Chairman Church opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.

**Regular Session**

Reverend Daniel McGee, Pastor of Lenoir Community Church, gave the invocation and Commissioner Branch led the Pledge of Allegiance. Chairman Church asked if there were any additions or amendments to the June 4, 2018 agenda. Commissioner LaBrose moved to approve the agenda as presented by the Clerk and the motion carried unanimously.

**World Elder Abuse Awareness Day**

Beverly Ruppard, Adult Services Supervisor, announced June 15th was the day proclaimed for world awareness of elder abuse and said many would be wearing purple ribbons or purple clothing to show advocate for a better understanding as well as awareness of the abuse of elderly people. She said the abuse is a growing problem that is often overlooked and she highlighted different types abuse and signs to look for in detecting abuse. Ms. Ruppard said anyone could make a report of suspected abuse by calling 828-426-8288 during department hours or by calling the Sheriff Office after hours, on weekends and during holidays. She said the Sheriff Office would page a social worker for assistance.

**Public Hearing—Caldwell County FY2018-2019 Budget**

Mr. Kiser said there had been no substantive changes the FY2018-2019 budget proposal that was presented to the Board of Commissioners during the meeting on May 21st.

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

Commissioner Branch said that he planned to vote against the budget because it included new...
positions and he expressed his concern about the recurring costs and potential for having to raise
the tax rate in the future.

Commissioner Potter moved to adopt a Fiscal Year 2018-19 budget ordinance for Caldwell County
which is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of these minutes as recorded in Caldwell
County Registry Book 1942 Page 1268-1272; and, to authorize staff to take necessary
implementation actions accordingly. The motion carried by majority vote. Commissioner Branch
voted in opposition.

Revisions to Caldwell County’s Electing County Plan

Jack Daulton, DSS Program Administrator, said the Department’s Electing County Plan for
FY2019-2022 was approved last fall, noting that new plans must be submitted every three years.
He said the State notified DSS of three minor revisions needed to be made in the Electing County
plan that was submitted.

Mr. Dauliton said the three revisions did not affect the overall plan but were necessary to change a
code for WorkFirst single parent recipients to exemption and delinking Workfirst and Medicaid
Programs by the NCFAST system so the second paragraph had to be omitted. He advised the
recipients could still apply for Medicaid; however, the link had to be removed from the plan. It
does not affect any benefits to the recipients.

Commissioner Wilkie moved to approve the revisions to the Electing County Plan for Caldwell
County. The motion carried unanimously.

Caldwell County Schools Offer to Sell Horizons Elementary School Property to Caldwell County

Mr. Kiser reported that the Board of Education, on April 10, 2017, determined the school system
no longer needed the Horizons Elementary School facility. As a result, the property was offered
to Caldwell County and, on May 1, 2017, the Board of Commissioners took action to formally
decline the offer to accept the Board of Education’s offer to sell to the County Horizons Elementary
School facility and property located at 143 Cedar Valley Road in Hudson (Parcel #03 2 1 12).

As it had not been sold and the amount of time that has passed, Mr. Kiser said the Board of
Education’s attorney, Destin Hall, had expressed concern that a fresh vote was needed to ensure
the County did not wish to purchase the property. Mr. Kiser said the Board of Education has again
offered the County the opportunity to purchase the school and property.

Commissioner Branch talked about the confusion he has heard from Board of Education members
about the building being sold or not being sold. He asked to have the issue tabled. Commissioner
Wilkie asked clarification about whether, in fact, the general statutes said the offer must be made
to the Board of Commissioners and once Caldwell County turns it down, the Board of Education
can offer the property for sale to anyone for any price.
The County Attorney said the Board of Education must advertise the offer in the general newspaper
and go through the required ten-day upset bid process just as the County has to when it sells
property.
Commissioner Branch asked the County Attorney about the Board of Education placing restrictions on the property, i.e. it cannot be used for a charter school, etc. Commissioner Potter said the Town of Hudson had the desire to purchase the property and said the County was holding up their purchase and plan to repurpose the facility. Commissioner Branch said he felt that he was letting down county taxpayers by not trying to get the best offer possible for the property. Commissioner LaBrose said the decision was whether or not the County wanted to buy the property for fair market value.

Commissioner Potter moved to deny the offer to purchase the horizons elementary school property located in Hudson for fair market value. The vote was unanimous.

Consent Agenda

1. Approval of Minutes
The County Manager recommended the Board of Commissioners approve the May 7, 2018 minutes as presented.

2. Budget Amendments
The County Manager recommended the Board of Commissioners approve the following budget amendments.

   A. Sheriff Office (DARE Funds) $5,000.00
   The following budget amendment is necessary to reflect the use of DARE funds to cover the program’s expenses. No local dollars are required.
   
   | Increase | 10.4318.364001 | DARE Funds     | $5,000.00       |
   | Increase | 10.4318.432800 | DARE Expenses  | $5,000.00       |

   B. Wilson Creek Visitor Center (Merchandise Sales) $5,000.00
   The Wilson Creek Visitor Center sells items such as maps, shirts and caps with area advertisement, books about the area and nature, and some other items that are unavailable from area businesses. The following budget amendment is necessary to reflect greater sales than originally projected for the current fiscal year. No local dollars are required.
   
   | Increase | 10.6234.340040 | Merchandise Sales | $5,000.00       |
   | Increase | 10.6234.427050 | Merchandise for Resale | $5,000.00       |

   C. Health Department (Department of Health and Human Services) $13,530.00
   The County received $13,530.00 in additional funds reimbursed from DHHS from its Food & Lodging Program due to the great work of the Department’s Environmental Health staff. The staff received a 100% inspection rate. The following budget amendment is necessary to reflect the additional funding. No local dollars are required.
   
   | Increase | 10.5111.334506 | Food & Lodging     | $13,530.00       |
   | Increase | 10.5111.426000 | Supplies            | $10,000.00       |
   | Increase | 10.5111.431200 | Travel-Training    | $ 3,530.00       |
3. Amendment to Resolution for Minimal Tax Collection

The County Manager informed Commissioners that Tax Administrator Monty Woods requested they adopt a resolution, in accordance with N.C.G.S. §105-321(f), that will permit the County to direct the Tax Administrator not to collect minimal taxes charged on the tax records and receipts that do not exceed $5.00. It was noted that the last time Caldwell County Commissioners adopted a minimal tax resolution was May 21, 2001 that authorized the Tax Administrator not to collect minimal tax bills charged on the tax records and receipts under a total of $3.00 for all combined charges. The County Manager recommended the Board of Commissioners adopt the following resolution.

Commissioner LaBrose moved to approve the three items on the consent agenda as presented and recommended by the County Manager. The motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business, Commissioner Wilkie moved to adjourn and, by unanimous vote, Chairman Church declared the meeting adjourned at 6:25.