

The Board of Commissioners for the County of Cabarrus met for the 2nd Quarter Cabarrus Summit 2021 at the Cabarrus Arena and Events Center in Concord, North Carolina at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 21, 2021.

Present - Chairman: Stephen M. Morris
Commissioners: F. Blake Kiger
Barbara Strang

Commissioner Lynn W. Shue attended via electronic means.

Absent - Vice-Chairman: Diane Honeycutt

Also present were Mike Downs, County Manager; Jonathan Marshall, Deputy County Manager; Rodney Harris, Deputy County Manager; Kyle Bilafer, Area Manager of Operations; Todd Shanley, Information and Technology Director; Kasia Thompson, Communication and Outreach Director; Richard Koch, County Attorney, and wife Cindy; David Goldberg, Deputy County Attorney; and Lauren Linker, Clerk to the Board.

Chairman Morris recognized Lainey Lancaster Youth Commission representative from Mt. Pleasant High School who was in attendance.

The following municipal representatives were also present:

City of Concord: Bill Dusch, Mayor; Lloyd Payne, City Manager; and Council Members JC McKenzie, John Sweat, Jr., Ella Mae Small and Jennifer Parsley.

Town of Harrisburg: Steve Sciascia, Mayor; Haynes Brigman, Town Manager; and Council Members Troy Selberg, Rodney Dellinger and Diamond Staton-Williams.

City of Kannapolis: Darrell Hinnant, Mayor, and Mike Legg, City Manager.

Town of Midland: John Crump, Mayor; Doug Paris, Town Manager; and Council Members Rich Wise and Mike Tallent.

Town of Mount Pleasant: Town Manager Randy Holloway and Erin Burris, Planning and Economic Development Director.

Also, in attendance was Kenny Robinson, General Manager, Cabarrus Arena and Events Center.

Chairman Morris called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

Welcome

Chairman Morris welcomed municipal elected officials, city managers and other guests.

Introductions /Updates

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.

Mike Downs, County Manager, provided an update on county projects to include the Courthouse, New EMS (Emergency Medical Services) Headquarters, Camp Spencer Archery Building, Cabarrus Arena and Events Center dry storage, Emergency Equipment Warehouse, replacement of the Frank Liske Park Barn, a new Northeast park and a new library.

Chairman Morris provided additional information regarding the county's work to realign with a new Mental Health Care service provider.

Dinner

The Board took a dinner break at 6:29 p.m. The meeting resumed at 7:20 p.m.

Presentation - Cabarrus Economic Development

Page Castrodale, Cabarrus Economic Development Corporation (EDC), Executive Director, presented a PowerPoint presentation to include the following topics:

- Who are we
- How do we do it
 - Recruitment
 - Retention and expansion
 - Entrepreneurship
 - Product Development
- Recruiting companies to Cabarrus County
 - Receive an RFI/lead
 - Respond with requested info
 - Decision drivers
 - Site readiness
- Economic development in the year of Covid
 - Project activity in the last 12 months
- Trends
- Challenges
- What's next
- Looking ahead

A discussion ensued. During discussion, Ms. Castrodale responded to questions.

Samantha Grass, Recruitment Project Manager and Shanelle Varner, Economic Development Coordinator, both with Cabarrus County Economic Development Corporation (EDC) were in attendance.

Closing

Chairman Morris provided closing comments and thanked everyone for their participation.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 8 p.m.



Lauren Linker

Lauren Linker, Clerk to the Board