

September 28, 2009, MB#51
Special Session

Minutes
Catawba County Board of Commissioners
Special Session – Joint Meeting with Catawba Valley Community College Board of Trustees
Monday, September 28, 2009, 9:30 a.m.

The Catawba County Board of Commissioners met in Special Session on Monday, September 28, 2009 at 9:30 a.m. in the Catawba Valley Community College Board Room, Hickory, North Carolina. The purpose of this Special Session was to conduct a joint meeting with the Catawba Valley Community College Board of Trustees to receive a review and update on CVCC facilities.

Catawba County Board of Commissioners

Present were Chair Katherine W. Barnes, Vice-Chair Lynn Lail and Commissioners Glenn E. Barger, Barbara Beatty and Dan Hunsucker.

Also present were County Manager J. Thomas Lundy, Assistant County Manager Lee Worsley, Assistant County Manager Dewey Harris, ICMA Fellow Kelly Pasour, County Attorney Debra Bechtel, Public Information Officer Dave Hardin and County Clerk Barbara Morris.

Catawba Valley Community College Board of Trustees

Present were Chair Stephen B. Neuville, Trustees Charles R. Preston, Charles M. Snipes, Ernest E. Stone, Forest Ferrell, Ann Gaither, Josephine Foster, Rosemary Bass Young, CVCC President Garrett Hinshaw, and Recording Secretary Sheila Coates. It is noted that Commissioner Glenn E. Barger is also a Trustee on this Board.

1. CVCC Board of Trustee Chair Stephen Neuville called the meeting to order. Mr. Neuville welcomed all present. Chair Barnes then joined in this welcome and thanks the Board of Trustees for the invitation to meet. She noted all the impressive changes to the college and stated the college was a great asset to Catawba County and the surrounding area. Chair Barnes noted the challenges of the current budget and the affects of the recent budget cuts by the state.
2. College President Garrett Hinshaw and Chair Barnes reviewed the partnership with Appalachian State University (ASU). The ASU Greater Hickory Partnership coordinates Centers at Caldwell CC, Western Piedmont CC and the NC Center for Engineering Technologies – the Partnership is a regional concept which came into being at the time of the dissolution of HMHEC in March 2009. All three community college presidents have worked on this initiative and there has been a marked increase in students since this transition.
3. Dr. Hinshaw then reported on the CVCC facilities. A video produced by and at the college was shown – highlighting the diversity in students and the goals of enrollees. He then presented a PowerPoint presentation on the progress and transitions at the college which highlighted the new look and feel of the campus. Current construction and future plans for renovation/construction were included. Dr. Hinshaw then summarized new initiatives for the college which included the Center for Information Assurance, the development of an endowment program and dealing with the current budget crisis and its affect on the current year and the upcoming budget year.

Dr. Hinshaw thanked the Board of Commissioners and the County staff for their support of CVCC. The Commissioners each thanked Dr. Hinshaw for his leadership and the positive focus of his efforts.

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Katherine W. Barnes, Chair
Catawba County Board of Commissioners

Barbara E. Morris, County Clerk