



TOWN OF MILLS RIVER

LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE FOR COOPERATIVE ACTION "LGCCA"
Historic Courthouse | 1 Historic Courthouse Square | Hendersonville, NC 28792
Tuesday, October 21, 2025 – 3:00 p.m.

Town of Mills River Mayor, Shanon Gonce, called the Local Government Committee for Cooperative Action (LGCCA) meeting on Tuesday, October 21, 2025, at 3:00 p.m. in the Henderson County Commissioners' Meeting Room/Courtroom of the Historic Courthouse on Main Street, downtown Hendersonville.

The following were represented:

Henderson County: County Chairperson Bill Lapsley (County Vice Chair J. Michael Edney was absent) and County Clerk Denisa Lauffer

Hendersonville: Mayor Barbara Volk (Council member Melinda Lowrance was absent)

Laurel Park: Mayor Carey O'Cain, Council member Mark Morse

Flat Rock: Mayor Anne Colletta, Vice Mayor Matt Toner

Fletcher: Mayor Preston Blakely, Council Member Keith Reed

Mills River: Mayor Shanon Gonce, Council Member Sandra Goode, Town Manager Matthew McKirahan, and Town Clerk Patty Brown

Mayor Gonce opened the Regular Meeting and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Katie Breckheimer and Steve Bradshaw spoke during public comment. Both were in support of an aquatics center.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

There were no modifications to the agenda.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Council member Keith Reed moved to approve the Minutes of July 15, 2025. Mayor Colletta second the motion. No discussion was needed. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business to discuss.

NEW BUSINESS

Adoption of the 2026 Meeting Schedule

Mayor Blakely made a motion to adopt the 2026 Meeting Schedule. The motion was seconded by Council member Goode and passed unanimously.

Historic Markers

Mayor O'Cain brought up the idea of having historic markers throughout the county. There was discussion. Chairman Lapsley suggested the Historic Resources Commission add it as an agenda item.

Oklawaha Design Mitigation Grant

Mayor O'Cain introduced Phillip Ellis. Mr. Ellis provided a [presentation](#) on the Mud Creek Watershed Flood Reduction Feasibility Study.

UPDATES

CITY OF HENDERSONVILLE

Mayor Volk gave updates on the last Rhythm and Brews of the season, the Hendersonville Farm Market, seasonal holiday markets, and the famous painted bears for auction. She also reminded everyone of the Trick or Treat street event on October 31 downtown.

VILLAGE OF FLAT ROCK

Mayor Colletta mentioned Shred Day and Pill Take Back Day, future Town Hall meetings, and volunteer opportunities. The Village has received some FEMA money for park cleanup. The Dye Creek restoration project held up through Hurricane Helene. The North Highland Lake Road project is wrapping up and a landscape plan is forthcoming.

TOWN OF LAUREL PARK

Mayor O'Cain introduced new council member Mark Morse.

TOWN OF FLETCHER

Mayor Blakely said Fletcher mentioned Bill Moore Community Park had opened back up. Repairs have been made because of Hurricane Helene. A storm water grant program has been established. It is a 90/10 grant. Friday is Community Appreciation Day. Saturday is the Halloween Crawl.

HENDERSON COUNTY

Chairman Lapsley noted groundbreaking on the upgrade and expansion of the detention center has occurred. There was no tax increase. The next phase will include expansion of the courthouse. Other capital projects include the sports complex at Berkley Park and the Clear Creek sewer project. Mr. Lapsley expressed great concern over the lack of reimbursement funds received from FEMA.

TOWN OF MILLS RIVER

Mayor Gonce understands concerns over the Riverside Stump Dump fire. The Town of Mills River continues with debris cleanup. Ms. Goode thanked Henderson County for being a great partner in the temporary debris site. That project is closing. She mentioned the Town's UDO project and told everyone to visit www.imaginemillsriver.com for input. The Town's Santa Tour is December 13. The Mills River Farm Market's last day for the season is October 25. There will be a holiday market where proceeds go to Mills River Elementary. The Farm Market also has a new field kitchen that can be rented for catering or by farmers to process food.

REMINDER OF NEXT MEETING

Mayor Gonce reminded members the next meeting will be held on January 20, 2026, at 3:00 p.m. and hosted by the City of Hendersonville.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mills River Mayor Gonce moved to adjourn around 4 p.m. The motion was made and seconded and carried unanimously.

ATTEST:

Shanon Gonce
Mayor of Mills River

Patty Brown
Town Clerk of Mills River

Date