Chairman Church opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.

Public Comment

Lauren Clark said she had been volunteering for the past fifteen years at Caldwell County’s Animal Shelter and talked about her advocacy of the County’s low cost spay/neuter program. Ms. Clark thanked Commissioners for their service to the County and for partnering with the ICARE spay/neuter program. She said there were many that could not afford to spay/neuter their pets and the partnership with ICARE brought in State funding to help those people. Ms. Clark said the problem was not the voiceless, defenseless animals themselves but rather people not accepting the responsibilities for animals in their care. She urged Commissioners to appropriate a fair share of funding for construction and operation of a new animal shelter. In closing, Ms. Clark cited one of Gandhi’s famous quotes, 'The greatness of a nation and its moral progress can be judged by the way its animals are treated.'

Debbie Davis said she had become really concerned about some things being discussed by Commissioners during their meetings and the most outstanding of those was the move of the Water Department. Ms. Davis said she felt the move was unnecessary and concerned that she had not received answers from the questions she asked during the March 12th meeting. She said there was a lot of nepotism in the County. Commissioner Branch moved to move the Water Department back. Chairman Church said the reason for moving the Water Department was for scheduling the meeting rooms. He said although the Water Department had been housed in the Cook building for the past nine years, the public still had to apply for County water at the 3rd floor of the DHHS building on Morganton Boulevard and payments or any questions about water bills had to be made at the County Office Plaza on West Avenue. He said Library Director Lesley Mason had asked for three additional people at $150,000 for the Library and to aid in scheduling the meeting rooms and instead the County hired a part-time person at $10/hour in charge of scheduling the meetings rooms. Commissioner LaBrose said the County was saving money by employing a part-time person. Commissioner Branch said he had not been made aware of the changes. His motion failed for lack of a majority vote.

A. J. Novak extended thanks to Commissioners for all their help to the Humane Society and said he volunteered, in a small way, to help with the animal shelter. Mr. Novak said the people he
talked to had voiced strong opinions about the existing animal shelter and the need for a new facility that met the demands of the animals picked up by Animal Control Officers. He said the current shelter was well past its life span and the County had a responsibility to the public and the animals to provide suitable housing. Mr. Novak urged Commissioners to do the only practical, cost effective, and empirical thing by building a new facility that adhered to the guidelines for shelters. He said a lot of people wanted a new facility and, on his own, Mr. Novak started a petition that he presented to Commissioners with 105 signatures citing the urgency for a new shelter given the age and condition of the existing shelter.

Brittany Scruggs, a volunteer for an animal rescue organization, said the conditions of the current shelter had affected their rescues. She said the organization rescued 74 dogs from Caldwell County’s Animal Control and six puppies came down with parvo as well as a litter of ten puppies developed parvo. Ms. Scruggs cited the conditions of the shelter as the reason for puppies being exposed to the parvo because the virus lived on surfaces for at least a year if not properly cleaned. She said the organization spent $6,000 to heal four puppies rescued from Caldwell County’s Animal Shelter and said of the 236 dogs total that came into the rescue organization from various owner surrenders, Animal Control, and surrounding shelters, not one parvo case was from any of the others. All the cases were from dogs rescued from Caldwell County. Ms. Scruggs said she felt potential adopters would shy away from getting animals from the County and felt that the parvo virus, bacterial infections, and other issues could be avoided if a new facility was built. She said it was terrible that dogs left the shelter sicker than when they went in. Ms. Scruggs also suggested the County review other shelters and their procedures when considering a new facility and procedures.

Regular Session

Reverend Brian Smith, Pastor of Mulvale Baptist Church, gave the invocation and Commissioner Potter led the Pledge of Allegiance. Chairman Church asked if there were any additions or amendments to the April 16, 2018 agenda. The Clerk requested the addition of a consent item (#9 D - Approval of Investment Policy). Commissioner LaBrose moved to approve the agenda as presented and amended by the Clerk. The motion carried unanimously.

Proclamation for Benjie Watts

Chairman Church read the following proclamation and, upon its reading, moved to adopt same. The motion carried unanimously. Commissioners extended thanks to Mr. Watts for his service and work in the community and presented him a framed proclamation to acknowledge their appreciation.

Proclamation

Benjie Watts Day in Caldwell County

WHEREAS, Benjie Watts was born on April 21, 1953 and is a lifelong resident of Caldwell County; and

WHEREAS, Benjie was raised by his loving grandparents, John and Ethel Chandler, and grew up in the Setzer’s Creek area of Caldwell County; and
WHEREAS, Benjie attended Collettsville School through the eighth grade and graduated from Gamewell Collettsville High School in 1972; and

WHEREAS, during his senior year at Gamewell Collettsville High School, Benjie met Sheila Reichard, a freshman, and they were married on June 20, 1975; and

WHEREAS, Benjie and Sheila were overjoyed upon the birth of their daughter, Rachel Amanda Watts, on October 9, 1991 and Benjie was ever so proud to be the pink diaper bag carrying dad; and

WHEREAS, Benjie is well known for his journalistic work and his weekly column in the News-Topic, “The Tarheel,” writing often about humorous events and life in Caldwell County including the time he “thumbed” his way to Myrtle Beach and about his friend, Regis Roy Stillwater; and

WHEREAS, Benjie wrote for the News-Topic for twenty-nine years and accomplished many honors for his journalistic work including the following awards:
- 2nd place in the 1997 NC Press Association Journalist Contest for Humor Columns
- 3rd place in the 1997 NC Press Association Journalist Contest for Serious Columns
- 1st place in the 1998 NC Press Association Journalist Contest for Humor Columns
- 1st place in the 1999 NC Press Association Journalist Contest for Humor Columns

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Caldwell County Board of Commissioners does hereby proclaim April 21st as Benjie Watts Day in Caldwell County in recognition of his life and work in Caldwell County.

Adopted this the 16th day of April, 2018.

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Randy T. Church, Chairman

Attest:

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Kathy T. Greene, Clerk to the Board

Report and Proclamation—Child Abuse Prevention Month

Will Wakefield, DSS Director, read the following proclamation and, upon its reading, Commissioner Potter moved to adopt same. The motion carried unanimously.

Proclamation
Child Abuse Prevention Month in Caldwell County April 2018

WHEREAS, we recognize that children are vital to our county, state and nation’s future success, prosperity and quality of life, as well as, being our most vulnerable assets;
WHEREAS, all children deserve to have the safe, stable, nurturing homes and communities they need to foster their healthy growth and development;

WHEREAS, Caldwell County, received 1748 reports of child abuse and neglect and investigated reports involving 2,357 children in 2017;

WHEREAS, children who experience abuse and neglect have higher rates of academic failure, chronic long-term health issues and increased propensity to violence, if gone untreated;

WHEREAS, child abuse and neglect is a community responsibility affecting both the current and future quality of life of a community;

WHEREAS, communities that provide parents with the social support, knowledge of parenting and child development and concrete resources they need to cope with stress and nurture their children ensure all children grow to their full potential;

WHEREAS, effective child abuse prevention strategies succeed because of partnerships created among citizens, human services agencies, schools, faith communities, health care providers, civic organizations, law enforcement agencies, and the business community;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Caldwell County Board of Commissioners does hereby proclaim April 2018 as Child Abuse Prevention Month, and calls upon all citizens, community agencies, faith groups, medical facilities, elected leaders and businesses to increase their participation in our efforts to support children and families, thereby preventing child abuse and strengthening the community in which we live.

Adopted this the 16th day of April 2018.

Attest:

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Kathy T. Greene, Clerk to the Board       Randy T. Church, Chairman

Kim Arnett, Program Administrator for Child Welfare, provided information about the department’s intake and reporting of child abuse incidents. Ms. Arnett said the Child Welfare unit was mandated and responsible for taking any report regarding concerns about a child(ren) being maltreated. She said any person or institution is responsible for reporting any suspicion of abuse or neglect of a child(ren). After a report has been taken, the department must either “screen out” or “screen in” the child(ren) and, within 5 days, they must give written notice to confirm their decision which can be appealed by the person making the report.

Ms. Arnett explained the different types of abuse, the definition of a juvenile by statute, and the different types of guardians (parent, caregiver, custodian, etc.). She said North Carolina General
Statutes regarding child abuse includes physical or emotional; neglect (not providing proper care, supervision, or discipline); no medical or remedial care; living in an environment that is injurious; or, encouraging, directing, or permitting juveniles to commit moral turpitude.

Ms. Arnett said anyone needing to report suspected child abuse should call the department during regular business hours or the Sheriff Office to access the on-call social worker after regular business hours, weekends, and holidays.

Public Hearing—Request for Conditional Use Permit to Locate a Cell Tower by Cellco Partnership dba Verizon Wireless

David Lackey informed Commissioners that their decision on the matter of granting a conditional use permit must be based solely on information presented during the hearing. He said evidence must be presented in the form of sworn testimony or exhibits admitted during the course of the proceeding.

Planning Director Shelley Stevens gave an overview of the following application and said exhibits were submitted as part of the application. She said Cellco Partnership dba Verizon Wireless was requesting a conditional use permit for a 110’ monopole tower with antennas mounted at the end of support rods extending from the sides of the tower to be located at on an approximately 35-acre lot at 3341 Clarks Chapel Rd (between Gamewell and Cajah’s Mountain), specifically, NCPIN 2737923245.

Applicant: Cellco Partnership D/B/A Verizon Wireless
Property Owner: John Daniel Cassavaugh
NCPIN: 2737923245
Location: 3341 Clarks Chapel Rd, Lenoir, NC (unincorporated area)
Site Conditions: Wooded and open field
Acreage: 35 acres; 10,000 square feet
Zoning: RA-20
Elevation: 1256.8’
Surrounding Land Use: RA-20 to the north, south, east & west; R-20 (Cajah’s Mountain) to the east (approx. 2,562.4’ away at closest point) & R-20 (Gamewell) to the northwest (approx. 2,293.0’ away at closest point)
Request: Conditional Use Permit

Ms. Stevens provided a map of the site located in an area identified in the Comprehensive Plan’s Future Land Use Map as a Medium Density District. The site is not along an area identified by the Future Land Use Map as a strategic corridor and is not part of a planned greenway network or projected commercial or industrial sites. The proposed site is not on a protected mountain ridge, and, as would be assumed, is not in a Flood Hazard Area. It is in the Watershed Protected Area which is a large area outside of Lake Rhodhiss and Lake Hickory; however, meets all the requirements of the watershed ordinance. There are no historical sites, archeological artifacts or endangered species would be directly affected by the proposed tower, according to the submitted NEPA Review.

She showed an aerial map of the parcel identifying its proximity to Clarks Chapel Road and said it would be constructed in a 10,000 sq. feet leased area. There is an existing telecommunication tower and an electrical transmission tower with antennas within two miles of the Clarks Chapel site (see Section 90F.16 of the Zoning Ordinance). However, the applicant states in the
application that the new tower is necessary to improve capacity and coverage in the area east of Clarks Chapel Road, north of Josiah Drive, south of Bradford Mountain Road, and west of Connelly Springs Road. Verizon already has equipment on the above-referenced towers. According to Verizon’s application, customer demand is exceeding capacity for those two towers. Further, per GS 153A-349.52(c), “a county may not require information that concerns the specific need for the wireless support structure, including if the service to be provided from the wireless support structure is to add additional wireless coverage or additional wireless capacity.”

Staff and the Planning Board reviewed the Conditional Use Permit application and Zoning application with the Wireless Telecommunication Facilities Zoning Ordinance requirements (Section 90F) as well as with the Watershed Ordinance requirements, as this is part of the procedure for approval or denial of a Conditional Use Permit.

Ms. Stevens also showed pictures of the site and an image of the cell tower and said it was very similar to other monopole towers constructed in the last couple years. She said Caldwell County’s ordinance only required one antenna but this tower has been proposed with three antennas.

Ms. Stevens said she and the Planning Board reviewed the application materials against the Zoning Ordinance and Watershed requirements. She said the tower, according to the FAA, would not have to be lit and said it complied with every relevant provision within the ordinance. She informed Commissioners issuance of the conditional use permit was contingent upon receiving the original bond and the inclusion of the findings of facts as part of the application.

Mr. Josh Rotenstreich, attorney for Cellco, said the goal of the construction was to fill a significant gap in the wireless coverage and capacity in the area east of Clarks Chapel Road, north of Josiah Drive, south of Bradford Mountain Road, and west of Connelly Springs Road. He advised Verizon Wireless planned to construct a 110’ monopole tower designed to accommodate three additional antennas and that the current design complied with all requirements including fall zones, etc. He said the facility would be designed to according local, state, and federal requirements with a 55-foot fall zone radius. He said the use would not adversely affect the area.

David Smith, an appraiser, said he endorsed the application and noted the cell tower would not affect the property values in surrounding areas, citing there would be no loud noises and it would be located on a small 100’ x 100’ footprint of leased land with ¼-mile setback from the Clarks Chapel Road. Mr. Smith said the site had existing dense vegetation and the use was in compliance with the County’s requirement for medium density areas. He said the plan complied with environmental goals and would not be a disturbance. Mr. Smith noted the Planning Board approved the plan.

Commissioner Branch asked if the tower would be high enough and Commissioner Wilkie asked what security was planned for the site. Ms. Stevens said the cell tower would be fenced with 8-foot tall, green shaded fencing with barbed wire on top. In addition, she said two rows of Leland Cypress (minimum of 4’ height) would be planted. Commissioner Wilkie also asked if other cellphone carriers wanted to put a cell tower in that area did Verizon allow them and Mr. Rotenstreich said yes; however, they would be required to apply and comply with the process similar to what Verizon was going through.
In response to Commissioner Branch’s question, Mr. John Yeagley, site acquisition specialist, said he was involved in site acquisitions all over North Carolina and South Carolina; however, he was no expert. He said engineers build towers as high as allowed. He said this site did not have the elevation as others in the County but suggested Commissioners review the County’s ordinance for possible amendments to allow higher towers. He said it was more challenging when complying to Caldwell County’s 100’ height requirement.

It was noted in Mr. Smith’s report that locating the tower would not diminish the value of surrounding real estate and the report was submitted as written evidence.

Commissioner Branch asked the term length of the lease and Mr. Yeagley said it was still in the negotiating process.

Ms. Stevens said it would take approximately two months to make changes to the ordinance regarding cell towers and said it seemed that people would benefit by allowing cell towers to be greater in height.

Commissioner Wilkie moved to find that all requirements of Section 90F and 130 had been met and to approve issuance of a conditional use permit. The vote was unanimous.

Commissioner Branch moved to approve issuance of the conditional use permit as it met all the requirements and the motion carried unanimously.

Proposed Text Amendments to the Zoning Ordinance

Planning Director Shelley Stevens informed Commissioners the Planning Board had been reviewing the Zoning Ordinance, incrementally, to determine and recommend needed revisions.

As a result of a recent review, Ms. Stevens said she and the Planning Board proposed the language, “final zoning compliance permit”, be removed throughout the Zoning Ordinance as it was not something, historically, that the County had ever issued. She said the language, “final zoning compliance permit” was not the same thing as a zoning permit or zoning enforcement; and, it was not defined in the definition section of the ordinance, however, zoning permit was defined in the ordinance.

Ms. Stevens said, given the proposed changes, zoning permits which are legally binding would still be issued and zoning enforcement would still occur.

Chairman Church declared the public hearing open. There was no public comment; therefore, Chairman Church declared the public hearing closed

Commissioners Potter moved to approve the following consistency statement and the text amendments as recommended. The motion carried unanimously.

Consistency Statement—The amendments are consistent with the County’s Comprehensive Land Development Plan; and promote public health, safety and welfare; the Planning Board strives to keep the Zoning Ordinance current to meet the needs of Caldwell County Citizens.
Approval of Final Plats for Waterfront Harbor – Phase 2

The Planning Director showed the final plat for phase two of the two-phase Waterfront Harbor subdivision located off Gunpowder View Circle and Riverbend Drive and as identified below from the applicant’s request. Ms. Stevens said phase two contained 24 lots and there would be a total of 37 lots in the whole subdivision. She advised the subdivision had hooked onto the County’s water system so they were able to develop 37 lots rather than the 32 that were originally planned.

**Applicant:** Oscar Vasquez (Developer)  
**Developer:** Oscar Vasquez – Waterfront Harbor, LLC  
**Property Owner:** Waterfront Harbor, LLC  
**NCPIN:** 2795502471  
**Location:** south of Lake Hickory, east of Hwy 321, west of Lake Hickory, and abutting Granite Falls on the property’s west and south sides.  
**Site Conditions:** wooded, within the Watershed Critical Area, with minimal floodplain  
**Acreage:** 26.323 acres  
**Zoning:** PUD  
**Surrounding Land Use:** R-15 (Granite Falls) to the south and west, R-20 (Granite Falls) and RA-20 to the north, R-20 (Granite Falls) to the southeast, and RA-20 to the east.  
**Request:** Final plat approval

Ms. Stevens said Planning staff and the Planning Board reviewed the plat’s consistency with the following and found that the plat is in conformance with all Subdivision, Zoning, Watershed and Flood Damage Prevention requirements. The plat was checked against each relevant item within the ordinances and supplementary information.

- Caldwell County Subdivision Ordinance  
- Caldwell County Zoning Ordinance  
- Caldwell County Watershed Ordinance  
- Caldwell County Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance

It was noted the Planning Board and the Planning Director recommended approval of the final plats for Waterfront Harbor Phase 2.

Commissioner Wilkie moved to approve the final plat for Waterfront Harbor and it carried unanimously.

**Authorization to Contract for a Job Classification and Salary Study**

Human Resources Director Jimmy Harrison informed Commissioners that Caldwell County’s last job classification and salary study was conducted in 2007 by Springsted, Inc. and implemented ten years ago in 2008. Therefore, he said staff requested authorization to contract with a firm to conduct a new study using available funding from lapsed salaries already appropriated in the current fiscal year budget. Mr. Harrison said the cost of the study would not require any new or additional revenue from the General Fund. He noted the study would compare the various job classifications for Caldwell County employees in relation to comparable wages and benefits for surrounding counties and other local governments within the State.
In order to proceed with contracting for the study, Commissioner Potter moved to authorize the County Manager and the HR Director to negotiate and execute a contractual agreement and the motion carried unanimously.

**Implement Project Budgets to Construct EMS Bases**

The County Manager reminded Commissioners they approved the architectural contract with CBSA Architects, Inc. last November for the design and construction needs of EMS bases on property purchased by the County in Valmead and Lower Creek. He referred them to information provided by CBSA for each of the facilities and noted that staff had also discussed the possibility of constructing a base in the southwestern area of the County in addition to the ones in Valmead and Lower Creek.

Commissioner Branch said he was not in favor of voting for the third EMS base since land for the facility had yet to be identified and due to the amount of funding already being spent for EMS.

Finance Officer Tony Helton clarified the plan to borrow money to build EMS bases and the timelines involved in the borrowing process. He said if Commissioners chose to build a third base they would have to move quickly to identify and acquire property in the southwest area of the County; otherwise, it would delay construction of the two bases for Valmead and Lower Creek.

Commissioner Potter moved to adopt the project budget ordinances which are hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of these minutes (Exhibit A) and to approve the following budget amendments to proceed with construction of the EMS bases in Lower Creek and Valmead. The motion carried unanimously.

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Authorization to Submit Requests for Qualifications re Construction of New Animal Shelter and Adopt Resolution to Exempt County from Requirements for Professional Services to Survey Estimated to Cost Less Than $50,000

In December 2017, Commissioners were presented a study conducted by the Bacon Group concerning the animal shelter/facility needs with a comparison between options for new construction and/or renovating the existing facility.

Mr. Kiser said staff needed authorization from Commissioners to submit requests for qualifications seeking architectural services for construction of a new facility and approval to exempt the County from bidding requirements for a survey on County-owned property because those services are estimated to cost less than $50,000.00. He noted estimates resulted in $2.4 million to construct a new facility versus $1.9 million for renovations/expansion to the current facility.

Commissioner Branch asked if consideration had been given to moving the animal shelter facility more centrally in the county. Commissioner Branch said he was not inferring not to build a new shelter but that he felt it should be located to a more central location.

Commissioner Potter said the thought for a proposed location was to construct it near the Health Department as it is supervised and fell under the responsibility of the Health Department. In addition, it would be near the Detention Center which would be beneficial for a potential program in the future to utilize jail inmates to care for the animals.

Commissioner Potter moved to authorize staff to submit RFQ’s as requested and to adopt the resolution which is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of these minutes (Exhibit B). Commissioner Potter said one of his priorities when he came onto the Board of Commissioners, was to improve the animal control facility and he thought it was something that had been needed for a long time. He said the animal shelter had been on the backburner for several years and he felt the people and animals deserved a new facility.

Mr. A. J. Novak said people have sacrificed their wellbeing and lives to save animals which is common among citizens because of their social responsibility. He said most people felt a new facility was an urgent and pressing need in order to bring animals into an environment conducive to having them taken care of properly. Mr. Novak urged Commissioners to consider a new animal shelter.

Commissioner Branch said contractors had been hired to bring the existing facility up to state standards and it was approved. He said it might not be the nicest and prettiest facility but it would be up to state standards.

Commissioner Potter thanked the local humane society folks, rescue organizations, and others for their volunteer work. The motion carried unanimously.
Consent Agenda

1. Approval of Minutes
The County Manager recommended the Board of Commissioners approve the minutes of the March 12, 2018 meeting as presented.

2. Budget Amendments
The County Manager recommended the Board of Commissioners approve the following budget amendments and authorize execution of associated documents.

   A. Economic Development Incentives - $100,000.00
The following budget amendment is necessary to use revenue from the new sales tax money (for educational and economic development purposes) to cover pay tax-based incentives due this fiscal year.

   - Increase 10.9800.391000  Interfund Transfer from Capital Projects  $100,000.00
   - Increase 10.6574.461900.5005  EDI  $100,000.00
   - Increase 41.3000.313008  Sales Tax Revenue Article 44 *524  $100,000.00
   - Increase 41.9800.498000  Interfund Transfer to General Fund  $100,000.00

   B. Fire District Tax Collections - $133,000.00
The County has collected fire tax revenues for certain fire districts that exceed the amount originally projected and designated in the FY2017-18 budget. The revenues are flow-through funds to the respective fire departments for their use and the following budget amendment is necessary.

   - Gamewell Fire
     - Increase 25.4340.311317  2017 Vehicle Tax  $10,000.00
     - Increase 25.4340.484300  District Tax Collections  $10,000.00

   - North Catawba
     - Increase 26.4340.311317  2017 Property Tax  $10,000.00
     - Increase 26.4340.484300  District Tax Collections  $10,000.00

   - Patterson
     - Increase 27.4340.311317  2017 Property Tax  $ 8,000.00
     - Increase 27.4340.484300  District Tax Collections  $ 8,000.00

   - Valmead Fire
     - Increase 29.4340.311317  2017 Vehicle Tax  $10,000.00
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   - Little River Fire
     - Increase 30.4340.311317  2017 Vehicle Tax  $ 8,000.00
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   - Sawmills
     - Increase 31.4340.311317  2017 Property Tax  $ 8,000.00
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   - Grace Chapel
     - Increase 32.4340.311317  2017 Property Tax  $15,000.00
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   - Collettsville
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Granite Falls Fire
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C. Health Department (USFDA Funding) $2,000.00
The following budget amendment is necessary to reflect the federal funding provided to the County for its participation in the AFDO-administered Retail Program Standards Grant Program. No local dollars are required.
Increase 10.5111.310000 EH-Grant/Miscellaneous $2,000.00
Increase 10.5111.426000 Supplies $2,000.00

3. Approval of the Juvenile Crime Prevention Council’s Funding Plan for FY2018-2019
The Juvenile Crime Prevention Council (JCPC) is an organization established by the State of North Carolina, Department of Public Safety – Division of Adult Correction/Juvenile Justice. Membership is determined mostly by the Statute establishing the JCPC; the Statute lists some areas of representatives that are involved with youth. Representatives are appointed by the county Board of Commission. The JCPC exists to identify risks of youth in the community, prevent crime among at risk youth, review court data and identify needed programs to provide intervention and prevention. Funding is allocated by the State, is distributed to the county, and then to programs.

Every year JCPC follows a process that begins with prioritizing risks and needs. We then advertise for programs to submit proposals to address risk factors. The JCPC Board reviews the proposals and recommend an annual funding plan.

The proposed 2018-2019 plan has two significant form changes. Program Descriptions Summary now only includes information about new programs. The second is Performance Enhancement Plans (PEPs), which is now required of existing programs.

The Executive Summary and Funding Plan list programs recommended for funding next year. The Funding Plan Form specifies from where each program will make their required program match.

The Juvenile Crime Prevention Council (JCPC) has recommended the following program allocations and seeks Commissioners’ approval.
JCPC Administration Admin $12,006
Burke Recovery Substance Abuse $27,319
Project Challenge Restitution/Community Service $65,098
Repay Psychological Assessments $19,832
Repay Sexual Offender Evaluation/Treatment $33,500
PACT Parent/Family Skill Building $14,843
Caldwell Friends Mentoring $10,669
Kids at Work Interpersonal Skills $27,850

All the programs listed above were funded last year with the exception of Kids at Work. If approved, they will establish a vocational program that focuses on interpersonal skills. Preliminary plans are to begin classes in a local church.

The State has advised local JCPCs to plan for the same funding as last year, which is $211,117.

The plan does not require any Caldwell County funding, and as stated previously, is subject to State budget.

Mr. Kiser recommended the Board of Commissioners approve the Caldwell Juvenile Crime Prevention Council Annual Plan, including funding plan, for fiscal year 2018-2019 as recommended by the Council.

4. Appointment of Review Officers for Town of Sawmills
Caldwell County received a letter from Julie Good, Clerk for the Town of Sawmills, advising their Planner, Leslie Meadows, was no longer working for the Town. She requested the appointment of Christopher Todd, the Town Manager, to replace Leslie Meadows as Sawmills’ Review Officer. As required by N.C. General Statues, Mr. Kiser recommended the Board adopt the resolution which is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of these minutes as recorded in Caldwell County Registry Book 1939 Page 1845.

5. Approval of Investment Policy
Mr. Kiser informed Commissioners that Finance Officer Tony Helton had submitted an investment policy for their consideration. He said the policy was prepared for Caldwell County by First Citizens Bank to allow the County to take advantage of a new investment vehicle they have put in place to maximize returns on governmental funds. The change will basically allow the County to invest in anything that is allowed under North Carolina state law. The County’s current investment policy was adopted in 2004 and is significantly more restrictive than what the state allows. Mr. Kiser said the Finance Officer felt state law was sufficiently restrictive and protected governments from making bad investment choices and, as interest rates went up, the County would have a chance to generate significant investment earnings. It was noted the investment account is backed by First Citizens Bank and covered by the pooling method so there was almost zero risk associated with it. Therefore, Mr. Kiser recommended the Board of Commissioners approve the policy which is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of these minutes (Exhibit C).

Chairman Church moved to approve the five items on the consent agenda as presented and recommended by the County Manager. The motion carried unanimously.
Appointments to the Town of Hudson Planning and Board of Adjustment (ETJ Representatives)

The Clerk informed Commissioners the Town of Hudson had requested the appointment of the following individuals to each serve a three-year term as the County’s extraterritorial jurisdiction members on Hudson’s Planning and Board of Adjustment. Commissioner LaBrose moved to appoint the following individuals as requested. The motion carried unanimously.

- Dale Caldwell
- Tim Gordon
- Betty Smith

There being no further business, Commissioner Wilkie moved to adjourn and, by unanimous vote, Chairman Church declared the meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m.