Chairman Church opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Regular Session

Bryan Davis, Pastor of Indian Hills Baptist Church, provided the invocation and Commissioner Branch led the Pledge of Allegiance. Chairman Church asked if there were any additions or amendments to the December 4, 2017 agenda. Commissioner LaBrose moved to approve the agenda as presented by the Clerk. The vote was unanimous.

Election of Officers

The County Manager requested nominations from the Board for chairman during calendar year 2018. Commissioner LaBrose nominated Randy Church. There being no further nominations, Commissioner Wilkie moved to close the floor for nominations and elect Commissioner Randy Church as chairman of the board by acclamation. The vote was unanimous.

The County Manager requested nominations from the Board for vice chairman during calendar year 2018. Commissioner Potter nominated Mike LaBrose. Commissioner Branch nominated himself. Commissioner Potter moved to close the floor for nominations and, by majority vote, Commissioner LaBrose was elected vice chairman of the board.

Mr. Kiser relinquished the floor to Chairman Church to preside over the remainder of the meeting.
Sharon Berry, Caldwell Senior Center Executive Director, was formally recognized by the Board of Commissioners for her dedication and outstanding service to the County’s senior citizens. In recognition and in appreciation of her service at the Caldwell Senior Center, Chairman Church read the following proclamation to declare December 29, 2017 as Sharon Berry Day in Caldwell County. Upon its reading, Commissioner Potter moved to adopt the proclamation and the motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Berry thanked Commissioners for the recognition and talked about her fondness for the Senior Center and helping senior citizens with appropriate resources. Accompanying Ms. Berry were her husband, Bill Berry as well as Jackie Hooper and Sheila Burns, advocates of the Senior Center and the assistance it provides to Caldwell County’s senior population.

**PROCLAMATION**

Sharon Berry Day in Caldwell County

December 29, 2017

WHEREAS, in 1985 Sharon Berry was instrumental in advocating for a center in Caldwell County to provide activities, programs, information, assistance, and services for our senior citizens; and

WHEREAS, Sharon Berry has continued with thirty-two years of service to the Caldwell Senior Center; and

WHEREAS, as an advocate for senior citizens, Sharon Berry worked with consultants on a capital campaign which raised $320,000 to build the center; and

WHEREAS, the Caldwell Senior Center opened in January, 1987 and was the first one in North Carolina built by the community with a campaign led by older adults; and

WHEREAS, after serving as assistant to two early directors and as interim director twice following their resignations, Sharon Berry was named Executive Director in 1997; and

WHEREAS, Sharon Berry was responsible for the overall operation, staff and volunteer management, financial management, and program planning; and

WHEREAS, Sharon Berry was responsible for leading Caldwell Senior Center to a level of Senior Center Excellence awarded by the North Carolina Division of Aging and Adult Services first in 2001 and maintained through 2017; and

WHEREAS, Sharon Berry was in the first graduating class of the Ann Johnson Institute of Senior Center Management offered by the North Carolina Department of Aging and Adult Services; and

WHEREAS, during her career, Sharon Berry led successful fundraisers and acquired grants to support the programs of the Caldwell Senior Center, most notably a grant awarded in 2003 to fund a program to apply for free medications for low income clients and later to assist Medicare beneficiaries with Medicare Prescription Drug counseling.
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that in recognition of Sharon Berry’s many years of service and outstanding leadership to the Caldwell Senior Center, the Caldwell County Board of Commissioners does hereby extend appreciation for her dedication to the senior citizens of Caldwell County and does hereby proclaim December 29, 2017 as Sharon Berry Day in Caldwell County.

Adopted the 4th day of December, 2017.

Attest:

__________________________
Randy T. Church, Chairman

__________________________
Kathy T. Greene, Clerk to the Board

Presentation by the Bacon Group

Health Director Joshua Swift announced that Jenna Mullinax, assumed the Animal Control Director position for Caldwell County. He reported Ms. Mullinax was from York, South Carolina and that she had served seven years as an officer and then director of the Animal Control Department.

Mr. Swift introduced Rick Bacon from Florida and noted Mr. Bacon had worked in thirty states and six counties in North Carolina including Mecklenburg, Wake, Gaston, and Chatham to conduct studies of their animal shelters and identify needs to meet State requirements as well as identify desired changes for the shelter.

Mr. Bacon talked about touring Caldwell County’s animal shelter and his plans for the study to help determine the best approach for addressing the needs/desires either by expansion of the existing facility or construction of a new facility. Mr. Bacon said he would provide a report of his study in about a month and provided Commissioners copies of the guidelines for standards of care for animal shelters to review.

He noted the County’s existing facility was considered subpar. It was built in 1994 making it twenty-three years old and that was usually the life span of an animal shelter. He talked about the things/issues he would be looking at including air quality, conditions of the materials in the facility, and the overall environment of the shelter. He said the shelter was built on an old landfill that had resulted in settlement of the slab, noting the floor systems were critical in making sure that the operations are done well and staff can clean the runs efficiently (cracks in the existing floor are causing potential issues). Mr. Bacon said they might be repaired by topping or by starting over completely by removing the slab.

Mr. Bacon said facilities needed to provide compartmentalization to accommodate aggressive animals; to facilitate patrons viewing and potentially adopting animals; to house cats separately; etc. He talked about acoustics and options available to eliminate the sound of barking animals.

Mr. Bacon said he felt it very difficult to solve the problem(s) and reach the air/environmental qualities without a new construction.
Commissioner Branch talked about the State Inspector’s review of Caldwell County’s animal shelter and noted the inspector said it was not as bad as some of the others in surrounding counties.

Mr. Bacon cited some issues he had viewed and said there could be no wood in the shelter. He said he was a firm believer in continuous trench drains; however, he recommended individual trench drains.

Commissioner Potter said the Board had never reached a conclusion about whether to renovate or to construct new facility and they would welcome a report about Mr. Bacon’s study and findings.

Commissioner Wilkie asked what Mr. Bacon’s study would be based on and he said it would be based on not only North Carolina guidelines but also national guidelines. For example, he said the size of runs would be based on national standards and noted the regulation of no wood in a shelter was a North Carolina standard.

Mr. Swift informed Commissioners he had talked to the State Inspector, Lindsay Harris, on two occasions and said Caldwell County had been written up; however, each time, the County said they were working on a plan to address issues. Since the County has repeatedly not addressed the issues, Mr. Swift said the State would eventually cite the County and possible revoke its license.

Presentation and Approval of FY2016-2017 Audit

Matt Braswell, an auditor with Martin Starnes & Associates, presented Commissioners a snapshot of Caldwell County’s FY2016-2017 audit. Mr. Braswell noted Caldwell County received a clean audit and an unmodified opinion from the firm. He thanked Finance Officer Tony Helton and department staff for their cooperation, courtesy, and timely response to their requests for information.

Mr. Braswell highlighted the following information obtained for the completed FY2016-17 audit.

**General Fund Budget vs. Actual**

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<td>Revenues</td>
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<td>$73,651,153</td>
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<td>$78,241,145</td>
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<td>Other Financing Sources</td>
<td>$ 26,304</td>
<td>$ 52,832</td>
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<td>Fund Balance Used</td>
<td>($ 5,647,748)</td>
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**Revenues and Expenditures Percentages**

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<td>Restricted Federal and State Grants</td>
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<td>Local Option Sales Tax</td>
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<td>Other Sources</td>
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Expenditures

- Human Services 30%
- Education 25%
- Public Safety 21%
- Other Sources 24%

Mr. Braswell reported the following amounts associated with Caldwell County’s fund balance for 2016 and 2017.

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<td>$4,571,255</td>
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<td>Non-Spendable</td>
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<td>5,293,708</td>
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<td>Unassigned</td>
<td>3,498,350</td>
<td>3,391,976</td>
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<td>Total Fund Balance</td>
<td>$13,427,606</td>
<td>$13,893,750</td>
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It was noted the available fund balance increased $324,539 from the previous year to $9,520,381 at the end of June 30, 2017. Also noted, the available fund balance percentage increased from 12.2% in 2016 to 13% in 2017.

Mr. Braswell reported revenues of $3,571,972 and expenses of $3,273,223 to the Water Fund during the fiscal year with capital project expenses of $33,930.

Chairman Church moved to accept Caldwell County’s FY2016-2017 audit report as prepared by Martin Starnes & Associates. The motion carried unanimously.

Approval of 2018 Meeting Schedule

Chairman Church provided the Board a proposed schedule for meeting dates in calendar year 2018 and asked if there were any concerns or suggestions with the proposed schedule.

There being none, Commissioner Wilkie moved to approve the following resolution outlining the meeting schedule for the Board of Commissioners during calendar year 2018. The motion carried unanimously.

Calendar Year 2018
Caldwell County Commissioner Meeting Schedule
City-County Chambers
905 West Avenue NW
Lenoir, North Carolina

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<td>Monday</td>
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<td>NACo Legislative Briefing D.C. – Mar 3-7</td>
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Adopted by the Caldwell County Board of Commissioners during a duly held meeting on the 4th day of December, 2017.

ATTEST:

Kathy T. Greene, MMC
Clerk to the Board

Randy T. Church
Chairman

Approval of Board of Education’s Request to Purchase Property

Dr. Jeff Church talked about the Board of Education’s efforts to purchase property adjacent to West Caldwell High School. He said the school system was currently in negotiations with the owner and requested permission from the Board of Commissioners for approval of the Board of Education make the acquisition. He said the property would allow a second entrance to the back of the school and potential expansion in the future.

The deed contains several tracts but the school system will only be purchasing Tract Fourteen, a 35.42-acre parcel. Dr. Church said the property would be purchased from A. P. Anderson for $75,000.00 and the remaining worth of the property would be gifted by Mr. Anderson; however, he would retain timber rights to the property.

Commissioner Potter moved to approve the school system’s purchase of the property as requested. The motion carried unanimously.
Approval of Electing County Plan

Will Wakefield, DSS Director, gave a brief overview of the three-year Electing County plan that will begin in 2019. He said the plan was basically very similar to the last plan because staff did not feel many changes were necessary. Mr. Wakefield noted Caldwell County implemented the Electing County Plan status in 1999 which allowed the Department of Social Services greater flexibility within funding and local policies that can vary slightly from the State’s guidelines. He said the department saved more than $300,000 last year alone by being an Electing County and touted the tremendous amount of money that had been saved since 1998. Only seven counties in North Carolina are currently designated Electing Counties and the State was no longer allowing new implementations. Once a county drops the Electing County designation, the State will not allow the designation anymore.

Commissioner LaBrose moved to approve the Caldwell County Work First Electing County plan for 2019 through 2022; to authorize staff to submit the plan to State officials; and, to take appropriate actions to implement the plan. The motion carried unanimously.

Consent Agenda

1. Approval of Minutes
   Mr. Kiser recommended the Board of Commissioners approve the minutes of the November 6, 2017 meeting as prepared and presented by the Clerk.

2. Budget Amendments
   Mr. Kiser recommended the Board of Commissioners approve the following budget amendments and authorize execution of associated documents.

   A. Crisis & Detox Center Debt Service - $10,002.00
      The following budget amendment is necessary to designate revenues from lease payments from RHA for this facility to make the monthly debt service payment of $1,667.00 starting January 1, 2018 and through the remainder of this fiscal year. No local dollars are required.
      Increase 10.6576.340033 Mental Health Lease Revenue $10,002.00
      Increase 10.9100.474102 NCHFA Loan $10,002.00

   B. Library – Additional State Funding - $11,814.00*
      The following budget amendment is necessary to reflect an increase in State Aid funding to the library resulting from changes in population and/or per capita income of our service area. No new local funds are needed.
      Increase 10.6110.334000 State Aid $11,814.00
      Increase 10.6110.431100 Travel $814.00
      Increase 10.6110.426000 Supplies $1,000.00
      Increase 10.6110.456000 Books & Periodicals $10,000.00

   C. Disbursement of Rescue Readiness Tax Revenues - $18,369.11*
      The following budget amendment is necessary to disburse the remaining funds from the former Rescue Readiness Tax. It will be used to pay North Catawba FD the $15,000.00 that was held until staff determined the total final cost for implementing the new rescue service district tax for the North Catawba Fire District. That cost amounted to $2,639.11. A small amount, $2,000.00, will be set aside for fees charged to the County from the State associated with vehicle tax collections. No local dollars are needed.
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3. Request to Write-off Uncollectible Accounts
Mr. Kiser reported the Health Department requested the write-off of the following accounts. He recommended the Board of Commissioners approve the write-off of 1,528 accounts totaling $50,867.42 as approved and recommended by the Caldwell County Board of Health during its November 2017 meeting.

- 328 Accounts Under $50, no not eligible for Debt Set-off (DSO)
- 346 Accounts Over $50 but still not eligible for DSO
  - 3 confidential accounts
  - 132 Live out of state
  - 121- patient or responsible party deceased
  - 67- the SSN is linked to multiple people
  - 16- No SSN
  - 7- balances are now too small to collect on (have been set off before)
- 854 accounts, which have a balance of less than $20, have been active in 2015-16 but not in 2017, so all are over 1 year old but less than three years old

4. Memorandum of Understanding Between Caldwell County Library and Caldwell Heritage Museum
Mr. Kiser noted that the Headquarters Library currently held a number of large, bound archival copies of the News Topic. However, the Library Director advised they were being improperly maintained and were in danger of being damaged. He said Ms. Mason had requested Commissioners to authorize the library to “loan” the volumes to the Caldwell Heritage Museum for use by the Museum and the public via the accompanying memorandum of understanding.

Mr. Kiser recommended the Board of Commissioners approve the following memorandum of understanding between Caldwell County and the Caldwell Heritage Museum.

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This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) sets for the terms and understanding between Caldwell County Public Library and the Caldwell Heritage Museum regarding use and storage of the Lenoir News Topic bound archive.

**Purpose**
This MOU will serve as an understood agreement that Caldwell County Public Library and the Caldwell Heritage Museum maintain a cooperative relationship in order to support and enrich the
cultural heritage of the community. With this directive, the Caldwell County Public Library will release its bound newspaper archive to the Caldwell Heritage Museum with the understanding that it be made available for use by the public in its current format.

Likewise, the Caldwell Heritage Museum will keep and maintain the bound archive until such time as the museum is no longer to provide for its maintenance or accessibility. At such time, the archive will be returned to the Caldwell County Public Library.

The Library is not responsible for any fiduciary obligations as a result of the Museum keeping and maintaining the archive.

**Duration**
This MOU is at-will and may be modified by mutual consent of authorized officials from the Caldwell County Public Library and the Caldwell Heritage Museum. This MOU shall become effective upon signature by the authorized officials from the Library and Museum and will remain in effect until modified or terminated by any one of the partners by mutual consent. If at any time either entity wishes to withdrawal from this MOU, they will do so, in writing to the parties listed. In the absence of mutual agreement by the authorized officials from Library and Museum, this MOU shall end on July 1st, 2020, at which time the partners can chose to renew or modify this MOU, to best benefit the community.

**Relationship of the Parties**
For the purposes of this agreement and other related agreements signed by the parties, neither party is the agent of the other nor has the right or authority to bind the other party through its actions or any other agreements or communications.

**Contact Information**
Caldwell County Public Library
Lesley Mason, Library Director
120 Hospital Ave.
Lenoir, NC 28645

Partner representative
Caldwell County Heritage Museum
Beverly Beal, Interim Director of Operations
112 Vaiden Street SW
Lenoir, NC 28645

________________________Date:
(Lesley Mason, Caldwell County Public Library Director)

________________________Date:
(Beverly Beal, Interim Director of Operations)

5. Resolution Authorizing Declaration of Surplus and Disposal of Library Items
Mr. Kiser reported that the Library Director and staff have again identified 1,031 items they wish to have Commissioners declare surplus and authorize donation of them to the Caldwell Friends of the Library. It was noted the process was being done frequently by the director and staff;
therefore, Ms. Mason had requested Commissioners to adopt a resolution to authorize her, with
approval by the County Manager, to declare unnecessary or undesirable items surplus and donate
them to the Caldwell Friends of the Library or the Caldwell County Public School System so
long as the total value in any one year does not exceed $10,000. Mr. Kiser recommended the
Board of Commissioners adopt the following resolution.

RESOLUTION

Whereas, the Caldwell County Public Library System continuously evaluates its collection of
books, magazines, and periodicals; and,

Whereas, the process of evaluating the Caldwell County Public Library System’s inventory can
result in a large number of surplus books and materials, as defined by N.C.G.S. 153A-262, which
are outdated, worn, or redundant copies; and

Whereas, these library materials are unnecessary or undesirable for further use by the library;
and

Whereas, the total market value of the library materials requested for surplussing by the Library
Director and authorized by the County Manager within a one-year period does not exceed a total
of ten thousand dollars ($10,000); and

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that the Caldwell County Board of Commissioners does hereby
authorize the Library Director, with approval from the County Manager, to declare certain items
as determined unnecessary or undesirable to be surplussed.

Be It Further Resolved that the Caldwell County Board of Commissioners does hereby authorize
the Library Director, with approval from the County Manager, to donate the surplussed items to
the Caldwell Friends of the Library or the Caldwell County Public School System.

Adopted this the 4\textsuperscript{th} day of December, 2017.

Randy T. Church, Chairman

Attest:

Kathy T. Greene, MMC
Clerk to the Board

6. Schedule Public Hearing re Abolishment of Caldwell County Board of Social Services
Mr. Kiser noted this was scheduled on the agenda to begin the process of abolishing the County’s Board of Social Services. Pursuant to N.C.G.S. §153A-77(a), the County Board of Commissioners has the authority to assume direct control of any activities theretofore conducted by or through any commission, board, or agency, including the board of social services. The
Board will conduct a public hearing to seek input as it considers adopting a resolution to assume all powers, responsibilities, and duties of the Board of Social Services.

Therefore, Mr. Kiser recommended the Board of Commissioners schedule a public hearing for 6:00 p.m. on Monday, January 8, 2018 to consider abolishment of the Board of Social Services.

7. Resolution in Support of Bridge for Tranquil Hills Drive

It was reported that last fall some residents contacted Chairman Church about concerns they had with the entrance to their 50+ year old development, Tranquil Hills, off highway 268 in the Patterson/Happy Valley area. The development has no outlet and was never kept up by the State. The main issue is the bridge near the entrance to the development. It is badly in need of replacement because it is no longer structurally sound (Republic/GDS refused to continue accessing the development because they felt the bridge was not safe/reliable enough for the weight of the garbage trucks which also raised concern by residents about emergency vehicles being able to cross the bridge and access the development for emergency calls).

The Board of Commissioners adopted a resolution last year asking the State to add Tranquil Hills Drive to its Road Maintenance System. At that time, Commissioners also sought assistance from State elected officials to have the bridge replaced by and with funding from the State; however, there was no available funding.

Since those efforts last year, Senator Deanna Ballard and Representative Destin Hall have continued working to obtain support from the State and Department of Transportation to replace/repair the bridge and patch the existing pavement. The project is estimated to cost $100,000.

To proceed with the request for contingency funds from the State to be allocated for the project, Mr. Kiser recommended the Board of Commissioners adopt the following resolution in support of the project.

RESOLUTION
BY THE CALDWELL COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SUPPORTING A BRIDGE REPLACEMENT AND PAVING IMPROVEMENT PROJECT
FOR TRANQUIL HILLS DRIVE

WHEREAS, the Caldwell County Board of Commissioners were made aware of concerns from residents residing in Tranquil Hills of the dire need to make road improvements and replace the bridge at the entrance of the development; and,

WHEREAS, for some time, the Caldwell County Board of Commissioners, State elected officials and Department of Transportation staff have been in discussions about the hazardous conditions of the entrance of Tranquil Hills, especially for access by large vehicles such as ambulances and firetrucks; and,

WHEREAS, it is imperative for the safety and wellbeing of the residents of the development to have a sound and secure entrance to ensure emergency vehicles responding to calls for service can access the development and provide needed assistance; and,
WHEREAS, the Department of Transportation has estimated the project to replace the bridge and make paving improvements to cost approximately $100,000.00.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Caldwell County Board of Commissioners strongly supports and encourages the North Carolina Department of Transportation to implement the bridge/paving project using a potential allocation of contingency funding from the State of North Carolina.

Adopted this the 4th day of December, 2017.

_______________________________________
Randy T. Church, Chairman
Caldwell County Commissioners

Attest:

___________________________________
Kathy T. Greene, MMC
Clerk to the Board

With no further business, Commissioner LaBrose moved to adjourn and, by unanimous vote, Chairman Church declared the meeting adjourned at 6:42 p.m.