

The Board of Commissioners for the County of Cabarrus met for a Board Retreat at the Laureate Center at Kannapolis City Hall in Kannapolis, North Carolina on Friday, January 19, 2018 at 4:00 p.m.

Present - Chairman:	Stephen M. Morris
Vice Chairman:	Diane R. Honeycutt
Commissioners:	F. Blake Kiger
	Elizabeth F. Poole
	Lynn W. Shue

Also present were Mike Downs, County Manager; Pam Dubois, Senior Deputy County Manager; Jonathan Marshall, Deputy County Manager; Kyle Bilafer, Area Manager of Operations; Terri Lea Hugie, Clerk to the Board; Kasia Thompson, Communications and Outreach Manager; Jonathan Weaver, Multi-Media Journalist; Kristin Jones, Budget and Performance Manager; Lauren Tayara, Budget Analyst; and Kelly Sifford, Planning and Development Director.

The following persons were also present:

Cabarrus County Schools: Dr. Chris Lowder, Superintendent; Lynn Rhymer, Assistant Superintendent of Operations; Tim Lowder, Executive Director of Operations; Brian Cone, Director of Construction; Kelly Kluttz, Chief Finance Officer; Cabarrus County Schools Board of Education Members: Cindy Fertenbaugh, Board Chairman; Carolyn Carpenter, Board Vice Chairman; and School Board Members Barry Shoemaker, Robert Kirk and David Harrison.

Kannapolis City Schools: Dr. Chip Buckwell, Superintendent; Dr. Kelly Burgess, Assistant Superintendent; Will Crabtree, Director of Business Operations and Kannapolis City Schools Board of Education member Kevin Clark.

Rowan-Cabarrus Community College: Dr. Carol Spalding, President; Janet Spriggs, Chief Operating Officer; and Jonathan Chamberlain, Chief Officer, College Environment.

Also present: Ron Smith, Centralina Council of Governments and Bill McCoy, Emeritus Faculty of the UNCC Urban Institute.

Chairman Morris called the meeting to order at 4:14 p.m.

#### **Welcome, Introductions and Overview**

County Manager Mike Downs welcomed staff and guests and reviewed the retreat agenda for the day. He then recognized Ron Smith, Executive Director, Centralina Council of Governments (CCOG). Mr. Smith commented on the goals and efforts of the CCOG to involve the municipalities.

#### **Economic Forecast**

Jonathan Marshall, Deputy County Manager provided a brief bio as an introduction of Bill McCoy, Emeritus Faculty of the UNCC Urban Institute.

Mr. McCoy presented an economic forecast of Cabarrus County via a PowerPoint presentation titled "Cabarrus County Overview." Topics included: regional focus, population growth, race and ethnicity, population by minimum level of education, household income, median home value, high school graduation rate, urban growth model and jobs.

Following the presentation, there was discussion with Mr. McCoy responding to questions.

#### **Dinner Break**

The Board took a dinner break at 5:33 p.m. The meeting resumed at 6:22 p.m.

#### **Cabarrus County Schools**

Dr. Chris Lowder, Superintendent, Tim Lowder, Executive Director of Operations, and Kelly Kluttz, Chief Finance Officer reviewed a PowerPoint presentation titled "10 Year Planning Document." Topics included: ongoing projects; addressing aging schools; the recommended timeline; the 6 to 10-year capital projects forecast; immediate CIP needs; and a highlight of 2018-2019 budget request expansion and continuation items.

Throughout the presentation, Dr. Lowder, Mr. Lowder, and Ms. Kluttz responded to questions from board members.

**Break**

The Board took a short break at 7:13 p.m. The meeting resumed at 7:21 p.m.

**Kannapolis City Schools**

Dr. Chip Buckwell, Superintendent and Will Crabtree, Director of Business Operations presented a PowerPoint presentation titled "Kannapolis City Schools 2018-2022 CIP/Budget Report." Topics included: CIP needs over the next five years; deferred maintenance/facilities grounds; 2018-2019 budget request expansion preview; and 2018-2019 budget request continuation preview. Kannapolis City Schools Board Vice Chairman Daniel Wallace was also present.

Throughout the presentation, Dr. Buckwell and Mr. Crabtree responded to questions from board members.

**Break**

The Board took a short break at 7:39 p.m. The meeting resumed at 7:44 p.m.

**Rowan-Cabarrus Community College**

Dr. Carol Spalding, President reviewed a PowerPoint presentation and outlined anticipated capital needs for Rowan-Cabarrus Community College.

Following the presentation, Dr. Spalding responded to questions from board members. Janet Spriggs, Chief Operating Officer, and Jonathan Chamberlain, Chief Officer, College Environment were also in attendance.

**Wrapping Up and Reflections on the Day**

Mike Downs, County Manager thanked everyone for participating in today's retreat and gave a preview of activities planned for the next day.

**Recess**

UPON MOTION by Commissioner Shue, seconded by Commissioner Kiger, and unanimously carried, the meeting recessed at 8:01 p.m. to 8:00 a.m. Saturday, January 20, 2018 at the Laureate Center at Kannapolis City Hall.



Terri Lea Hugie, Clerk to the Board