

The Board of Commissioners for the County of Cabarrus met for the 4th Quarter Cabarrus Summit 2019 at the Cabarrus Arena and Events Center in Concord, North Carolina at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 20, 2019.

Present - Chairman: Stephen M. Morris
 Vice Chairman: Diane R. Honeycutt
 Commissioners: F. Blake Kiger

Absent - Commissioners: Elizabeth F. Poole
 Lynn W. Shue

Also present were Mike Downs, County Manager; Richard M. Koch, County Attorney; Rodney Harris, Deputy County Manager; Debbie Brannan, Area Manager of Innovation and Technology; Kasia Thompson, Communications and Outreach Director; and Lauren Linker, Clerk to the Board.

The following municipal representatives were also present:

City of Concord: Lloyd Payne, City Manager and Council Member Dave Phillips.

Town of Harrisburg: Steve Sciascia, Mayor; Haynes Brigman, Town Manager; and Council Members Rick Russo and Benita Conrad.

Others present: Ed Hosack, Cooperative Christian Ministry; and Economic Development Corporation staff: Page Castrodale, Samantha Grass, Robert Carney, Jr., and Shanell Varner.

Chairman Morris called the meeting to order at 6:09 p.m.

Dinner

The Board took a dinner break at 6:10 p.m. The meeting resumed at 6:30 p.m.

Introductions and Updates on Current Events and Impacts

Chairman Morris welcomed municipal elected officials, city managers and other guests. Representatives from the cities and the towns provided an update on current, and ongoing projects in their jurisdictions and recognized members of their staff in attendance.

Presentation - Homelessness

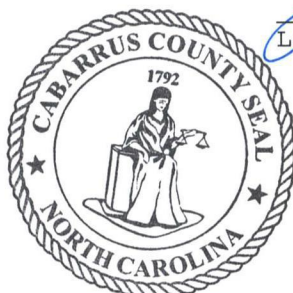
Ed Hosack, Executive Director of Cooperative Christian Ministries, gave a brief presentation on the homeless status in Cabarrus County. He provided many sets of data that had been compiled to complete his presentation. His information went over the number of current beds within the county versus current needs and what the future looks like with current resources.

Presentation - Economic Development Best Practices

Page Castrodale, Existing Industry Director of the Cabarrus County Economic Development Cooperation, gave a presentation on a new approach for economic development in Cabarrus County. She explained this method has been tested in other areas across the country with great results, but it has not been done in North Carolina. She noted how excited they were to offer this to the businesses of Cabarrus County and be the test run for the State. The focus would be on growing current and small businesses. She explained Grow Cabarrus's purpose will give existing and small to medium businesses all the same resources, data and guidance that larger companies have access to.

Adjourn

UPON MOTION of Vice Chairman Honeycutt, seconded by Commissioner Kiger and unanimously carried, the meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.



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