

MINUTES
LGCCA
Local Government Committee for Cooperative Action
October 15, 2019

The Local Government Committee for Cooperative Action (LGCCA) held its quarterly meeting on Tuesday, October 15, 2019 at 3:00 p.m. in the Commissioners' Meeting Room/Courtroom of the Historic Courthouse on Main Street, downtown Hendersonville. Present were:

Henderson County: Chairman Grady Hawkins, Vice-Chairman William Lapsley
Laurel Park: Mayor Carey O'Cain, Council member Robert Vickery
Flat Rock: Mayor Bob Staton, Council member Nick Weedman
Fletcher: Mayor Rod Whiteside, Council member Bob Davy
Mills River: Mayor Chae Davis, Council member Roger Snyder
Hendersonville: Mayor Barbara Volk, Council member Ron Stephens

WELCOME and PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mills River Mayor Chae Davis called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA

Mayor Staton made a motion to approve the Agenda. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES – July 16, 2019

Councilman Snyder made a motion to approve the minutes of July 16, 2019. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS

Water Line Extensions – Henderson County Commission Chair Grady Hawkins

Chairman Hawkins referred to a 1997 agreement whereby the City of Hendersonville agreed to consult with other municipalities and the county prior to extending water lines within their jurisdictions. He specifically questioned why Henderson County did not have an opportunity to give input on a water line extension to Pinnacle Falls subdivision. City of Hendersonville Manager John Connet and Utilities Director Lee Smith explained Pinnacle Falls subdivision had an existing water system and asked Hendersonville to take over maintenance. It was not new development for the City, and the system was not purchased from Pinnacle Falls.

Water Drought Conditions – Henderson County Commission Chair Grady Hawkins

Chairman Hawkins mentioned the current drought conditions in the county and asked whether the City of Hendersonville will be imposing emergency water restrictions, or is water available to the City from the French Broad River as well as the Mills River. Utilities Director Lee Smith reported the City currently has a temporary pump that can be used to withdraw from the French Broad River should the need arise, and it is in the process of installing a permanent pump for the same purpose. Also, water flow in the Mills River is currently more than adequate for the county's water needs, and the pump on the French Broad River is an extra measure. Water flow in the French Broad River is

strong enough to supply the City of Asheville, its customers, and supply any needs City of Hendersonville and its customers have.

Mayor Volk added that a drought emergency is not randomly called. The City must follow State of North Carolina designations. Calling for voluntary conservation reminds people of measures they should always be following.

Adoption of 2020 Quarterly Meeting Schedule

Mayor Whiteside made a motion to adopt the quarterly meeting schedule for 2020. All voted all voted in favor and the motion carried. A copy of the schedule is below:

2020 Quarterly Meeting Schedule

**Local Government Committee for Cooperative Actic
LGCCA**

3rd Tuesday of January, April, July & October at 3:00 p.m.

**Henderson County Commissioners' Meeting Room
1 Historic Courthouse Square
Hendersonville, NC 28792-5097**

<u>Date</u>		<u>Host</u>
January 21, 2020	Host	City of Hendersonville
April 21, 2020	Host	Village of Flat Rock
July 21, 2020	Host	Town of Fletcher
October 20, 2020	Host	Henderson County
Hosts next in order:		Town of Laurel Park Town of Mills River

UPDATES

City of Hendersonville

Mayor Volk reported on several things happening in the City of Hendersonville:

1. The Bear Auction is Saturday, October 19.
2. The Halloween Treat Street Carnival is October 31 at 5:00 PM. Main Street closes at 3:00 PM.
3. The Thanksgiving Day 5K Turkey Trot will run through the streets of downtown.
4. The last Council Conversations will be led by Councilman Caraker at Blue Ridge Health tonight.
5. Mulch giveaway continues until November 2.

6. Construction is beginning in Patton Park for wetland improvements and improvements to the quality of water flowing into the creek.

Village of Flat Rock

Mayor Staton reported on the following events in the Village of Flat Rock:

1. A Shred and Drug Drop-off Day was held this past weekend. These are held twice a year.
2. Frolic in the Park was held last weekend to celebrate the completion of the playground.
3. The Village approved the last capital improvement for the park in its Tot Lot.
4. The roundabout at Erkwood Rd is still under construction. It should be completed in June 2020.
5. Nick Weedman is running unopposed for Mayor. The other three (3) seats are contested.

Council member Weedman added Blue Ridge Fire is concerned about the City of Hendersonville adding a fire station on the south side of town, and the possibility of loss of tax base.

City Manager John Connet noted there is a provision in the statutes requiring any municipality to compensate for up to five (5) years any fire department, in the event of an annexation, if there is debt on the part of the fire department losing tax base. Also, the locating of a station on the south side is driven by call volume and the inability to reach that area in the case of a flood event.

Mayor Staton announced this was his last LGCCA meeting in an official capacity.

Town of Laurel Park

Mayor O’Cain asked Bob Vickery to give an update on happenings in Laurel Park:

1. The 2018 tax collection rate is 99.7%.
2. The annual paving and road repair is completed.
3. The recent History Walk led by Commissioner Hanson was attended by 44 people.
4. Please remember to lock your cars. The number of break-ins is up.
5. The Town is investigating invasive vines and the effect it is having on the trees.
6. There are new display boards with historic photos in the meeting room at Town Hall.

Mayor O’Cain added the elections are in three (3) weeks and all seats are unopposed. Also, the Uniform Development Ordinance (UDO) will be reviewed by Council in December.

Town of Fletcher

Mayor Rod Whiteside gave an update for the Town of Fletcher:

1. The Town is rolling out the delivery of 95 gallon recycling cans to residents.
2. An outdoor burning ban has been put in place due to the drought conditions.
3. The Highway 25 project is almost finished, but is waiting for power to the clock tower.
4. The Town is closing soon on five (5) acres out in front of Town Hall.
5. The annual Halloween event is October 26, 2019 from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM at Bill Moore Park.
6. The Veterans Salute is on November 9.

Henderson County

Chairman Hawkins updated everyone on events in the County:

1. All municipalities are invited to participate in the Comprehensive Plan 2045, and are asked to take into account their borders with the county and the adjacent zoning there.
2. Work begins on Highway 26 this evening.
3. Commissioner Lapsley explained that at its last meeting, the LGCCA discussed septic issues.

Both local and state officials have been contacted and a notice of violation has been served on the property owner. However, an appeal has been filed.

4. All municipalities are encouraged to take advantage of a program held by the Henderson County Board of Health on the dangers of vaping. The Board of Health may be proposing an ordinance for the Board of Commissioners to consider in the next month.

5. Blue Ridge Community College is hosting an out of town speaker on the Opioid Crisis.

6. Chairman Hawkins advised the municipalities to read House Bill 215 on extra-territorial jurisdictions, to reach a consensus and contact the state legislature.

Town of Mills River

Mayor Chae Davis asked Town Manager Daniel Cobb to update the Committee:

1. Town Council approved Solar Panels to be installed on Town Hall, and all park buildings. Town Hall's electric bills will be offset by 70%, and the others will be offset by 50% each.

2. The bids have been let for a baseball field in Mills River Park.

3. The maintenance building is in the final stages and will receive a Certificate of Occupancy soon.

4. Council has approved a pay and classification study for employees.

5. The position for full time Parks and Recreation Maintenance person received 16 applications. Interviews are being conducted now.

6. The Kids in Park TRACK Trail grand opening is Sunday, October 20.

7. A Blood Drive will be held on November 5 at Town Hall.

8. The Making Mills River Comprehensive Plan survey closed in July with over 550 responses and more than half of those from Town residents.

9. The Town's Nuisance Ordinance went into effect October 12.

10. Staff and NC DOT are discussing design of the Mills River Valley Trail.

11. New security cameras have been installed in Mills River Park and on Town Hall.

12. The GAIA Herbs grand opening is next Thursday.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the LGCCA will be January 21, 2020 at 3:00 PM, and will be hosted by the City of Hendersonville.

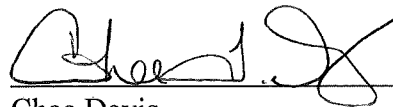
ADJOURNMENT

There being no more business the meeting was adjourned at 3:57 p.m.

Respectively submitted:



Susan L. Powell, MMC, NCCMC
Town Clerk/Finance Officer
Town of Mills River



Chae Davis
Mayor
Town of Mills River