

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA)
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COUNTY OF STOKES)
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OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONERS
STOKES COUNTY GOVERNMENT
DANBURY, NORTH CAROLINA
THURSDAY, APRIL 26, 2018

The Board of Commissioners of the County of Stokes, State of North Carolina, met for a joint meeting with the Rockingham and Caswell County Boards of County Commissioners at the Center for Economic Development and Tourism 425 NC Highway 65 Reidsville, NC at 6:00 pm on Thursday, April 26, 2018 with the following present:

Stokes County Board of County Commissioners

Chairman Ronnie Mendenhall
Vice Chairman Jimmy Walker
Commissioner James D. Booth

Stokes County Personnel

County Manager Jake M. Oakley
Clerk to the Board Shannon Shaver
Economic Development Analyst Tory Mabe

Rockingham County Board of Commissioners

Chairman Kevin Berger
Mark F. Richardson
W. Keith Mabe,
T. Craig Travis

Rockingham County Personnel

County Manager Lance L. Metzler
County Attorney John M. Morris
Clerk to the Board Pamela M. McLain

Caswell County Board of Commissioners

Chairman Nathaniel Hall
Vice-Chairman Rick McVey
Commissioner Sterling Carter
Commissioner Jeremiah Jefferies
Commissioner David Owen

Caswell County Personnel
Bryan Miller County Manager
Clerk to the Board Paula Seamster

Rockingham County Chairman Kevin Berger welcomed those in attendance to Rockingham County.

INVOCATION

Rockingham County Manager Lance Metzler delivered the invocation.

Meeting Called to Order

Rockingham County Chairman Kevin Berger called the Rockingham County Board of County Commissioners back into session from a recessed meeting.

Caswell County Chairman Nathaniel Hall called the Caswell County Board of County Commissioners to order.

Stokes County Ronnie Mendenhall called the Stokes County Board of County Commissioners to order.

Introductions

Commissioner Richardson asked the Chairman of each county to introduce each Commissioner and any County personnel present at the meeting.

Cardinal Innovations Healthcare - Update

- H.Keith Duncan, Cardinal Innovations Board of Director and former Rockingham County Commissioner, introduced Trey Suttten, CEO, Cardinal Innovations Healthcare, to give a brief update on Cardinal.
- Mr. Suttten introduced Ronda Outlaw and Ric Bruton, both Senior Community Executives with Cardinal Innovations Healthcare.
- Mr. Suttten joined Cardinal on October 17, 2017.
- Emergency board meeting held on October 17, 2017.
- Richard Topping, former Cardinal CEO was fired.
- The Cardinal Board of Directors were reconstituted.
- Over a period of 120 days, Mr. Suttten attended 200 meetings, meeting with providers, community leaders
- Mr. Suttten focused on rebuilding trust and creditability with communities and providers.

- Strengthening the operation of the organization.
- Corrective Action Plan - 95% complete
- Plans of actions or corrections needed to be made by the board of directors and approved by the Department of Health and Human Services

Community Reinvestment Project

- 60 submissions received to present date.
- \$3.8 million will be put back into the communities by June 2018
- Cardinal received a demand letter from Secretary Cohen stating the monies needed to be paid back to the State.
- With approval from the Cardinal Board of Directors, a request was sent to Secretary Cohen asking if the \$3.8 million could be used to put back into the communities
- Secretary Cohen agreed.

The Board thanked Mr. Suttan for his presentation.

The Arts Place – Stokes County - Update

Tory Mabe, with the Stokes County Economic Development Tech Analyst gave a power point presentation on the update of The Arts Place.

- \$1.4 million in renovations through grants and other funding.
- Central hub of artistic talent of Stokes County
- Center is a multi-purpose space for events, music, receptions, etc.
- Accommodates 150 people
- Community theatre performances are held at Center
- There are 86 local artists that take advantage of the Center
- Grand opening was held July 1, 2017
- Higher Grounds coffee and ice cream shop located inside
- Open until 8:00 pm on weekends
- \$40,000 paid out to local artists since the opening of The Arts Place
- One full-time employee
- Artists volunteer and receive more profit for the sale their merchandise
- High School Band and Jazz Group Performances
- Dance Classes
- Movie Screenings
- Construction will start in early June to complete The Arts Place.
- Received \$100,000 Joy W Pope Memorial Grant for the Arts
- The completed facility will offer:
 - Classrooms
 - Pottery studio
 - Prep kitchen
 - Kiln for firing pottery
 - Roof Top Patio
 - Artists' Studios

Handicap accessible lift to second floor

The Board thanked Mr. Mabe for his presentation.

County Updates

Stokes County

- River Street Network continues to grow
- Lines installed all around the county
- River Street Ribbon Cutting ceremony held recently
- Long time Clerk to the Board and County Manager retired recently.
- Hired a full time Economic Development Director
- Jail expansion project is underway.
- No alcohol on the rivers does not seem to be affecting tourism

Caswell County

- White Space Project
- Trying to bring internet to unserved areas
- Have equipment but also waiting on equipment to protect antenna
- Preliminary test was positive

Rockingham County

- Spoken with RiverStreet
- They are coming to Rockingham County

Next Joint Meeting

Stokes County Chairman Mendenhall noted that the next joint meeting will be held by Stokes County.

Adjournment

Each respective Chairman adjourned the joint meeting.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Mendenhall entertained a motion to adjourn the joint meeting.

Commissioner Booth moved to adjourn the meeting. Vice Chairman Walker seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Shannon Shaver

Clerk to the Board

Ronnie Mendenhall

Chairman