

Grayson County Board of Supervisors
And Independence Town Council
Joint Informational Meeting at IVFD
January 18, 2018

Board of Supervisors attending were: Brenda R. Sutherland, Kenneth R. Belton, and John S. Fant. Michael S. Hash and Thomas R. Revels were unable to attend.

William L. Shepley, Mitchell L. Smith, James S. Moss and Linda C. Osborne were in attendance as well.

Independence Town Council members in attendance: Jerry Hughes, EF "Butch" Reeves IV, Pete Hall, Ronald Sexton, William F. "Buddy" Halsey and Tom Maxwell. Jason Cassell, Jeff Miller, and Kim Farmer were unable to attend.

Supervisor Sutherland called the Board of Supervisors to order since a quorum was present. Mayor Reeves called the Town Council to order and a quorum was present. Mayor Reeves welcomed all members and staff.

Mayor Reeves introduced Jim and Ginger Meier. Mr. Meier gave a presentation to the Board of Supervisors and Independence Town Council. Once the presentation was completed, the consensus of the group was for Mr. Moss to ask the Meiers to present a business plan for the Town's IDA and the County's EDA.

Mr. Shepley spoke to the Board of Supervisors and Town Council regarding the following:

- possibility of a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) here in the County or Independence area.
- a wellness center with the possibilities of the old Grayson Garment building
- existing restaurant in Elkin, NC to possibly move into an existing building here
- continuing to work on expanding broadband
- continuing to work with the CATE Center
- looking for possibilities in an empty building here in Independence
- creating an Ag Advisory Committee to explore possibilities within our #1 business in the area.

Mr. Hughes noted the following:

- the Town is working with Hurt and Profitt on the design for the park and Farmers Market area along with a new street scape.
- Town and Board of Supervisors should continue with the quarterly meetings – very beneficial
- Stated that he will retire in the next couple of months.

Supervisor Belton noted he serves on the Chamber of Commerce Board and they are looking for more new members – Grayson, Carroll and Galax are each allowed seven (7) from each. Currently Grayson County has five (5) members and two (2) more are needed. Mr. Shepley volunteered to serve.

Supervisor Fant made the motion to adjourn; duly seconded by Supervisor Belton. Motion carried 3-0.

Mayor Reeves adjourned for Town Council.