taken Dr. Barker’s position and I feel sure that you will be seeing her quite often with the board and if you have any comments or concerns they can easily be addressed by her or any of our board. I am appearing before you tonight on behalf of the Board of Education to voice our disappointment in regards to the funding for the education system. We had met early on in the budget process with your whole board to discuss our needs. Questions were raised by your board from data applied from DPI regarding test scores, dropout rates and various other subjects. The question was raised about what was being done to increase test scores. We do have plans for improvement that are carried out by dedicated teachers every day. Monitoring of student achievement is done consistently in our system. Tutoring or other strategies are put into place for students who need help to be successful. While there have been some improvements our board and staff remain diligent in exploring strategies for continued improvement. Other items discussed included the needs, long term and short term. At a later meeting with your board in the budget process we were asked to submit additional data, which was provided to you. At that meeting only 4 of your 7 members were present. We discussed how additional funding was necessary to even maintain what we currently have and also was necessary to provide us with dollars in an effort to go forward. I am not going through all of that again. It appears that education is not a funding priority in our county. In order for us to be competitive we have to be able to offer our educators compensation and support equal to the neighboring counties. The difficulty we have is attracting math, science and EC teachers and administrators is directly related to our inability to offer signing bonuses, supplements and equitable pay. Caswell County ranks 113 out of 115 school districts across the state in local funding per pupil expenditures. 113 out of 115 and yet some you voice your dissatisfaction with the education our students are receiving. We realize we are a poor county and understand that there are many needs but aren’t our students deserving of every benefit we can provide. For money to be put into reserves when there are legitimate needs for maintaining and improving our education system does not seem to be in the best interest of the county and from what I understand the surplus in your fund balance exceeds the state recommendation from COG. The education system has a direct impact on economic development and so many other aspects of productivity for our citizens. The local school system budget continues to be cut every year and yet the expectations get greater. We continue to stretch our dollars in a manner that provides the most benefit however after receiving cuts year after year eventually services and maintenance will suffer. I have one parting thought, I feel like our students in our district deserve the very best we can offer them. Why can’t it be a priority of your board? Thank you.”

With no further comment Chair Lucas closed public comments.

TAX OFFICE REPORT

Mr. Thomas Bernard, Tax Director, stated “Good evening Madam Chair and Commissioners. In the past I have used estimated taxable value, individual reports and manual calculations. This part year for the budget session I used what is called a value listing report that gave me the total taxable value. The error in this report Camden and Carteret Counties were having the same issues. The report did not take out the agriculture and forestry deferred values. This program has been fixed by ACS. The final release was loaded on July 11th to fix this problem and the

report is working correctly now. I do apologize, sincerely apologize for the inconvenience that this caused the Board but we did get that report fixed. It does give the correct values and I have conferred with Carteret and Camden on that.”

Chair Lucas asked “Do you have copies of that information with you? Did you bring those?” Mr. Bernard responded “No, I can send it to you where they fixed the report. They said it has been corrected. This was sent to me and I loaded it, the parcel value listing report. It should be subtracting the total deferred as well to come up with the total market value. This has been corrected and included in this release. I can get copies to everybody.”

Commissioner Hall asked “I have several Madam Chair. First are we going to have a closed session with Mr. Bernard?” Chair Lucas responded “I was not planning to, no.” Commissioner Hall continued “Well I have a couple of questions. Mr. Bernard why would you use a program that was untested and one that you had not used in the past and not double check the figures?” Mr. Bernard responded “I was supposed to have been working. I used it and I did not catch it. I apologize. It is my fault on my catching it but I did go through it and catch it before the budget was passed. I admit I missed that.” Commissioner Hall asked “When you caught it why didn’t you report it to the Board?” Mr. Bernard responded “I reported it to Kevin first thing.” Commissioner Hall stated “But you don’t report to Kevin.” Mr. Bernard responded “Right but that is who I send the reports to.” Commissioner Hall continued “Mr. Bernard you made an error that was very disturbing for this Board and it created a lot of problems during the budget process and you report directly to this Board. So my question is why did you not report the error to the Board and not sending it to Kevin?” Mr. Bernard responded “That is where I send all reports on budget information. I send them to Kevin. I told him and I told Gwen Vaughn, the Finance Officer.”

Chair Lucas stated “I think as well most of the commissioners had the same concerns and same questions Mr. Bernard but once you showed the information and I wish that you had copies of that where it actually happened in Carteret County and Camden County and then you received notice from the company that it had been corrected. That glitch or error or whatever it was with the computer system had been corrected. Caswell County was not the only county it happened to is my point.” Mr. Bernard responded “Right. We validated the reporting issue with ACS. When I talked with Mary she was glad it was fixed because they were high on this too. I sincerely and it was very upsetting to me Mr. Hall when I did catch it and as soon as I caught it I notified Kevin and Gwen.” Chair Lucas continued “That was the same day that we were having a budget workshop like at 4:00 prior to that day I believe that we found out. Any other questions at this time? If not, thank you.” Mr. Bernard responded “Thank you.”

REPORT ON TALENT ENHANCEMENT GRANT

Ms. Rhonda Griffin, Library Director, stated “Good evening. We did receive the Talent Enhancement Grant. There were a couple of things that I had left out when first applying for the grant. We had a meeting and most of the people who were applying for the grant also left out these same things: the flood plan and the environmental plan. Because this is a class we did not realize that we needed to have those documents presented so we corrected that. The grant has been awarded to us and my first class is July 31st. We had a meeting a couple weeks ago and we

found out well basically my big news is there are several different categories. The purpose of this class is you go through the class in a year and a half and at the end of the class you have a grant application that you submit to the CDBG and hopefully get funded. There are several different categories. Well because of budget adjustments in Raleigh the only grant application they will now accept is infrastructure. In my mind I was building a new expansion to the Library next summer with all of you out there with shovels for the ground breaking and now that has been squashed. I have talked with Kevin some and we are trying to figure out an infrastructure grant so we are still going to pursue this and hopefully I will have a new library at some point but it will not be next summer.”

Chair Lucas asked “So what were your options before, infrastructure and building & use?” Ms. Griffin responded “It was NC Catalyst, Housing Development, Small Business, Entrepreneurial Developments, Infrastructure and Scattered Site Housing. But what they told me was there are absolutely no more building and mortar grants in this year’s cycle. We are going to work on an infrastructure grant and hopefully I can also use what I learn from this class to find a grant somewhere else for my new library. Any questions?”

BOARD OF EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Chair Lucas stated “I received a letter from the Caswell County Schools after the agenda had gone out and it is in reference to the Board of Education had agreed to form a committee to review the current polices and prices for the rental of facilities at the schools and the civic center and the goal is to receive feedback from significant members of the community. The Board of Education is requesting that a member of your department volunteer or be nominated to serve on this committee. Please submit your representative by July 19th. Board members that will be participating include Mel Battle and Sylvia Johnson. Once the committee has been confirmed I will be in touch with you to schedule the first meeting. I thought tonight we would entertain appointing someone to serve on this committee.”

Commissioner Williamson moved, seconded by Commissioner Travis to appoint Commissioner Larry Hamlett to serve on this committee. The motion carried unanimously.

DETENTION CENTER UPDATE

Mr. Dennis Foster stated “Good afternoon. Alright the good news or the bad news? The painters really messed up the high performance walls that is the bad news. The good news is we fired them and we are getting someone else in here that knows what they are doing. They are supposed to be here tomorrow. This company was recommended by the suppliers so at least they will know what they are working with. We got the door installed in the new office of records. We got some sheetrock patching to do there. The lift station and grinder are installed and the electrical is hooked up and ready to roll. The kitchen equipment is installed; gas and electric are ready to go. The laundry equipment is on site. We are going to have to build a pad to sit the dryer on in the washer room because it will not drain down in to well anyway we already have that worked out. It will be a little pad about 6” tall, stainless steel, we have the drawings down there.”

Chair Lucas asked "Excuse me, why won't it drain?" Mr. Foster responded "The effluent is low and our plans call for a trough that is an inch high, I mean a foot tall and so you have the trough here and then it drains down here so we have to get up and over in here somehow and plus they have laundry carts. My compadre down in Kinston had the same problem, same equipment, same deals, same trench drain or trough drain. It is a minor thing. It does not cost anybody anything. The plumbing is complete. We are going to go through and flush everything and make sure it is all working. They are on call to come back and fix up anything that does not work when we get to that part. Again we fired the painters and we have some more coming in. We go the fire hydrant repaired today that was backed over by the delivery truck so that is good to go. Spoke with my sprinkler guys and everybody involved with that we are going to flush the system again and everybody will witness and sign off that way we can turn the sprinklers on in the building. Video visitation equipment is completely installed and functioning. HVAC is complete, there is a little more test and balance but they are at 99%. The fire alarm guy will be in tomorrow to put the alarms in the kitchen so we can get the overhead inspection there. The line going down the side of the building will not stay there. The ccd has been issued for them to come out to install it per the specs."

Chair Lucas asked "Dennis excuse me, exactly what are they going to do to correct that problem?" Mr. Foster responded "You know the construction joints in the building where the caulk runs all the way from the top to the bottom that is a construction joint, it is about an inch wide in there. We have metal, slick rods that gives you a little bit of movement when the building moves. We are going to remove the caulk and insert the down leads into that cavity and replace the caulk in it." Chair Lucas continued "So how was it supposed to have been done?" Mr. Foster responded "Well they were supposed to put conduit in the walls. We had the solution in April of 2012 and this company had the plans and they just said this is what they were going to do and we are not going to allow it." Chair Lucas asked "And what you are proposing do you think this will work?" Mr. Foster responded "Yes ma'am, it will work. It was going to be in the masonry anyway. It is going to be in the masonry now so you won't see it." Chair Lucas continued "So it wasn't going to be in a tube or anything to protect it?" Mr. Foster responded "Originally it was going to be in conduit but this is the same thing but it is going to be outside the masonry but out of sight and that is all we are looking for. Somebody will steal it hanging down the side of the building like that. Again we have issued a directive to do that. The sprinkler system, we should have it up and working and I am trying to get all these guys out here at one time to flush it. The retaining walls and the sidewalks that we took out to put in the lift station the contractors will be on site tomorrow to take care of those two areas. Still need the roof access hatch back there in the back. Still looking for my kiosk, you have all that paperwork worked out right?" Mr. Ferrell responded "With the finance officer. What these are, are kiosk for inmate vending essentially within the jail. Instead of doing a manual delivery you have a kiosk system or an ATM based system that the Sheriff has bid out and a vendor was selected. There is a series of about 5 agreements that go along with these kiosks and we have been working our way through these with the vendor about some problems in personnel, etc. so where we are now is last week we sent a series of comments on the main agreement back to the vendor and I asked them to send me unlocked editable versions of the remaining agreements so I could make some further revisions because they were locked when they were sent to me. That is where we are. I have not heard back from them since I delivered my comments to them last week. That is where we are. I am hoping that we can just get the language worked out and get moving

on. This vendor has worked in several other counties in North Carolina. The finance officer has spoken with them and they said the ultimate services is a good one. We are just working to get the language in the agreements worked out.”

Mr. Foster continued “Tomorrow the guys, who supplied the freezer and refrigerator, is supposed to be here to charge up the compressors and get those turned on. All the wiring is there and all the parts and pieces. Again I told you we fired the painters. We have two things between us and getting a c of o on this. One is getting air, building management system integrated so that all the parts and pieces talk to each other and the other is to get the sprinklers on. I have sent out directives to the company that is responsible for integrating this stuff and everybody involved and that is pretty much our last hurdle to getting a c of o on this thing. I was on them today and I will keep sending emails and calling until they get here.”

Commissioner Carter asked “What are you looking at now for the completion date?” Mr. Foster responded “I am still pushing to get the c of o by the end of this month. Then we will have the Health and Human Services inspection. As soon as I get the fire alarm guy in tomorrow I can get the overhead in the kitchen and that will be pretty much all the local inspector’s duties on that. He will do that walk through. We have to get the smoke evac system working and all the building management stuff talking to each other.” Commissioner Carter continued “Did you have any flooding over there during all the heavy rains?” Mr. Foster responded “No sir, that door worked. I mean we got the door in and trenched around it and with these retaining walls I don’t see any problems in there. I really don’t.”

Chair Lucas asked “Wasn’t there some water in the lift station? I think Commissioner Carter reported that at the last meeting.” Mr. Howard responded “I think that was actually water in the town’s lift station. It was not in ours.” Chair Lucas continued “I just remember that report coming in.” Mr. Foster stated “The lift station is supposed to have water in it well inside of it but not out and around it. One thing with the control box there on the building that goes to the grinder/muffin monster it has a control on the outside, an on/off switch, and we are discussing some method either to put up some small chain length fence or some kind cage around it so folks just can’t walk by and flip the button and turn it on and off. That is something we are going to have to deal with but that is not a major problem.”

Commissioner Hamlett asked “On this page here from 6 on down are they complete? There is right many there. Has the kitchen equipment already been installed?” Mr. Foster responded “Yes the kitchen equipment, this is 2 weeks ago.” Commissioner Hamlett asked “Is the painting done?” Chair Lucas responded “No.” Mr. Foster responded “I had to fire those guys.” Chair Lucas asked “How much painting is left to do?” Mr. Foster responded “We have to touch up, mainly it is touch up. I mean put spots here and there coming through the housing and a little bit on the administrative side. They are going to have to sand and paint these out and a couple of door frames here and there, not a day’s work. Maybe two days work in the admin part and a couple days back in housing to take care of it. The high performance coating on the walls area a sticky point because they really messed that up.” Chair Lucas asked “And where are we with that, did you say?” Mr. Foster responded “We have another company coming tomorrow that is recommended by the supplier, the manufacturer, who know how this stuff works they will come

in, and smooth it up and then apply another coat on it. You will have some really water proof walls by the time we are done. It already has 3 coats on it but it was not applied correctly.”

Chair Lucas stated “I noticed you said that the fire hydrant had been repaired today was that the same company that was going to repair the drain that we had the problem with Friday?” Mr. Foster responded “Yes and when they come back out they will repair the parking lot down at the lift station and get it ready for the paving. When they come back to do that we will have them take care of the thing at the courthouse. We have it functioning now; the water is going down the hill and not stopped up in there.” Chair Lucas continued “For commissioners that did not know the drain flooded the Register of Deeds office again on Friday and Mr. Foster was able to get the backhoe in there and actually dig up the line that we were told was not there and was there apparently and hopefully it is going to get corrected.” Mr. Foster responded “It will get corrected. We are going to run it into the storm drain at the corner of the parking lot. That was nowhere on any plans and I talked with my site engineer and he went through all the records that were provided by Caswell County and there was no mention of it in there any where so it is really hard to lay blame on this one.” Chair Lucas asked “It’s hard to what?” Mr. Foster responded “It was hard to lay blame on this one because we did not have information that it was there and they based the site plans on county records and whatnot.” Chair Lucas continued “Well it has been repaired in 2003 and you can’t find any record of that is what you are saying?” Mr. Foster responded “I was not involved in that process and that is what the site engineer, Dewberry, relayed.” Chair Lucas stated “Because my understanding Friday was that you folks would be responsible for it.” Mr. Foster responded “Well it looks like we are because we have to fix it anyway.” Chair Lucas asked “It looks like what?” Mr. Foster responded “We are going to fix it. Don’t worry.” Chair Lucas continued “Well my concern is we were going to fix it a month ago, I think May 25th and it has consistently been a problem so hopefully it will be fixed.” Mr. Foster responded “It will be no problem anymore.”

APPOINTMENTS TO THE PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Chair Lucas stated “The discussion on this we have Commissioner Hamlett down but I think we checked with Paula the Personnel Committee was in place in 2011 but according to those records it is supposed to be updated annually with the rest of the boards. We did not appoint to it this last December so if we can have three volunteers to serve on the Personnel Committee that would be a good thing. Commissioner Hamlett has agreed to serve.”

Commissioner Travis stated “I will serve.”

Commissioner Williamson stated “I will serve.”

Commissioner Hall moved, seconded by Commissioner Jefferies to appoint Commissioners Hamlett, Travis and Williamson to the Personnel Committee. The motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF WOMACK GRANT APPLICATION FOR PARKS & RECREATION FOR AIR CONDITIONING

Mr. Howard stated “During the budget process we discussed that we had a grant from the Community Foundation to put in air conditioning in the Recreation gym. We did not fund it

during the budget process so we found another grant that we could apply for and hopefully get the remaining funds we need to do that project. Our estimate is for around \$26,000. We applied for \$13,000 from the Womack Foundation which gives us a total of \$25,000 to go towards that project. If we get this grant we would bid it out and then we will know if there are any funds needed to do that project so we will come back to the Board at that time. Right now we are just asking for approval to apply for this grant.”

Chair Lucas asked “And the amount of the grant again is?” Mr. Howard responded “\$13,000.” Chair Lucas continued “This is just approval to apply is that correct?” Mr. Howard responded “Correct.” Chair Lucas asked “Do you know the timeframe?” Mr. Howard responded “I think the grant is actually not until about October. We will not hear anything until October.”

Commissioner Hamlett moved, seconded by Commissioner Williamson to approve to apply for the Womack grant for air conditioning at Parks and Recreation in the amount of \$13,000. The motion carried by a vote of 6 to 1 with Chair Lucas voting no.

APPROVAL OF JOINT RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE CASWELL REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Commissioner Carter stated “I was not here at the last meeting because I was sick but I was kind of disappointed on the Caswell Regional Economic Development Commission was not passed because I thought all the boards had sat down and decided that this was something that everybody wanted to do. I have had a lot of positive feedback in the community about this and I would like to see why some of the commissioners don’t want to proceed with it.”

Chair Lucas asked “Do any of the commissioners want to address Commissioner Carter?”

Commissioner Carter moved, seconded by Commissioner Jefferies to approve the joint resolution establishing the Caswell Regional Economic Development Commission.

Chair Lucas asked “Is the motion in order?” Mr. Ferrell responded “Yes, at your last meeting if you will recall there was a resolution, a joint resolution proposed establishing a regional economic development commission and I believe that is the same issue that is before you tonight so what was before you at the last meeting was adoption essentially of the resolution which would create this commission on behalf of Caswell County and the other governing boards would have to take the same action on the joint resolution which I believe we heard the other jurisdictions had already taken. At your last meeting and I believe the clerk perhaps can help me out that the approval of that resolution was a 3-3 tie, I believe is my recollection. Just to clarify Mr. Carter it is the intent to approve the resolution creating the regional Caswell County economic development commission. I believe that is where we are with that issue.” Chair Lucas continued “By way of it being a no vote?” Mr. Ferrell responded “Right. According to your Board rules if a motion is not approved or an item is not approved after a vote you cannot bring it back up at the same meeting unless somebody that voted against it brings it back up. I don’t remember any vote to prevent reconsideration for any amount of time.” Chair Lucas asked “Can we check our local rules? Do you have a copy Paula with you?” Mr. Ferrell responded “I have a copy of the rules.” Chair Lucas asked “Can you check our local rules just to see if there is

anything other than what Roberts Rules says?” Mr. Ferrell responded “Sure.” Chair Lucas continued “A motion to reconsider, when is it in order?” Mr. Ferrell responded “A motion to reconsider must be made, this is just what I was saying, at the same meeting at which the original vote was taken and by a member who voted with the prevailing side. The motion cannot interrupt deliberation on the pending matter but as an order anytime before adjournment. That is Section 12 of Rule 19. Rule 20 and let me just read you Section 13 of Rule 19 which is to prevent reconsideration for 6 months. This motion shall be in order immediately following defeat of a subsequent motion and at no other time and that did not happen right but that is a mechanism to prevent reconsideration. Then you have Rule 20 which is renewal of a motion. A defeated motion may not be renewed at the same meeting and so by implication then at your next meeting you can consider an item that did not get a vote of the majority of the board.”

Upon a vote on the motion, the motion carried by a vote of 4 to 3 with Commissioners Lucas, Hamlett and Travis voting no.

COUNTY MANAGER’S REPORT AND UPDATE

Mr. Howard stated “I have two items. One is on the Pelham Industrial Park. We received bids for the final stage but we did not receive enough bids so it has been reset for July 31st. When those bids come in hopefully we will be able to address that at the next commissioners meeting depending on the timing. The other item I had, last week I was at the PELA, Public Executive Leadership Academy for that class. The final week I will be there August 5th thru 9th which I know is the same week as the commissioners meeting but I will come back for that meeting that night so I will be here for the commissioners meeting.”

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

Commissioner Jefferies stated “On the meeting on the 11th I understand we did not get a quorum. They said they did not get enough commissioners I don’t understand that. We had a meeting on the 11th. We had a meeting with Milton and Yanceyville on the 11th and my understanding is we did not get enough commissioners to have this meeting.” Chair Lucas responded “And it is rescheduled. Mayor Davis and Mayor Brandon were both in agreement and said it was difficult to schedule during the summer and we probably should have considered that when we set that date because of vacations.” Commissioner Jefferies stated “Mayor Davis said that he was contacted.” Chair Lucas responded “He said it was difficult during summer months to schedule meetings.” Mayor Davis continued “He did not tell me that, you know he called me and he did not tell me that. Something is not right here.” Chair Lucas responded “Well it was rescheduled for September 12th.” Commissioner Jefferies stated “Well he did not tell me that and I don’t like this and I want you to know this or whoever did it. It was not right.” Chair Lucas responded “Well it has been rescheduled.” Commissioner Jefferies continued “This Board is a Board and two or three people cannot make the move for this Board except for this whole board and I hope everybody knows that.” Chair Lucas responded “I don’t think that has been the intent.” Commissioner Travis asked “What is going on here?” Chair Lucas responded “He got a call.” Commissioner Jefferies stated “I want to know what is going on.” Chair Lucas responded “It was a conflict.” Commissioner Travis stated “If they can’t be there, they can’t be there.” Commissioner Jefferies responded “Well I might not be able to make it to a meeting but if there

was a quorum we needed to have a meeting.” Chair Lucas stated “You are right.” Commissioner Jefferies continued “That is the problem I have with it. No two or three people can say we are not going to meet.” Commissioner Travis stated “I don’t know where you are coming from Mr. Jefferies.” Chair Lucas responded “Mayor Davis.” Commissioner Jefferies stated “That is what he told me when he called me on why we did not meet.” Commissioner Travis asked “Why didn’t he ask us that?” Commissioner Jefferies responded “I don’t know.”

Commissioner Hall stated “Just for clarification, I have to say this, it was my understanding that some members of this Board decided that we were not going to meet and I think that is what Mr. Jefferies is saying that some members...” Chair Lucas responded “It was not to meet it was to reschedule the meeting so that we could have the full Board there. This is my point, the county manager was not going to be there but the other two boards would have their manager there and I personally was not comfortable attending the meeting without our county manager being present.” Commissioner Hall stated “I guess that is what Mr. Jefferies is getting at.” Chair Lucas continued “If that is the case, I thought as chair I could reschedule that meeting and have the county manager there.” Commissioner Hall stated “So what you are saying now is you rescheduled it because the county manager could not be there.” Chair Lucas responded “That was one factor and I think 3 out of 7 commissioners couldn’t be there so.” Commissioner Jefferies stated “Well 4 is still a quorum.” Chair Lucas responded “Well it was my call and I called it. Don’t blame anybody else but me and I will take full responsibility for it because I felt like the county manager should be at that joint meeting especially with some of the sensitive issues that we need to talk about so I will accept full responsibility for that.”

Commissioner Carter stated “I was asked about it too. I understood there was going to be 4 commissioners there so that would be a quorum.” Chair Lucas responded “Well it is a funny thing that when I spoke directly to Mayor Davis and Mayor Brandon they were both in full agreement to reschedule it for September when everybody’s vacations had been completed and it just proved to be a better time so that is my say on that.”

- A. 106th Annual NCACC Conference – August 22025th – Guilford County
- B. Board of Commissioners, Town of Milton and Town of Yanceyville Joint Meeting – Thursday, September 12th at 6:00 – Historic Courthouse

Commissioner Carter stated “I would like to thank the School Board for being here tonight.”

CLOSED SESSION

Commissioner Hall 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 consider the compensation, terms of appointment and performance of an individual public officer (NCGS 143-318.11(a)(6)). The motion carried unanimously.

REGULAR SESSION

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

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:40 p.m. Commissioner Hamlett moved, seconded by Commissioner Williamson to adjourn.
The motion carried unanimously.

Paula P. Seamster
Clerk to the Board

Cathy W. Lucas
Chair
