

## MINUTES – OCTOBER 30, 2012

The Caswell County Board of Commissioners met in special session at the Caswell County Senior Center in Yanceyville, North Carolina at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 30, 2012. 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: Nathaniel Hall, Chairman, Cathy W. Lucas, Vice-Chair, William E. Carter, Kenneth D. Travis, and N. Kent Williamson. Absent: Jeremiah Jefferies and Gordon G. Satterfield. Members present from the Yanceyville Town Council: Alvin Foster, Mayor Pro-Tem, Margie Badgett-Lampkin, Odessa Gwynn, and Ray McGuire. Absent: Curtis Davis, Mayor. Members present from the Milton Town Council: Mayor Harriet Brandon, Helen Hooper, Cathia Stewart, John Williams and James Upchurch. Also present: Kevin B. Howard, County Manager, Haynes Brigman, Town Manager. Paula P. Seamster, Clerk to the Board, recorded the minutes.

Chairman Hall called the Board of Commissioners meeting to order.

Mayor Brandon called the Milton Town Council meeting to order.

Councilwoman Badgett-Lampkin called the Yanceyville Town Council meeting to order.

### OPENING STATEMENTS

Chairman Hall stated “What I thought we would do as I indicated early on is to take 10 – 15 minutes to eat. What we will do is start with Margie and introduce ourselves.”

All members present introduced themselves. Mr. Mike Woodard, candidate for N.C. Senate and Carol Barber a business owner in Yanceyville were also present at the meeting.

Chairman Hall stated “Again we want to welcome everyone and I do thank you all for coming out on this cool evening. We have an agenda. Normally with the Board of Commissioners we would approve the agenda but we can kind of do this informally. Is there anyone that would like to add anything to the agenda that you see in front of you?”

Commissioner Williamson stated “I would like to add Cyber Security.” Chairman Hall responded “We will add Cyber Security. We will have you speak last before adjourning the meeting.”

Mayor Brandon stated “I would like to bring something up about the Tom Buck Bridge. What I had on here before was for the Town of Milton but this is something that is supposed to be countywide I think.” Chairman Hall responded “You can talk about it after the Town of Milton Update.”

Chairman Hall stated “The Caswell County Board of Commissioners has approved a lease agreement with the Town of Yanceyville for parking. That is just more of an announcement at this point. What I would like to do is to come back to #3 last so we will move on to an update from Mr. Brigman.”

## UPDATE ON WATER AND SEWER TAPS FOR DETENTION CENTER

Mr. Brigman stated “During our last discussion that we had we brought up some discussions about the water and sewer taps for the detention facility and I have not receive much of an update since to pass on to my council members. Our town engineer met with the Board of Commissioners in your special called meeting with your engineer. I just kind of wanted to get an update so that everybody will be on the same page where we are with that.” Mr. Howard responded “The Board has approved the low bid for the installation of the lift station for the jail. They are in the process of getting materials for that. I project that we will be coming towards the end of November to pay tap fees and everything to get those taps installed if not a little bit after that. Within the next two to four weeks we should be wrapping all of that up and coming to the Town to pay the tap fees, impact fees and making the installation.” Mr. Brigman continued “Unless my council members had any questions on anything, I just wanted to get everybody an update on that. That is it Chairman.”

## TOWN OF MILTON UPDATE

Mayor Brandon stated “We have really good help. Everything is doing better. We seem to have solved our sewer problems so I really don’t have any complaints and I am not crying. We even have a little money in the bank. The big thing I wanted to mention is the dedication service that we are supposed to have at some point in time and I do not know when yet with the Tom Buck plaque where will name the Country Line Creek Bridge there in Milton and we will call it the Tom Buck Memorial Bridge or something like that. I talked with, after Paula called me today, I kept thinking there was something that I needed to bring up and then I called the girl that I had been talking to, Larry Jackson, the grandson who is pushing to get this done, I called her today and she is waiting to find out when the plaque will be made, she does not know yet. It probably will be 6 to 8 weeks. So it probably will be after the first of the year before we can have this service or dedication or whatever. Many of you, I am sure, don’t remember or know Tom Buck but you have probably heard of him but he was the Town Constable. He was run down and killed in the line of duty. It will be 50 years the 3<sup>rd</sup> of April. That is all I have. I will let you know. Paula I will let you know. She said that she contacted you and me in a letter to Larry but I did not get it. I didn’t know if the prior clerk did not get to me or what but I did not get it. He sent me what she had sent him and that is why I called to check with her on what we were supposed to do. Until the plaque is done we can’t do anything but when it is done I will let you know and then we can do our thing. It probably will be done at the Thomas Day House in Milton.”

Commissioner Lucas stated “Since our Board just did the resolution for the opposite bridge in memory of William Claire Taylor, were you aware of that?” Mayor Brandon responded “No.” Commissioner Lucas continued “I was just wondering if there is anything being planned as far as the dedication service from the DOT?” The Clerk responded “It has not passed as of yet. They have not met on approving it as of yet.” Chairman Hall stated “Well let’s give them an update.” Mr. Howard responded “George Daniel came to the last commissioners’ meeting and asked the Board to approve a resolution to dedicate the bridge crossing the Dan River in honor and memory of Mr. Taylor in part because he got the funding to build that bridge.” Mayor Brandon

stated “So you are having to go through the same process that we had to go through with the state?” The Clerk responded “Yes ma’am.”

### CYBER SECURITY

Commissioner Williamson stated “I was asked to chair a committee for the County on Cyber Security. We had our first meeting. We have an IT person that works with all the departments in the county and from what he has said we are pretty much up on our security for the systems. Being that we serve some of the same people in Milton and Yanceyville I would see that it would be appropriate to invite you to some of the meetings to share some of the information that we are getting on cyber security not only from the local people but also the state. If you are interested you can contact me and we will let you know when the next meeting will be. I would like to invite you to the meeting or at least share the information with you.” Mr. Brigman responded “I would definitely be interested in that because the Town has an IT person as well and you are looking at him and I certainly have no IT background so yes I would be interested in any help that the county could provide. I am sure that most of you are aware our Town website was hacked recently on two different occasions so cyber security is something that we have come to learn about unfortunately so yes I would be very interested in sitting in with you on that meeting.”

### COUNTYWIDE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARD

Chairman Hall stated “I am going to move back up to Item 3 Countywide Economic Development Board. It occurred to me since the last meeting that it might be a good idea for the three boards to consider developing a countywide or a joint economic development board. To spur discussion I prepared a question sheet and it was put in front of everyone. We can go down from the top to kind of get us to where either we make some type of decision or we stop and say no we are not interested. So I kind of categorized these things and I copied this from somewhere, I did not make all of this up. The first time is Diagnose what we want to do. Is there an interest in forming some type of joint economical development board? I guess to discuss that the first thing we would want to talk about why would we want to do economic development.” Commissioner Hooper responded “We could certainly use it.” Commissioner Williamson responded “It could bring jobs to the county.” Mr. Brigman responded “I could help bring cohesion in the different entities in the county. We will be operating down the same road instead of people tugging and pulling in different directions. We would have a unified approach to economic development and I think that would be beneficial as well.”

Commissioner Hooper stated “Having a countywide development board we could see what is available for all parts of the county.” Mr. Brigman responded “There are already economic development boards already established across the state. You will find that they have researched what sites are available, what land is available, what infrastructure you have located where.” Mayor Brandon added “They can also tell you where the water source is.” Mr. Brigman continued “They can tell you where natural gas is and all of that stuff. They will even break it down to the training opportunities you can get from community colleges and high schools to support the work force. There is a lot to it and there is a lot that can be taken advantage of with an economic development board.” Mr. Howard responded “The key is you get a coordinated

effort instead of Milton trying to do something and Yanceyville trying to do something and then the county trying to do something, we will all be coordinated. I think Haynes mentioned this it gives a unified look for companies coming in that want to see that. They want to see cooperation within the community itself.”

Mr. Brigman stated “Another advantage to an economic development board is they can move and do things faster. You don’t have to worry about public hearings and things like that. You can get around things like that by having an EDC board. Obviously we want representation from each entity on that board so each board would have some input in the discussions.”

Councilwoman Badgett-Lampkin asked “How big of a board would this be?” Mr. Brigman responded “State statute is 5 to 9, it is somewhere between 5 and 9 members.” Chairman Hall stated “I kind of put these in order. We will get to the size later on in the discussion.” Councilwoman Badgett-Lampkin responded “I am asking that question because I have something that goes along with that later on but go right ahead.”

Chairman Hall stated “I will go back up to question number 2. Is this something that our constituents would support? The people that we represent for us the county citizens, for the towns your citizens.” Commissioner Hooper responded “I am a fairly newcomer. I know it is a farming county so I am not sure how they would feel about industry coming in.” Chairman Hall stated “Let’s not or at least in my mind I am not focusing on necessarily industry. When I talk about economic development we can talk about first and foremost expanding the businesses that we already have. If they would hire one more person that is one more job. They can expand and serve more people. They could have provided lunch for us tonight. That is economic development. It is broader in my mind than industry; certainly industry is a part of it.”

Mayor Brandon stated “We are not too anxious in the City of Milton to have; we would like to stay old. We bring a lot of attention to the fact that here we are. We don’t want a McDonald’s sitting on a corner somewhere. What we would need would be a different type of economic development board. We can get together on what would be more suitable for Milton and what would be more suitable for Yanceyville or in the county somewhere.”

Commissioner Hooper stated “I think publicity is a big thing.”

Commissioner Williamson stated “One thing with being a farmer in the county all of our goods and services are sold outside of the county. We don’t get any benefit from the taxes; the adjoining counties get the taxes. We don’t have a Farmers Market. We take our farming products outside and then the citizens within the county go outside and pay taxes to bring them back into the county. I think that would be a positive thing for the farmers.”

Chairman Hall asked “Do you think this is something that our citizens would support?” Councilwoman Gwynn responded “Yes.” Councilwoman Badgett-Lampkin responded “I think so, definitely.” Chairman Hall continued “Okay the third question, can we work together?” Mayor Brandon responded “Well we will see.” Chairman Hall stated “That may sound like a dumb question but we need to get all of this behind us.” Councilwoman Gwynn responded “I don’t think it is a dumb question when you think in terms of the entities, the county, Milton and

Yanceyville, when we look at Yanceyville the internals maybe that will help us to work out some of the internal problems in order to work together as a whole. I don't think that is a dumb question. I can help us as we are individual entities." Mr. Howard stated "I think a good question would be could we not afford to work together." Mayor Pro-Tem Foster stated "I think if we have a common goal it makes it much easier to work together. It is when you have groups that interests here and here and here that make it tough for the three, four or five that come together to work on something. If we have one focus as a group then we become one group and that would make it much easier to work together when everybody is looking in the same direction."

Mr. Brigham stated "This is what our fourth joint meeting that we have had together? I think that indicates that we are coming along as far as being able to communicate better together and understand what each other's needs are. I think that is certainly going to be able to help us as we potentially move forward with this CED Board."

Chairman Hall asked "Our legal counsel is not here so will have to rely on the Town Manager and the County Manager, do we need to have public hearings to establish this or do we want to have a public hearing?" Mr. Howard responded "I would not call it public hearings but definitely informational meetings, some type of meetings where we could get other organizations involved in the discussions. We would need to get the information out about what we are doing so they will understand it. I guess this would be a separate type non-profit board so it would not need to have any type of public hearings for this board itself, I don't think." Mr. Brigham added "It is just going to need a backing from each entity to establish that non-profit." Mr. Howard continued "Once it is formed we would establish the by-laws and other policies."

Councilwoman Badgett-Lampkin asked "If we are setting this up non-profit then we need to follow all the non-profit rules and regulations and all of that stuff right?"

Chairman Hall stated "Since we are moving pretty good on this, any problem that might arise with considering this?" Mr. Brigham responded "I think the big issue is going to be funds. How are you going to support this moving forward? Obviously a lot of these questions will be answered when you go through establishing the by-laws and things like that. You will have to consider the abilities of Caswell County versus the Town of Yanceyville and the Town of Milton when you actually consider dollars amounts that can actually be contributed to a board like this. I think that will be an obstacle that we will have to look at first and foremost to see what the solution is for that."

Mr. Howard stated "Talking about problems, when appointing folks to this board they will have power and authority. I will give an example of Wilson County, their EDC board got well ahead of itself. They were doing things that they really could not afford to do and the county had to come in and take over the industrial park. They had three or four hundred acres of land and they could not keep up with it and could not sell it so the county ended up moving in and taking over and tried to move the projects forward. The key is going to be appointing folks who will show leadership and responsibility in the whole aspect of it. I think they can cause problems as well."

Chairman Hall stated “In my notes and my design we are at the point now that we would plan to move forward and go to our individual boards, have discussions and take a vote on if this is something we want to do. I think we can talk about design and evaluation now because some of these things have to be considered. If we assume that all boards vote to move forward then we have to deal with issues of board make-up, how many members, engaging the right people. We also need to be concerned about issues like the county manager as raised. We have to get organized. It is time to decide on the proper status that we are going to use: are we going to have an interlocal agreement. Then identify the outcomes: what do we expect to get out of it. Any other thoughts that you may have when we think of design?” Councilwoman Badgett-Lampkin responded “When you said engaging the right people, we are talking about people coming from these three boards, right or are we talking about other people in the community that we might see or how are we doing this?” Chairman Hall stated “These three boards, if we move forward, will make that decision and that is why it is good that we are having this discussion. This is my thoughts and my words as far as engaging the right people. We have and I will just speak about the Board of Commissioners, we have several boards that we appoint people to and we appoint close to 200 people the last time I looked. Some of them may not really have an interest in a board that they have been appointed to. Some of them really may not have the skills that we need for the particular boards that they have been appointed to. When I say engage the right people I meant a couple of things with the concerns that Kevin mentioned we might want to start initially with the majority of the board being made up of these three boards but we would also want to look at business leaders around the community that could bring some positive stuff to the table. We might want to look at other organizations in the community that could bring positive things to the table and include them in the board make-up.” Councilwoman Badgett-Lampkin continued “So if we have members from these three boards it will be kind of like a steering committee and then inviting other people in. Is that your idea?” Chairman Hall responded “I am not suggesting either or. I am just suggesting that we decide on a total number of members, whatever that number is if we decided that we want two members from each board or three members from each board and other members of the community. Again we have to get back to our professionals and legal counsel and determine what design we are going to do whether it will be non-profit of course we have to comply with the various laws and right off I don’t know what they are. They will have to research and find that out for us.”

Mr. Howard asked “Would you consider contacting the School of Government to see if they have someone that may be able to help us with this?” Chairman Hall responded “That is one possibility. The School of Government is always willing to help. As we move forward or if we move forward certainly we can contact them. They may help us with some things that we are not thinking about in terms of design.”

Councilwoman Badgett-Lampkin stated “I would really like to see some young people involved in this beside Haynes. The only reason I am saying that is because we are working with the Youth Action Team down there and we are seeing so many good ideas that these young people are bringing forward just in the one or two meetings that we have had. I was thinking man I wish I would have thought about that. That is why I was questioning about the size of the board and if we could get some young people, some energy flowing. I am not saying, we are young at heart, my body is 58 years old but my mind is much younger if you know what I am saying. I would like to see some people that are young in body and in mind on there.”

Mr. Brigman stated “I think two members from each board would be appropriate. If you get into three you will run into problems with Milton and Town with the public meetings law because three would be a majority for our boards. Two members from each board would put us at six right there. I think that would give you a good sense of control with the economic development board and then have one or two spots for local business leaders that would want to fill in those spots.”

Commissioner Carter stated “I think that sounds good. I think it would be good to have some outside people and I also agree with Margie we need some young blood on the board.”

Mr. Brigman stated “I don’t think we are going to try to do anything outside of the box or try to recreate something. You should be able to find a charter and all of that very easily from the boards that are already established. Unless we are trying to reinvent the wheel or try to do something spectacular but unless we are trying to do something completely different from that others do I think it should be pretty easy to establish by-laws, the charter and things like that.” Mr. Howard responded “I think that is where the School of Government would help because they know what other folks are doing plus they know what is not working, what works in rural communities and other places. We would not have as many bumps in the road during the process.”

Commissioner Carter asked “Haynes mentioned the cost, what kind of costs are we looking at?” Chairman Hall responded “We have not gotten there yet. I think that in my mind, to establish a non-profit and do the basics is very inexpensive. It is not a huge cost at all. We have legal counsel on our board that could probably do that. We are not talking about a whole lot of money here to start. Now once we get into assessing our assets, making decisions on where we want to go, looking at projects, it will cost us a little bit. Right away I would not suggest that we are looking at hiring anybody. I think this group can get together to start the ball rolling. If you go down to Evaluate by number 3 is Move from low cost to high cost. That means one day when we get our feet solidly on the ground we may decide that we want to hire somebody part time or full time that would be the time for the discussion but right now my thinking is we do not need to look at that right away. I don’t see a very high cost.”

Mr. Howard asked “Are we looking at doing strictly economic development in the most common sense or tourism/development board to handle tourism as well? The reason I bring that up is if tourism is encompassed we have the ability to put it all on taxes for tourism.” Chairman Hall responded “Tourism is economic development.” Mr. Howard continued “Correct but some places the board does both but other places there are two boards.” Mayor Pro-Tem Foster responded “The size that this county is one board is enough.” Mr. Brigman stated “I think that one board would be able to operate not only in the short term but maybe even a decade from now be able to operate effectively when you are talking about hiring part time or full time. We can use the county and town expertise to help lead that board. That board would be filled with people in this room so you already have a sense of how things operate. I think we can operate effectively at a very low cost to begin with and maybe even further in the future. One thing that you see with a lot of economic development board that are well established or have been there for a decade is they have a pool of money to go out there and offer incentives for businesses to locate,

to offer low interest grants or whatever approach may be taken. I think we all need to go into this not expecting a whole lot in the first year but understand as we move forward and as the years go by, the stronger that this board will get in the future.”

Councilwoman Badgett-Lampkin asked “Can we go back for one minute; I would like to ask a question. The School of Government, how much do you think they will charge to come out and do what they do?” I know that they can charge quite a lot for some services. Now the N.C. League of Municipalities may be able to be helpful too with economic development. I don’t know what their cost is but their cost may not be as much so while we are looking at somebody who could help us out and we are still talking about how much things cost maybe we can ask them. Just a thought.” Mr. Howard responded “The School of Government has shown some interest in Caswell over the last several years with programs. Will Lamb is part of the economic development down there. I think he will work with us obviously I cannot guarantee it will be cheap but it is something that I can find out.” Chairman Hall stated “Go back to #3 low cost to high cost. If the School of Government says it is going to cost you money then we may have to pass on them for a while. We can go to the COG, Council of Government, or we can go or something else. If not we will have to assign this to people around this table but we will do it.” Councilwoman Badgett-Lampkin stated “I am sure we have some people around this table that has some expertise to share.” Chairman Hall stated “Keep in mind now we do have a new Senator coming up. We are at the low cost stage and we will investigate and consider everybody but if it does not fit our budget we will go back to plan B and right now I think plan B is for us to do it.”

Mr. Brigman asked “Chairman, do you have a time line that you would like to see this. I know none of us want to rush into anything but did you have a time line in mind?” Chairman Hall responded “I don’t want to rush into it but one of the things I put on here was to go back to our individual boards. I think that we all deserve the time to talk individually as boards and to make some decisions, to put it on the agendas as soon as possible so by the time we meet in January we all should have had time to act as individual boards.” Councilwoman Gwynn responded “I feel like this is something that we should have done yesterday rather than asking how soon. I think the next time we have the joint meeting we should know whether we are interested or not.” Ms. Seamster stated “You can actually have a meeting sooner. You don’t have to wait three months.” Councilwoman Badgett-Lampkin responded “Exactly. That is what I was going to say. Do we have to wait until January?” Chairman Hall responded “The beauty of it all is the decision makers are all in this room.” Councilwoman Badgett-Lampkin asked “The majority of every board is here right?” Chairman Hall responded “Yes.” Councilwoman Gwynn added “So before we meet again we should have talked amongst ourselves and know whether or not that particular entity is in and get that to the person so the next we meet we can have an agenda to meet in January with the joint meeting.”

Mr. Brigman stated “Probably many of the reservations for the board members is going to be that cost word. As soon as we can find out from our attorneys and from the School or Government and the League and whomever once we can get around about estimate we will go ahead and let everybody know because that is probably going to be what you base your decision on. I think that everybody in here would say yes I think this is a great idea, let’s move forward but let me see how much it is going to cost us before we go all in with you guys so I think we can work on

that immediately and get that information out to everybody so you will already have that information for your consideration.”

Chairman Hall stated “The only cost we must incur is the establishment part of the non-profit.”

Mr. Brigman stated “The 501C that I remember being created was the domestic violence shelter and it cost around three grand and that was extended for a longer period of time than was needed. That was around three thousand to thirty-five hundred just as an estimate cost to establish a non-profit.” Chairman Hall responded “I would have thought it would have been a tenth of that.”

Mr. Brigman stated “That accounted for out attorney fees to set that up. I think there was a \$750 application fee or something like that. Most of those costs revolved around attorney fees.”

Chairman Hall responded “Surely we would need to know what the application fees are.”

Councilwoman Badgett-Lampkin stated “Maybe some interns like from UNC could possible want to work on something like that especially if that is what they are going to school for. That is a possibility. They have been very helpful in the past with helping with grants and other things. Can I ask this question here? Learn and adapt?” Chairman Hall responded “We get started. We have some hits and some misses. We learn something and we adapt or maybe change courses. When you learn something new you may have to do something different. In my mind that should be constant. This whole process is new to the entire board. As we gather information there may be changes.”

Mr. Brigman stated “I want to talk about your last one, #4 under Evaluate, Build the capacity to sustain. It is easy for us to sit in here and say yes an economic development board would be a fantastic idea but then it all comes down to each board deciding on what they are going to put in. If you don’t put a lot in it, it will kind of sit there and the possibility will be it fizzles out. So what is the feeling among the people in the room on their ability to commit to this board to making it a sustainable entity? Obviously I don’t have any dollar amounts or anything like that but dollars are what we are talking about so it is something that each person needs to consider when talking about this. There will be dollars asked from your community to make this sustainable.” Chairman Hall responded “As we get to that the dollars needed or required will be dictated by what it is we want to accomplish.”

Councilwoman Badgett-Lampkin asked “We never did identify out outcomes expected did we?” Chairman Hall responded “Not really. We can talk about that and again it is good to talk about all of this upfront in the right frame of mind. In my way of thinking we are talking about a broad stroke of things. First if we can encourage business and industry to the county. Work with current businesses and encourage them to expand. Work with the young people of the county and encourage them to become entrepreneurs. Work with the agribusiness people of the county. Encourage them to expand. To start there is a lot of farmland in the county that is just not being used. There are a lot of things that we can do I think as a combined board and again want cost us a lot of dollars but if the boards’ focus changes or wants to get involved in something then we can decide how much we will contribute.”

Mr. Brigman stated “I want to re-iterate, I did not mean for you all to be included but if we do this properly there will be dollars that we invest that will be returned to us in property values,

workers having jobs in the community and things like that so it is not like we will be throwing money into something that will not have it returned. I did not mean to come across all doom and gloom earlier but that is something that we need to consider to make it sustainable we have to realize this.” Chairman Hall responded “It is important that we understand that be it property taxes, sales taxes or whatever. Whatever we do to make that better we can ease the tax burden on property taxes on all of the citizens we are better off.”

Councilwoman Gwynn stated “One thing comes to mind, Baldwin and that business we can look into it and see how it is done beyond the Caswell County boundaries and working with micro-greens. I mean everybody is getting food or whatever shipped in. We are definitely not raising tobacco anymore so we have the farms there. Everybody likes to buy local now in the stores. When we started talking about all the contaminants on the foods coming in we definitely have the farmland here but no one has thought about micro-greens. They need to work with Joey Knight and person like that to work with farmers or young people just to get them to look at things such as that.” Chairman Hall responded “And I think, just to cut you off a minute, what would be helpful to this board is that some people have thought about it, we just don’t know who they are. We need to get out there and know who they are. Plus it is so small but the opportunities are so great and we just don’t know it.” Councilwoman Gwynn continued “Absolutely. I am sure we have a lot of other talents you know here in the county. Milton, she said we don’t want to look like a contemporary place but you already have an antique shop there and some other things. You can expand on that. So there is a lot there if we will just work it.”

Commissioner Carter stated “All parts of the county can be considered. One business that has in the last couple of years has expanded. Over there on 87, Matkins Meat Processor, Joey Knight’s staff stepped in and got a grant to update their equipment.”

Chairman Hall stated “We want to always keep thinking broadly. Economic Development is a way to bring another dollar into the county. About 2 weeks ago we had a bicycle ride here in the county. We were contacted by the club. We, being certain people in the county were contacted by this club in Durham and said we want to bicycle in Caswell. They did a ten mile ride, a sixty-five mile ride, and a hundred mile ride and they were elated just looking at the countryside. They are planning to come back so what we have to do is encourage groups like that, welcome them and it does not cost us anything. They came. They brought their own bicycles. They brought their own food. They brought everything. We do want to encourage them to spend a little money while they are here but my point is there are people that want to come to Caswell for reasons that we kind of take for granted.”

Councilwoman Badgett-Lampkin stated “We talk about the money but there are a lot of resources here too. The things that we already have that people can reuse, recycle or reinvent. That would help it a whole lot.”

Commissioner Carter stated “You would be surprised how many stop at the Welcome Center. People are coming in to see what Caswell County has to offer.” Chairman Hall asked “Does anybody have any idea how many people stop there? Three years ago at one of our COG meetings it was said that they handled over a million people. A million people coming through Caswell County and we don’t even know it. We don’t even get a dime from them and we don’t

say hey ya'll come back. It is a great opportunity." Councilwoman Badgett-Lampkin responded "That is a lot of people."

Chairman Hall stated "So we are still back to Outcomes."

Councilwoman Badgett-Lampkin stated "I am sure Mr. Woodard is sitting over there trying to figure out how he is going to be able to help us too. I am sure he is busting with ideas."

Chairman Hall responded "So we are going to invite him to the center stage and the business lady too. Everybody in the community is a part of this."

Ms. Barber stated "From being an outsider and looking in I think Caswell County is probably the best kept secret in the state. Looking at it from a different perspective, it has the dreaded bedroom community label. I don't know what comes first, if the people move here or move their business here because they want to live here or do they move here because their businesses are here. I think like you say Milton is its own unique town in Caswell County and Yanceyville as well. We see people on the square every weekend because it is such a quaint, fabulous county and I think that is what Caswell County has to offer, itself, the physical aspect of it."

Chairman Hall stated "Thank you. So have we chewed on this enough now to go back to our respectful boards and somebody did suggest the idea of maybe an earlier meeting than January." Councilwoman Badgett-Lampkin responded "I just said that because I am excited about it too."

Commissioner Carter stated "I would definitely like to see our county manager and the town manager on the board."

Mayor Pro-Temp asked "I assume, Kevin, that the six to nine members are voting members and we can add ex-officio members to that board?" Kevin Howard responded "Yes sir. That is something that we can figure out."

Chairman Hall stated "I think by the next meeting we can have all that information. We have had a lot of stuff laid out. We have done a lot of talking and we have a lot of answers that we need to get together and we always come back to what is this going to cost. We need to pin our general counsel down to see what it is going to cost to get a non-profit set up. We need to know what the fees are because that is non-negotiable. One thing that we did not respond to is whether to meet earlier than next quarter." Mayor Pro-Tem responded "December is going to be a tough month to meet." Commissioner Williamson responded "November is a tough month too."

Councilwoman Gwynn stated "I would say to expect when we meet again in January that each entity to have an answer yes or no and then we move on from there. I am saying not to wait until January to hear from them whether or not they want to participate and move on with this."

Mr. Brigman asked "When is your meeting in December?" Mayor Brandon responded "The first Tuesday." Mr. Howard stated "I was going to say we can discuss it with our board and then I will be happy to come to your board meeting to relay the information." Mayor Brandon stated "We have a meeting next week and then we have a meeting the first Tuesday in December." Councilwoman Gwynn stated "Our meeting will be the 13<sup>th</sup> because of election day." Mr.

Brigman stated "That should give us time to, before their December meeting, to have this cost information and it may be something that you guys can vote on in your December meeting and then we can get a feel of whether everybody is in and then we can develop choices. Then at our next joint meeting we will come with choices and we will talk through each one of them and make our decisions then."

Councilwoman Badgett-Lampkin stated "It sounds like at the January joint meeting that will probably take up the majority of that meeting." Mr. Brigman responded "Unless there is something pressing that would probably be the majority of the meeting and it probably will be a long meeting."

Chairman Hall stated "Thank you for your indulgence and your consideration. I think we are moving here. Do we have anything else on our agenda?" Mr. Brigman asked "Do we want to go ahead and set the next meeting for January?" Councilwoman Gwynn asked "What about the 10<sup>th</sup> or the 17<sup>th</sup>?" Chairman Hall asked "What date are you feeling?"

The three boards decided to meet on January 10, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. The Town of Yanceyville will host the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:15 p.m. Commissioner Travis moved, seconded by Commissioner Williamson to adjourn the Caswell County Board of Commissioners' meeting. Councilwoman Gwynn moved, seconded by Councilwoman Badgett-Lampkin to adjourn the Town of Yanceyville's meeting. Commissioner Williams moved, seconded by Commissioner Upchurch to adjourn the Town of Milton's meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

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Paula P. Seamster  
Clerk to the Board

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Nathaniel Hall  
Chairman

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