

## MINUTES – APRIL 27, 2009

The Caswell County Board of Commissioners met in special session at the Caswell County Senior Center in Yanceyville, North Carolina at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, April 27, 2009. The purpose of the meeting was to meet jointly with the Yanceyville Town Council and Milton Town Council to discuss issues of mutual concern. Members present: Jeremiah Jefferies, Chairman, George W. Ward, Jr., Vice-Chairman, Eric D. Battle, William E. Carter, Nathaniel Hall, Gordon G. Satterfield, and Kenneth D. Travis. Yanceyville Town Council Members present: Curtis E. Davis, Mayor, Margie Badgett-Lampkin, Mayor Pro-Tem, Alvin W. Foster, Ray McGuire, and Fred A. Smith. Milton Town Council Members present: Larry H. Jeffress, Mayor, Harriet Brandon, Mayor Pro-Tem, James B. Upchurch, Jr., and John S. Williams. Also present: Kevin B. Howard, Caswell County Manager, David Parrish, Yanceyville Town Manager, Carolyn Payne, Yanceyville Finance Officer, and Angela Evans representing The Caswell Messenger. Wanda P. Smith, Clerk to the Board, recorded the minutes.

### CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Jefferies called the meeting of the Caswell County Board of Commissioners to order.

Mayor Davis called the meeting of the Yanceyville Town Council to order.

Mayor Jeffress called the meeting of the Milton Town Council to order.

### DISCUSSION OF ISSUES OF MUTUAL CONCERN

There was considerable discussion by all Boards of water supply issues throughout the County.

Mayor Davis stated that the Yanceyville Town Council would like to see the Town's water line located in Providence connected to the County's water line at North Elementary School. Mayor Davis added that there is always a possibility of the Yanceyville Water Plant becoming contaminated and affecting the water supply, and expressed the importance of supplying water to the schools. Mayor Davis noted that he felt that the most important topic to be discussed tonight is water supply issues. Mayor Davis stated that he would like to see the County support the idea of the Town connecting its water line in Providence to the County's water line at North Elementary School, and then efforts be made to secure funding on the state and federal level to complete the water line project.

Mr. David Parrish, Yanceyville Town Manager, stated that another option for water supply is to buy water from the City of Danville. Mr. Parrish added that if the Town's water became contaminated, Farmer Lake is their only water source.

Commissioner Carter noted that there is not a water meter at North Elementary School. Mr. Howard stated that if residences were allowed to tap onto this water supply, then meters would need to be installed.

Mr. David Parrish informed the Boards that Rural Development is expected to receive some stimulus money this summer and the Town of Yanceyville is currently preparing an application for some of these funds. Mr. Parrish noted that the Yanceyville Town Council has discussed this with Representative Bill Faison and Senator Tony Foriest and they are aware that the Town would like to receive some of this funding.

Mayor Jeffress informed the joint Boards that the Town of Milton currently has a \$2,000,000 sewer project which should be in operation by the end of June, 2009. Mayor Jeffress stated that the project has been under construction for a while, the site is currently under construction, the main lines are in, and they are about finished with putting in the septic tanks. Mayor Jeffress added that they are in the process of running feeder lines to those areas now, and then it is a matter of testing and tying everything in together. Mayor Jeffress stated that about 12 years ago he came before the Board of Commissioners about the possibility of a study regarding a new sewer system for the Town of Milton. Mayor Jeffress added that the Board of Commissioners granted the Town of Milton \$5,000, and without these funds they may not have gotten to this point with the project.

Mayor Jeffress stated that a lot of the stimulus money will be used for schools because lottery monies have been cut. Mayor Jeffress added that if the opportunity ever came to run a water line down NC 62, the Milton Town Council would be very supportive because they have one source of water and a small back-up. Mayor Jeffress noted that the Town of Milton's water supply is sufficient unless there were a two year drought or contamination.

Mayor Pro-Tem Badgett-Lampkin stated that education is an extremely high priority for her.

Commissioner Satterfield stated that meetings like this are good because collectively the joint Boards can do much more than individually, and the Boards need to work very closely together. Commissioner Satterfield noted that due to the proximity of Caswell County's location, the County would be an excellent area in which to build a regional water system. Commissioner Satterfield added that now is a good time to start discussing this issue with the County's legislators because water is a critical issue. Commissioner Satterfield noted that a regional water supply would enhance the value of the land for the County and taxpayers. Commissioner Satterfield stated that it would take the support of everyone present to make something like this happen. Commissioner Satterfield added that the County needs to go ahead and pursue a regional water supply system because not many counties could do a project like this and not have to relocate a lot of homes. Commissioner Satterfield stated that Caswell has a lot of game lands owned by the State of North Carolina, and this could make a difference since the state is in dire need of water.

The Boards discussed the inmate labor provided by the Dan River Prison Work Farm and the possibility of the State cutting back on the usage of inmate labor.

Mayor Davis informed the Board that Piedmont Community College has been utilizing the Yanceyville Municipal Building for training and other events for several years, but they have not been paying any of the utility costs. Mayor Davis stated that it cost the Town \$18,000 last year in utility costs for the Municipal Building and they cannot continue to fund this amount.

Mayor Davis questioned whether the Town could receive any revenues from court costs since they no longer utilize the parking meters in the Town parking lot across from the Courthouse.

Commissioner Hall questioned the Milton Town Council as to the economic benefits from the VIR Race Track and it appeared that there were some benefits, but not a substantial amount. Commissioner Hall emphasized the importance of jointly developing an economic development plan which would benefit the entire County.

Chairman Jefferies thanked the Yanceyville and Milton Town Councils for agreeing to meet with the Board of Commissioners and added that he looked forward to joint meetings in the future.

Mayors Davis and Jeffress expressed their appreciation for being invited to meet and their willingness to continue with meetings like this.

THE ADJOURNMENT

At 8:25 p.m. Commissioner Ward moved, seconded by Commissioner Carter to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

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Wanda P. Smith  
Clerk to the Board

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Jeremiah Jefferies  
Chairman

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