



MINUTES

1-10-23 @ 6:30 pm

BCCC Board Meeting

Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm

- **President:** Chuck Landever
- **Treasurer:** Shirley Landever
- **Vice President:** Jane Howell
- **Secretary:** April Davis

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- Minutes of the last meeting were read.

TREASURER'S REPORT

- Treasurers report was read. December ended with \$13,254.28. With rental money, as well Internet, insurance and electrical costs, January 1st our balance was \$13,337.51. The upgrade of our HVAC system has made a huge difference in our monthly electric bill.

OLD BUSINESS

- **Carols & Cookies event:** We had about 60 people who sang along with our live music, and enjoyed cookies and other sweets donated by volunteers.
- **Internet/Wi-Fi:** Our Hotspot is in and working! With a T-Mobile Grant, we pay only \$10 a month. Those in the community can use our Wi-Fi access outside the BCCC within the Hotspot range.
- **Dog Park:** We have had a lot of volunteers show up for our Saturday fence clean up project. We made a lot of progress, but have one more Saturday to reach our goal of a fence line free of vines, brush, and damaging trees.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Note:** We are not a political organization – and are not party-affiliated. The Guest Speakers we invite are elected or current officials who are responsible for shaping our local and state government. And all of our neighbors have an opinion and have the right to express that opinion without retribution.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Tax Day:** We are partnering with Pisgah Legal Services to offer our community FREE tax refund awareness and preparation.

GUEST SPEAKER

Jake Johnson, elected representative now serving Rutherford County answered a number of questions and addressed concerns. He welcomed anyone to contact him for follow up information or additional questions. *The meeting is being streamed on our Facebook page for anyone to view.*



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- **Priorities** – Lowering income tax, Fading out Corporate tax, Addressing lack of workforce and enhancing community colleges, Targeting areas with workforce deficits due to affordable housing, Making our area more attractive to veterans and the retired, Enhancing law enforcement to better protect citizens and prosecute offenders, and Expanding school choice and curriculum to prepare students for the workforce as well as the realities of adult life.
- **Medical Marijuana** - The bill was held up in the house last term but should move through this year. He is for strict and responsible bill approving medical use only.
- **Workforce and Employment** - Zoning and infrastructure is making it easier for low maintenance types of homes. The state uses a tier system to determine need. It should be restructured to include workforce housing as a priority with incentives to developers and builders in Lake Lure.
- **Rt 9 Expansion** - The expansion that will widen Rt 9 was approved to take 6 ft on either side. An alternative of 2 ft has been proposed, but Engineers would not agree to anything less than 4 ft. DOT is working on the decision.
- **Road Repair and Maintenance** - Many roads need repairing or repaving. The road to Fairview is deteriorating. That work was canceled due to budget cuts which the DOT approves. The state is considering investigating how the DOT allocates funding of projects.
- **Tier change** - County has brackets decided upon by income but should go by wages to determine real need. Rutherford County revitalization will bring in more tourists, small business, new residents, which equates to more income. Also the occupancy tax needs adjusting.
- **Septic and Dam** - Town has been awarded water and sewer grants.
- **Election Integrity** - Voter ID has been back and forth, but with Republicans now a majority it should pass.
- **Building Inspections** - State committees are in charge of enforcing this group. He will look into it.
- **Broadband** - Maps created by Internet providers should identify gaps. States are competing with other states for funding, but there are grants that are used now to help fill those gaps. It was suggested we get more towers for redundancy.
- **Stray Dogs and Cats** - Spay and neuter laws are enforced locally. The number of strays and shelter animals are reported to the Dept of Agriculture.
- **Rails & Trails** - The project was underfunded from the beginning.
- **Homestead Rebates for 65+** - The plan is to lower income and gas tax rates for all.
- **Medicare and Medicaid** - The state will be cracking down on Medicaid fraud, making sure only those who can't work get it, not those who don't want to work.

MEETING ADJOURNED

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm.