Chairman Church opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Regular Session

Rev. Mack Jarvis, Pastor of Hudson First 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 September 10, 2018 agenda. The Clerk noted there was a request from the Board of Elections to add a budget amendment and a request from the Emergency Management Director to provide a weather update. Commissioner LaBrose moved to approve the agenda as presented and amended. The vote was unanimous.

Weather Update

Ken Teague, Emergency Management Coordinator, informed Commissioners that a briefing concerning Hurricane Florence was held that morning at the County Health & Human Services building with very good attendance by representatives of various emergency management agencies, schools, and UNC Hospital. He said the hurricane was sitting off the North Carolina coast and reported there was a possibility of showers and thunderstorms that evening. Mr. Teague gave the internet address for the National Weather/Greenville-Spartanburg (www.weather.gov/gsp) for anyone wishing to follow the reports for weather and Hurricane Florence. He cautioned listeners that there could be some flash flooding and progressing high winds from the hurricane in the days ahead. Also, he advised people should be prepared for possible loss of power and noted people should have on hand in case of emergencies, one gallon of drinkable water per day per person; fast easy foods; radios, lights, and batteries. Mr. Teague also advised people to clean up dead and dying tree limbs; pick up debris lying around their
property; bring in loose outdoor items that can be carried by the wind; secure all windows and doors; and, house cars in garages/basements. He noted the number one hazard for Caldwell County is flooding and said Wilson Creek can go from a depth of 1 ½ feet to 12 feet in fifteen minutes during a severe event. Mr. Teague advised the American Red Cross would be running shelters for people needing to evacuate their homes and he provided a list of twenty-five shelters which included most of the schools. He said the Department of Social Services personnel had been alerted as well as the Health Department staff and nurses who were all ready to assist if needed.

EMS Director Dino DiBernardi added that people evacuating from the coast were headed west and the influx of the additional population would require local volunteers and assistance.

Public Hearing—Proposed Amendments to the Zoning Ordinance

Planning Director Shelley Stevens reported the Planning Board had been reviewing the zoning ordinance and there was discussion about the setback and minimum lot size requirements in the PUD Zoning District that were changed in 2016 for clarity. However, Ms. Stevens said the provision on page 115 (b) which exempts PUDs from many zoning requirements was not changed. She said the Planning Board as well as staff recommended that provision “b” under 80G.6 be eliminated. Ms. Stevens read the consistency statement (GS 153A-341) as follows:

“to approve because the amendments are consistent with the County’s Comprehensive Land Development Plan; and, promote public health, safety and welfare because each zoning district should contain language that is clear.”

Church declared the public hearing open; however, there was no public comment. Chairman Church declared the public hearing closed.

Commissioner Potter moved to approve the amendment as recommended by the Planning Board and the motion carried unanimously.

Public Hearing—Proposed Amendments to the Subdivision Ordinance

Ms. Stevens informed Commissioners that one of the Planning Board members mentioned the possibility of adding a provision in the County’s Subdivision Ordinance to require key boxes and yelp systems at subdivision entrances. Inquiries were made to the planning departments within the Unifour to determine if they had the requirements in their subdivision ordinances and none of them did. Ms. Stevens said, according to the North Carolina Fire Code, Section 506, it states that “…the fire code official is authorized to require a key box to be installed in an approved location. The key box shall be of an approved type and shall contain keys to gain necessary access as required by the fire code official. …An approved lock shall be installed on gates or similar barriers when required by the fire code official.”

Ms. Stevens advised she emailed the Fire Marshal to ask if he would like to include a provision in the ordinance with any yelp or key box requirements or if he preferred using his discretion without the additional standard in the ordinance; however, she did not get a response. She said, during the Planning Board’s recent meeting, members decided that an added provision in the Subdivision Ordinance would be best. She presented the following proposal for amending the ordinance.
“A key box and yelp system are required at every new subdivision entrance and exit and must be approved by law enforcement and emergency personnel.”

Chairman Church declared the public hearing open; however, there was no public comment. Chairman Church declared the public hearing closed.

Commissioner Wilkie moved to approve the amendment as recommended by the Planning Board and the motion carried unanimously.

**Health Department Midyear Report**

Health Director Joshua Swift presented Commissioners the following report of the department’s statistics during January 1, 2018 through June 30, 2018.

**Grants Awarded to Health Department**

- $150,000 rural health grant to focus on promotion of prenatal health clinic and adult dental care
- Over 30,000 in grants for Environmental Health to conduct FDA Risk Factor Study
- $100,000 Active Routes of School grant to fund a person to focus on making it safer to walk and bike to school
- $22,000 for WIC for training and to purchase extra equipment

**Field Visits by Director**

- Observed process with client in the Clinic/Registration
- Observed cleaning of kennels and disposition process at Animal Shelter
- Observed process of on-site evaluation
- Observed process for finalizing septic system approval/permit
- Observed school nurse interaction with students and staff at Valmead Elementary

**Clinic Visits**

- Adult Health 766
- Child Health 175
- TB Screenings 405
- Family Planning 992
- BCCP 110
- STD 447
- Maternal Health 1,063
- Immunizations 474

**Animal Control**

- 354 animals adopted/rescued
- 306 animals euthanized
- 989 service calls
- 2,582 visitors to the shelter
- County approved an architect to design a new shelter

**Child Health**—589 new referrals for children birth to age 5
Dental Clinic—1,219 patients and the department treated its first adult dental patient

Environmental Health
- Septic permits issued 164
- Well permits issued 36
- Food and lodging inspections 408

Health Promotion
- Complete Diabetes Self-Management and currently finishing Matter of Balance at the Senior Center
- Child Health and Safety Fair with Child Health—served over 200 people (94 adults, 101 kids, 60+ volunteers and 19+ agencies)

Vital Records (actually occurred in Caldwell County)
- Birth Certificates Processed – 159
- Death Certificates Processed – 430

WIC
- Caseload increased by 8% from 1,490 in February to 1,607 in June
- April: began e-WIC and non-invasive Hemoglobin

Women’s Health
- Maternal Health - 800 clinic visits (86% show rate)
- 348 patients in OBCM

School Health
- Treated 1,115 students with chronic conditions during the 2017/2018 school year
- Called 911 a total of 61 times

Award Contract for Comprehensive Land Use Plan

Planning Director Shelley Stevens reported the Planning Department sent out requests for proposals (RFP’s) and five proposals were submitted. She advised the Selection Committee reviewed the proposals and recommended the Western Piedmont Council of Governments to complete a comprehensive land use plan for the County.

Chairman Church moved to award the comprehensive land use plan contract to Western Piedmont Council of Governments and authorized execution of same. The motion carried unanimously.

Allison Adams, on behalf of Western Piedmont Council of Governments, extended thanks for choosing them and said they were excited about the project. Ms. Adams said the WPCOG had a great team put together and planned to submit the comprehensive land use plan to Commissioners in about a year.
Consider Offer to Purchase Contract for County Property Located at Globe Road

David Lackey reported the County recently foreclosed on two properties and said that no one showed up at the foreclosure hearing; therefore, Monty Woods bid on the property on behalf of Caldwell County. Mr. Lackey informed Commissioners that Kevin and Kathryn Griggs did not get to attend the foreclosure hearing; however, they offered $19,000.00 to buy the property. He noted that the County had a fiduciary responsibility to get the best money it could and said he learned that the property was valued considerably more than was offered. The County Manager advised the tax value of the property is $227,000.

Following discussion, Commissioner Branch moved to not accept the offer and the motion carried unanimously. Further, Commissioner Branch moved to list the property for sale with a realtor and authorized the County Manager to negotiate a contract. The motion carried unanimously.

Release Ten-Year Delinquent Property Taxes and Delinquent 2012 Motor Vehicle Taxes

Tax Administrator Monty Woods reported the following and requested the Board of Commissioners approve release of the delinquent taxes that are uncollectible. Mr. Woods said the action is in accordance with North Carolina General Statutes 105-378(a) for real property and 105-373(h) for motor vehicles.

- Real and personal property for 2008 $169,234.17 (over ½ is personal property)
- Motor vehicle taxes for 2012 $142,514.18

Commissioner LaBrose moved to formally release 2008 personal/real property taxes of $169,234.17 and 2012 motor vehicle taxes of $142,514.18. The vote was unanimous.

Consent Agenda

1. Approval of Minutes
The County Manager recommended the Board of Commissioners approve the minutes of the August 13 and August 27, 2018 meetings as presented.

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

   a) Health Department (Active Route of School Grant) $100,000.00
   The Health Department received a $100,000.00 Active Routes of School grant and the following budget amendment is necessary to reflect the funding in the department’s budget. The grant is to help meet the physical activity recommendations for North Carolinians by increasing the number of elementary and middle school youth safely walk and bike to school. No local dollars are required.

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b) Library (Fund Balance Appropriation to Purchase Security Cameras) $22,985.00
The following budget amendment is necessary to use revenues from the General Fund to buy security cameras for the Library.

| Increase | 10.5110.431200 | Training | $ 5,000.00 |
| Increase | 10.5110.444100 | Contractual | $ 65,000.00 |

| Increase | 10.9800.397000 | Fund Balance Appropriation | $22,985.00 |
| Increase | 10.9000.451000.4272 | Equipment | $22,985.00 |

| Increase | 10.9800.391005.10160 | Interfund Transfer | $100,000.00 |
| Increase | 41.4726.459702.10160 | Design Fees | $100,000.00 |

c) Animal Shelter (Fund Balance Appropriation for Design Fees) $100,000.00
The following budget amendment is necessary to use revenues from the General Fund to cover design fees for a new animal shelter facility.

| Increase | 10.9800.397000 | Fund Balance Appropriation | $100,000.00 |
| Increase | 10.9800.498800 | Interfund Transfer – Out | $100,000.00 |
| Increase | 41.3000.391005.10160 | Interfund Transfer – In | $100,000.00 |
| Increase | 41.4726.459702.10160 | Design Fees | $100,000.00 |

d) Board of Elections (Purchase Equipment) $11,201.00
The following budget amendment is necessary to use available funds from the department’s contractual line item to purchase Balotar equipment for the Board of Elections. No new local money is necessary.

| Decrease | 10.4170.444100 | Contractual | $11,201.00 |
| Increase | 10.9000.451000.4170 | Equipment | $11,201.00 |

3. Authorization to Close Public Library on October 8, 2018
The County Manager recommended the Board of Commissioners approve the closure of the library system on October 8, 2018 as requested by Library Director Lesley Mason in order to conduct training/staff development for all her employees.

4. Ratify NCACC Annual Meeting Voting Delegate
It was noted that Commissioners approve a designee each year to vote on their behalf at the annual meeting of the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners and Mike LaBrose has been the voting designee for the past few years. He voted on behalf of the Board during the annual meeting a couple weeks ago on August 25th. The County Manager recommended the Board of Commissioners ratify the 2018 NCACC Annual Meeting Voting Delegate, Mike LaBrose.

5. Resolution Supporting Agriculture in North Carolina
The County Manager recommended the Board of Commissioners adopt the following resolution.

RESOLUTION #2018-030
BY THE CALDWELL COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TO PROTECT NORTH CAROLINA FARMERS

Whereas, agriculture is one of the most significant drivers of North Carolina’s economy, creating tens of billions in economic activity, employing seventeen percent of the State’s workers and accounting for nearly twenty percent of the State’s economy; and
Whereas, twenty-six lawsuits have been filed in North Carolina asserting nuisance allegations against Murphy-Brown, a subsidiary of Smithfield Foods; and

Whereas, while the lawsuits name Murphy-Brown as a defendant, most of the farms affected by the lawsuits are independently-owned family farms, who despite operating their farms in a law-abiding manner, stand to lose their livelihoods as a result of the litigation; and

Whereas, during the trial phase of a recent case, the jury was denied the ability to conduct a site visit to experience first-hand the conditions complained of and after verdicts were reached, a gag order was entered preventing farmers and their neighbors from publicly discussing he conditions on their farms or the effects of the lawsuits on their farming communities; and

Whereas, the Caldwell County Board of Commissioners fears that if this verdict is not overturned, it will set a precedent with far reaching ramifications devastating to North Carolina’s agricultural economy, harmful to rural farming communities and will push hardworking family farmers into bankruptcy by stymying their ability to produce fruits and vegetables, raise livestock and seafood, and grow crops and grains

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Caldwell County Board of Commissioners does hereby support the Swine Farmers of Eastern North Carolina and believe that the agriculture industry is vital to the North Carolina economy and should be protected.

Adopted this 10th day of September, 2018.

Randy T. Church, Chairman
Caldwell County Board of Commissioners

Attest:

Kathy T. Greene, MMC
Clerk to the Board of Commissioners

6. Approval of Caldwell County Schools’ Application for Public School Building Capital Fund
Mr. Kiser reported staff received an application from Caldwell County Schools requesting the use of $138,000.00 from the Public School Building Capital Fund (ADM) to pay for the light replacement project at South Caldwell High School. The total project is estimated to be $184,000.00 and the school system plans to use existing local capital outlay revenue to provide the 25% local match. State statutes require that local school systems get approval from the County Board of Commissioners prior to the expenditure. Mr. Kiser recommended the Board of Commissioners approve the request to use $138,000.00 in Public School Building Capital Funds for the light replacement project at SCHS; approve the following budget amendment; and, adopt the project budget ordinance which is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of these
minutes (Exhibit A).

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

Closed Session

At 6:56 p.m., Chairman Church moved to go into closed session pursuant to N.C.G.S. §143-318.11(a)(5) in order to discuss potential land acquisition. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Potter moved to come out of closed session to regular session and it carried unanimously.

There being no further business, Commissioner Potter moved to adjourn. By unanimous vote, Chairman Church declared the meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.