MINUTES – DECEMBER 3, 2018

The Caswell County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at the Caswell County Historic Courthouse in Yanceyville, North Carolina at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, December 3, 2018. Members present: Rick McVey, Chairman, Jeremiah Jefferies, Vice-Chairman, Sterling Carter, William E. Carter, Steve Oestreicher and David J. Owen. Also present: Bryan Miller, County Manager and Brian Ferrell, County Attorney. Paula P. Seamster, Clerk to the Board, recorded the minutes.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Chairman Hall 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 CONSENT AGENDA

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

The following item was included on the Consent Agenda:

A. Approval of Minutes of November 19, 2018 Special Meeting

PRESENTATION TO COMMISSIONER TRAVIS

Chairman Hall stated “The next order of business is to make a presentation to our outgoing Commissioner, Mr. Kenneth Travis. Mr. Travis please stand.”

Commissioner Kenneth Travis was presented with a framed picture of the Historic Courthouse.

Chairman Hall stated “On behalf of the citizens of Caswell County and this Board we thank you for your many years of service to Caswell County and we appreciate all that you have done for the county.”

Commissioner Travis stated “Well what I would like to say is thank you to all the people that supported me during all these years and I have been here for 20 years of service. I appreciate all the people on this Board here for all the calls when I was sick. Ms. Seamster has been awful great to me, Bryan and everything has been great. I would like to thank all of you for everything. God bless all of you.”

Chairman Hall stated “In addition to framed picture we have a plaque for you in honor of your 20 years of service to Caswell County and its citizens.”

KENNETH D. TRAVIS

Thank you for 20 years of service

to Caswell County and its citizens

“The quality of a leader is reflected in the

standards they set for themselves.”

CASWELL COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

December 1998 – December 2018

Chairman

December 2013 – December 2015

December 2016 – December 2017

Vice-Chair

December 2000 – December 2001

December 2005 – December 2006

December 2009 – December 2011

December 2012 – December 2013

CALL TO ORDER OF ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

Ms. Paula P. Seamster, Clerk to the Board, called to order the organizational meeting of the Caswell County Board of Commissioners.

OATHS OF OFFICE

Judge Osmond Smith administered the following Oaths of Office for County Commissioner to Mr. William E. Carter, Mr. David J. Owen and Mr. Steve L. Oestreicher.

NORTH CAROLINA

CASWELL COUNTY OATH OF

 **COMMISSIONER OF CASWELL COUNTY**

I, **WILLIAM E. CARTER**,do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support and maintain the Constitution and laws of the United States, and the Constitution and laws of North Carolina not inconsistent therewith, and I will faithfully discharge the duties of my office as Commissioner of Caswell County, so help me God.

 S/William E. Carter \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 **William E. Carter**

Subscribed and sworn to

before me this 3rd day

of December, 2018.

S/Osmond Smith\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Osmond Smith

Superior Court Judge\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Title

NORTH CAROLINA

CASWELL COUNTY OATH OF

 **COMMISSIONER OF CASWELL COUNTY**

I, **DAVID J. OWEN**,do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support and maintain the Constitution and laws of the United States, and the Constitution and laws of North Carolina not inconsistent therewith, and I will faithfully discharge the duties of my office as Commissioner of Caswell County, so help me God.

 S/David J. Owen \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 **David J. Owen**

Subscribed and sworn to

before me this 3rd day

of December, 2018.

S/Osmond Smith\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Osmond Smith

Superior Court Judge\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Title

NORTH CAROLINA

CASWELL COUNTY OATH OF

 **COMMISSIONER OF CASWELL COUNTY**

I, **STEVE L. OESTREICHER**,do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support and maintain the Constitution and laws of the United States, and the Constitution and laws of North Carolina not inconsistent therewith, and I will faithfully discharge the duties of my office as Commissioner of Caswell County, so help me God.

 S/Steve L. Oestreicher\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 **Steve L. Oestreicher**

Subscribed and sworn to

before me this 3rd day

of December, 2018.

S/Osmond Smith \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Osmond Smith

Superior Court Judge\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Title

ORGANIZATION OF BOARD

Election of Chairman

The Clerk to the Board opened the floor for nominations for Chairman of the Caswell County Board of Commissioners.

Commissioner W. Carter moved, seconded by Commissioner Owen to nominate Commissioner McVey for Chairman of the Caswell County Board of Commissioners. The motion carried unanimously.

Chairman McVey presided over the remainder of the meeting.

Elections of Vice Chairman

Chairman McVey opened the floor for nominations for Vice-Chairman of the Caswell County Board of Commissioners.

Commissioner Owen moved, seconded by Commissioner W. Carter to nominate Commissioner Jefferies as Vice Chairman. The motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF BONDS FOR PUBLIC OFFICIALS.

Commissioner W. Carter moved, seconded by Commissioner Owen to approve the following Bonds for Public Officials. The motion carried unanimously.

BONDS FOR PUBLIC OFFICIALS

Register of Deeds $ 25,000

Tax/Delinquent Tax Collector $ 75,000

Sheriff $ 25,000

Finance Officer $100,000

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chairman McVey stated that an item from the Board of Elections needed to be added to the agenda and it will be added after Public Comments.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chairman McVey asked if there was anyone who would like to speak during Public Comments. With no comments Chairman McVey closed Public Comments.

RESOLUTION OF THE CASWELL COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS CERTIFYING AND DECLARING BOND REFERENDUM RESULTS

Mr. Miller stated that the county received the certified bond referendum results last week. Mr. Miller read the resolution certifying and declaring bond referendum results:

**RESOLUTION OF THE CASWELL COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS CERTIFYING AND DECLARING BOND REFERENDUM RESULTS**

**WHEREAS**, the Caswell County Board of Elections has certified the results of the school bond referendum held in and for the County of Caswell, North Carolina on November 6, 2018 as set forth below.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Commissioners of the County of Caswell, North Carolina, that it the Board of Commissioners of the County of Caswell, North Carolina certifies and declares as follows:

On the question "Shall the order authorizing up to $36,500,000 of general obligation bonds, plus interest, of the County of Caswell, North Carolina for the purpose of paying costs of capital improvements to the County's public school facilities including safety and security improvements to County schools and improvements, construction and renovation at the County's high school, and providing that additional taxes may be levied in an amount sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on the bonds, as adopted by the County of Caswell Board of Commissioners on June 18, 2018, be approved?" the total number of voters voting "Yes" was 4,927 and the total number of voters who voted "NO" in answer to such question was 3,121.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the issuance of the general obligation bonds described above has been authorized and approved by a majority of the voters of the County of Caswell who voted on such question.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this Resolution shall be filed in the office of the County Clerk and inserted in the minutes of County Board of Commissioners, and that the County Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to promptly publish a statement of such results in the form prescribed by law.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Commissioner Owen moved, seconded by Commissioner Jefferies to accept the resolution

certifying and declaring bond referendum results as read. The motion carried unanimously.

RECOGNITIONS

Commissioner W. Carter thanks everyone who is responsible for beautifying the downtown. He

added that it really looks nice at night. He thanked everyone for taking the time to decorate.

Commissioner S. Carter stated “I would like to thank those that did the Winter Lights Trail and

the event on Friday night was awesome and had a great attendance and we’re looking for that

event growing. And then on a more personal note, I would like to recognize our clerk, Ms.

Seamster on the birth of her granddaughter.”

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS 2019 MEETING DATES

Monday, January 7, 2019

Tuesday, January 22, 2019 (Holiday)

Monday, February 4, 2019

Monday, February 18, 2019

Monday, March 4, 2019

Monday, March 18, 2019

Monday, April 1, 2019

Monday, April 15, 2019

Monday, May 6, 2019

Monday, May 20, 2019

Monday, June 3, 2019

Monday, June 17, 2019

Monday, July 1, 2019

Monday, July 15, 2019

Monday, August 5, 2019

Monday, August 19, 2019

Tuesday, September 3, 2019 (Holiday)

Monday, September 16, 2019

Monday, October 7, 2019

Monday, October 21, 2019

Monday, November 4, 2019

Monday, November 18, 2019

Monday, December 2, 2019

Monday, December 16, 2019

Commissioner Owen moved, seconded by Commissioner Oestreicher to approve the Board of Commissioners 2019 meeting dates. The motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION OF BOARDS AND COMMITTEES FOR COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Owen stated that he would like for Cori Lindsay, Economic Developer to take his place on the Piedmont Triad Regional Development Corporation because this development deals mainly with economic development. Commissioner Jefferies agreed with change.

Commissioner S. Carter asked “Does this require a motion?”

Commissioner Owen moved, seconded by Commissioner S. Carter to appoint Cori Lindsay, Economic Developer, to the Piedmont Triad Regional Development Corporation. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Owen stated that he and Commissioner Oestreicher have looked at their assignments and Commissioner Oestreicher would like to take the Caswell County Area of Transportation System and Commissioner Owen will take the Social Services Board.

Chairman McVey stated that Commissioner Travis was assigned to the Farmer Lake Board and he had been attended those meetings and he would like to take that board if Commissioner Oestreicher is in agreement. Commissioner Oestreicher said this was fine with him.

Commissioner Owen stated that Commissioner Oestreicher would like to take the Caswell County Hunting & Wildlife Advisory Committee.

Commissioner Oestreicher stated that he would like to add the Agriculture Advisory Committee to the Commissioners’ list of Boards and Committees.

Commissioner Owen moved, seconded by Commissioner Oestreicher to approve the Commissioner Boards and Committees as amended. The motion carried unanimously.

**COMMISSIONER BOARDS AND COMMITTEES**

**2019**

Chairman McVey

Recreation Commission

Juvenile Crime Prevention Council

Personnel Committee

Farmer Lake Board

Vice Chairman Jefferies

\*Social Services Board

Piedmont Behavioral Health Board

Caswell County Adult Advisory Committee

\*Home Health Advisory Committee

Commissioner Oestreicher

Personnel Committee

EMS Peer Review Committee

Caswell County Area Transportation System

Agriculture Advisory Committee

Caswell County Hunting & Wildlife Advisory Committee

Commissioner Owen

Social Services Board

\*Piedmont Triad Rural Planning Organization (alternate)

\*NCACC Government Subcommittee

\*PTRPO Transportation Advisory Council

Commissioner W. Carter

E-911 Board

Local Emergency Planning Committee

Cyber Security Committee

Planning Board

Commissioner S. Carter

Cyber Security Committee

Library Advisory Board

\*Piedmont Triad Rural Planning Organization

Personnel Committee

\*Northwest Piedmont Workforce Consortium

Caswell County Hunting & Wildlife Advisory Committee (Alternate)

Commissioner Hall

\*Piedmont Triad Council of Governments

Caswell County Adult Advisory Committee

\*Caswell County Partnership for Children

Board of Health

Regional Economic Development Commission

Commissioner Owen encouraged the members of the Board to consider joining one of the steering committees with the NCACC. He added that these could be signed up for online on the NCACC website. Commissioner Hall added that he wanted to take this recommendation a step further. He suggested that the Board go online and look at the committees and at the next meeting consider appointments to these committees.

APPROVAL OF RULES OF PROCEDURES

Commissioner Owen moved, seconded by Commissioner Jefferies to approve the Rules of Procedure.

Commissioner Hall stated that back in May or June there was an issue that came up during a Board meeting and a comment was made that it would be addressed in December when the Rules of Procedure was approved. He asked if anyone could remember what this issue was. Commissioner Owen responded that the Rules of Procedure can be amended if the Board finds out what it is.

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

DISCUSSION ON COMMISSIONERS’ PLANNING WORK SESSION

Mr. Miller stated that the Board held its planning work session in January last year. He added that these work sessions help to direct the county on how to prepare the budget.

Commissioner Owen suggested holding the retreat after the regular meeting on January 7th.

Commissioner S. Carter stated “Mr. Chairman I agree completely and I think it gives us the Christmas holiday to come up with some good ideas to bring at that session.”

Commissioner Oestreicher stated that he finds the word retreat as completely dysfunctional to describe what this meeting is about and he asked that the Board to use the term ‘planning work session or workshop’.

Commissioner Jefferies suggested that the workshop be held in the morning.

After some discussion the Planning Work Session was scheduled for Monday, January 14, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. at the 911 Center.

COUNTY MANAGER’S REPORT AND UPDATES

2019 Holiday Schedule

Mr. Miller stated that in the Board’s packet is the 2019 Holiday Schedule. He added that this schedule follows the State’s holiday schedule.

Commissioner Jefferies moved, seconded by Commissioner Owen to approve the 2019 Holiday Schedule. The motion carried unanimously.

2019 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

New Year’s Day Tuesday, January 1

Martin Luther King, Jr.’s Birthday Monday, January 21

Good Friday Friday, April 19

Memorial Day Monday, May 27

Independence Day Thursday, July 4

Labor Day Monday, September 2

Veterans’ Day Monday, November 11

Thanksgiving Thursday & Friday, November 28, 29

Christmas Tues,Wed&Thur December 24, 25, 26

New Year’s Day (2020) Wednesday, January 1

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

A. County Employees’ Appreciation Luncheon – Wednesday,

 December 5, 2018 – 12:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. – Civic Center

 B. Joint Meeting with the Town of Yanceyville and the Town

 of Milton, Thursday, February 7, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. at the

 Thomas Day Tavern, Milton, NC.

Commissioner Owen stated that he would like to ask the Board if they want to continue having the tri-county meetings with Rockingham County and Stokes County. He suggested checking with the other two counties to set a date. Mr. Miller responded that he would check on this.

Commissioner S. Carter stated “It is probably our turn at this point.”

Commissioner Hall stated that the Board needs to schedule a meeting with the School Board.

Chairman McVey asked the Board when it would like to meet with the School Board.

Commissioner S. Carter asked “How is next Monday? Early in the day maybe.” Commissioner Owen responded that the School Board has a 9:00 meeting on that day. Commissioner S. Carter continued “I just think within the next week would be fair for both groups since that is what we committed to previously.” Commissioner Oestreicher suggested asking the representatives from the School Board who was present at the meeting.

Ms. Gladys Garland, Chair of the School Board stated that she would poll the School Board on a date. The clerk stated that the meeting would need to be advertised no later than Thursday, December 6th if the meeting is going to be held on Monday, December 10th. Ms. Garland suggested that the meeting be held on Monday, December 10, 2018 at 1:00 p.m. at the Media Room at the Caswell County School Administration Building.

Commissioner Oestreicher suggested that a proposed agenda be put together prior to the meeting so that both Boards can stay focused and on track. Chairman McVey agreed.

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:38 a.m. Commissioner Owen moved, seconded by Commissioner Jefferies to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously.

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Paula P. Seamster Rick McVey

Clerk to the Board Chairman

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