Present:  Randy T. Church, Chairman  
          Mike LaBrose, Vice Chairman  
          Jeff Branch  
          Robbie Wilkie  
Absent:  Donnie Potter  
Staff Present:  Stan Kiser, County Manager  
              Thomas Welch, Clerk to the Board  
              David Lackey, County Attorney  

Chairman Church opened the meeting and welcomed everyone in the audience and watching via television.  

Public Comment  

There were no public comments.  

Regular Session  

Reverend Terry Hunt, Senior Pastor at The Life Center, provided the invocation and Commissioner Branch led the Pledge of Allegiance. Following the Pledge, Chairman Church introduced Thomas Welch as the newly appointed Clerk to the Board and asked Register of Deeds Wayne Rash to administer his Oath of Office. After the swearing in, Chairman Church asked if there were any additions or amendments to the June 3, 2019 agenda. The Clerk requested the addition of item 11 to the agenda for the purpose of calling the Board of Commissioners into closed session pursuant to N.C.G.S. 143-318.11(a)(5) to discuss the potential acquisition of property. Commissioner LaBrose moved to approve the agenda as presented and amended by the Clerk. The vote was unanimous to approve.  

Recognition of Retirees – Dino DiBernardi  

Emergency Services Chief Dino DiBernardi was called on to recognize retiring Emergency Management Coordinator Kenneth Teague for his service to Caldwell County. Mr. Teague served the citizens of Caldwell County in many capacities throughout his tenure and Chief DiBernardi said his positive influence would be felt for an entire generation by all those in the emergency services field. All commissioners reiterated the sincere gratitude of the county for Mr. Teague’s dedication and service, and Chairman Church presented him with a plaque commemorating his time with the county.  

Marc Jardon was unable to be present for recognition of his retirement, but will be present at a later date.  

Public Hearings  

A. Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment – John Wear  
   • Currently there are no zoning ordinances regarding marinas. Property owners have recently inquired about placing marinas on tracts of land in Caldwell County.
At their May 14 meeting, the planning board agreed to text additions in the zoning ordinance regarding marinas. The presented text defined a “marina” and provided that origination of a marina will be conditional, as it must first be approved by the Board of County Commissioners. The Ordinance Text Amendment was presented as follows:

**Zoning Ordinance Section 40B.68** (Code of Ordinances Section 157.006)

Definition:

Marina. A facility for the storing, servicing, fueling, berthing, and launching and securing of private pleasure craft that may include the sale of fuel and incidental supplies for the boat owners, crews, and guests.

**Zoning Ordinance Section 80C.2(p)** (Code of Ordinances Section 157.053(C)(15))

RA-20 Zoning District

Conditional Use: Marinas, commercial. Provided that: All boat storage and service areas shall be enclosed by a fence, wall landscape screening, earth mounds or by other designs from all contiguous residential areas in a manner that will complement the landscape and assure compatibility with the adjacent environment.

- Chairman Church declared the public hearing open. There were no public comments; Chairman Church then declared the public hearing closed.
- Commissioner Branch moved to approve Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment; motion carried unanimously.

**B. Budget FY 2019/2020 – Stan Kiser and Tony Helton**

- Tony Helton, Finance Director, said there had been no substantive changes in the FY 2019/2020 proposal that was presented during the May 20, 2019 Board of Commissioners Meeting.
- Chairman Church declared the public hearing open. There were no public comments; Chairman Church then declared the public hearing closed.
- Commissioner Wilkie moved to approve the budget for FY 2019/2020 as presented by the County Manager and Finance Director; motion carried unanimously. Said budget is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of these minutes as recorded in Caldwell County Registry Book 1964 Page 990-995.

**Reports**

**A. Guardianship and Adult Protective Services – Beverly Ruppard and Felicia Wood**

June 15, 2019 is proclaimed as Elder Abuse Awareness Day. Ms. Ruppard and Ms. Wood encouraged everyone to wear purple on Friday, June 14 to advocate for members of the elderly community who may be abused physically and/or mentally or taken advantage of financially. Ms. Ruppard passed out purple bracelets to raise awareness of the issues. Contact information to report abuse and neglect was provided and the ladies emphasized the importance of this arm of the Department of Social services, stating most citizens only think of children in relation to the
department’s services. In closing, an uplifting story was shared to explain how their services helped identify and rehabilitate an elderly man who was being mistreated. He is now doing well and even connecting with members of his extended family who want to assist with his care.

Items for Decision

A. Awarding of Financing and Construction Contract for EMS Bases
   - Finance Director, Tony Helton, briefed commissioners on construction bids and financing offers received for construction of two new EMS bases. The low construction bid was from Wilkie Construction and the best financing quote was from Zions bank, allowing for a 15 year payback at 2.8% interest with no penalty for early payback.
   - Chairman Church moved to approve the Wilkie bid and approve the borrowing resolution as it appears in the agenda packet; motion carried unanimously. The Borrowing Resolution is hereby incorporated in these minutes as Exhibit A; also recorded in Caldwell County Registry Book 1964, Pages 1442-1444.
   - Chairman Branch moved to approve Zions Bank for financing of the EMS bases; motion carried unanimously.

B. Agreement to Purchase Water
   - County Manager, Stan Kiser, informed the Board current water agreement with the City of Lenoir expires in 2021, but that the city had asked if the county would like to update the agreement. Mr. Kiser said both city and county staffs, along with the County Attorney had reviewed the document and recommended it be approved. The new agreement removes the minimum requirement and will be in effect for 5 years.
   - Commissioner Wilkie moved to approve Agreement for Water Purchase; motion carried unanimously.

Consent Agenda

A. Approval of Minutes
   - County Manager, Stan Kiser, recommended the Board of Commissioners approve the minutes of the May 20, 2019 meeting as presented.

B. Budget Amendments
   1. Mr. Kiser recommended a budget revision of $26,509 for JCPC, funding a program called “Kids at Work”. The funding uses no local tax dollars.
   2. Mr. Kiser also recommended a budget revision to recognize revenue from National Timber Receipts for FY 2019. These funds, $3,974.90, must be recognized as revenue and subsequent expenditures in order to flow through to the Caldwell County Board of Education. This amendment requires no local tax dollars

C. Application for Fireworks Display at Cedar Rock
   - Mr. Kiser recommended the approval of a fireworks display to be held at Cedar Rock.
Commissioner LaBrose moved to approve all items on the consent agenda as presented by the County Manager; motion carried unanimously.

At 6:43 p.m., Chairman Church moved to enter into closed session pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11(a)(5) to discuss potential acquisition of property; motion carried unanimously.

At 7:22 p.m., Commissioner LaBrose moved to conclude closed session; motion carried unanimously.

With no further business, Commissioner Wilkie moved to adjourn at 7:25 p.m.; motion carried unanimously.