

YANCEYVILLE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday January 13th , 2026, 6:00pm

The meeting of the Town Council was held in the Yanceyville Town Council Chambers at the Yanceyville Municipal Services Building located at 158 East Church Street, Yanceyville, NC and streamed through the Webex platform on Tuesday, January 13th, 2026, at 6:00pm.

Council Members present: Mayor Alvin Foster, Mayor Pro Tem- Darrell McLean, Kenneth Darnell, Stephanie Williamson , and C. Keith Tatum

Staff present in person: Kamara Barnett, Town Manager/Clerk, Miranda Harrelson, Deputy Clerk, R. Lee Farmer, Town Attorney, Harmon Crutchfield, Deputy Finance Officer, and Kathryn Hinton, Administrative Assistant

Item 1: Call to Order

Mayor Alvin Foster called the Town Council Meeting to order at 6:00pm. The meeting opened with a silent prayer. He asked all to stand for the pledge of allegiance. Mayor Foster also stated that the Yanceyville Town Council rules and procedures reflect the revisions of the North Carolina open meeting law of the North Carolina General Statutes, a copy of the Yanceyville Town Council rules and procedures are available upon request. Yanceyville Town Council also has rules and procedures for electronic meetings that reflect the revisions of the North Carolina open meeting law of the North Carolina General Statutes, a copy of the Yanceyville Town Council rules and procedures are available upon request. Mayor Foster stated that it is the policy of the Yanceyville Town Council to allow 15 minutes during each monthly meeting for public comment. Individuals will be called in the order signed up to speak. There is a three-minute time limit for everyone.

Item 2: Review of Agenda

Mayor Foster asked the Town Council to review the agenda. After a brief review, he noted that there were no additions or deletions.

Item 3: Consent Agenda

- a. Minutes from December 2, 2025, Town Council Meeting

Mayor Foster asked Town Council to review the Consent Agenda. After a short review, Councilman Darnell made a motion to adopt the Consent Agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Williamson and passed with a unanimous vote.

Item 4: Public Comment

Mayor Foster asked whether anyone had signed up for public comments. Deputy Clerk Harrelson reported that Mr. Romany Nageeb had signed up. Mayor Foster invited Mr. Nageeb to the

podium and asked him to state his name and address for the record. Mr. Nageeb stated that he resides at 163 NC Highway 62, Blanch, NC 27212.

Mr. Nageeb explained that there is approximately 4.9 acres of land located behind his property, owned by Mr. Danny and Sylvia Johnson, which is being considered for sale to individuals interested in developing a R V Park. He expressed concerns about the frequent turnover of visitors that would make him feel unsafe. He noted that he would prefer the property to be developed as a single-family residence with permanent residents rather than short-term occupants. He also expressed concern about individuals coming from outside the state to gamble at the casino and then leaving, noting that he would prefer to know who lives behind his property.

Mr. Nageeb stated that he would like to prevent the proposed use and shared that he would be willing to purchase the property himself if Danny and Sylvia Johnson, chose to sell to him, or that he would support its sale to any buyer who intended to build a home for a family.

He further stated that the property would connect to his land and that he already owns two adjacent lots where no such issues exist. Mr. Nageeb shared that he owns several rental properties and that his tenants also have safety concerns regarding the proposed development. While acknowledging that a camp could potentially benefit his gas station business, he emphasized that his primary concern is the safety of himself, his wife, his neighbors, and his tenants.

Mr. Nageeb concluded by stating that purchasing the property would not necessarily benefit him financially, but that he would do so to protect himself and others, and to avoid bringing potential problems or disturbances to Kimbro Road community.

Item 5: Water and Wastewater Treatment Facilities Update: Ben Sears, Clearwater Solutions

Mayor Foster introduced Mr. Ben Sears Clear Water Solutions Project Manager to Town Council. Mr. Sears provided the monthly update.

Water Treatment Plant (WTP) Green Leaf Filter Rehab

The rehabilitation project, led by McGill and Associates with McCall Brothers as contractors, has completed major cleaning and structural prep work.

Internal filter walls, plenum area, and water well have been pressure washed and cleared.

New valves installed on water well pipe ends; Sanford Electrical began conduit installation January 5.

Removal of vacuum tank and weir underway for new unit installation.

Veolia scheduled delivery of Green Leaf Filter parts on January 9.

Engineering team recommends interconnect between supply line and Clearwell, plus full Clearwell cleaning.

Lagoon cleaning by EMA is delayed and overdue.

Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP)

Operations are normal and compliant.

Sampling collection and scheduling set for January.

Solenoid valves for step screen received installation scheduled for January 8.

Critical Operational Risks

WTP mixers in Flash Mix and Floc basins leaking oil will address before start of plant.

WWTP step screen malfunctioning and tripping requires electrician.

Mayor Foster thanked Mr. Sears for his detailed report. Mr. Sears asked if there were any questions and noted that he would also be available after the meeting to address any additional questions.

Item 6: Consideration of Town Replacement of expired FEMA Safer Grant for Yanceyville

Town Manager Barnett read aloud the Request for Town Funding to Support Fire Department Staffing Pending SAFER Grant Availability. In 2017, the Town of Yanceyville Fire Department applied for the FEMA Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) Grant. The most recent grant cycle provided five years of funding, with quarterly payments ranging from \$6,500 to \$7,500. Since that time, the Fire Department has increased staffing from 32 to 34 firefighters, demonstrating continued growth and commitment to public safety.

In addition to response-related funding, the SAFER Grant also provided training compensation of \$15 per hour for up to 36 hours of mandatory training, as required by the State of North Carolina to maintain firefighter certification and operational readiness.

The SAFER Grant program provides direct funding to fire departments and volunteer firefighter organizations to help increase or maintain the number of trained, front-line firefighters available to protect their communities. The program supports compliance with National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) staffing, response, and operational standards, specifically NFPA 1710 and/or NFPA 1720. Maintaining adequate staffing and training is essential to firefighter safety, effective emergency response, and continued protection of Yanceyville residents.

It is requested that the Town Council consider temporarily replacing SAFER grant funding with Town funds until the next SAFER grant cycle becomes available, at which time the Town plans to reapply. This request includes approval of Town funding to support firefighter response on qualifying incidents at a rate of \$20 per firefighter per incident, and \$15 per hour for firefighter training, up to a maximum of 36 hours, subject to the following conditions:

- Incident compensation applies only to fire calls, heavy equipment operations, and rescue calls
- Minor calls and EMS-only calls are not eligible
- Training hours are limited to state-required training and capped at 36 hours
- Each qualifying incident and training session will be logged and documented, including call type, training type, and personnel present
- Firefighters must be on scene and/or present for training and sign off to verify participation

This proposed approach ensures accountability, accurate recordkeeping, and responsible use of Town funds, while allowing the Fire Department to maintain staffing levels, meet required training standards, and remain operationally ready as it continues to pursue SAFER grant funding in future cycles.

*FEMA typically announces the next SAFER grant cycle once the current fiscal year's funding opportunity closes and awards are being processed. Because the FY 2024 cycle closed in July 2025, the FY 2025 or FY 2026 cycle has not yet been officially announced as of now. There is no confirmed application period published yet for the next cycle.

Mayor Foster inquired as to the pleasure of the Town Council. Councilman Darnell stated that he would like additional information regarding the timing of the next grant cycle and the duration of the town's financial responsibility for the firefighters. He also indicated that he would like to review the recommendation of the NC Chief Consulting Firm before proceeding.

Councilman Darnell made a motion to obtain additional information and to revisit the consideration of a town-funded replacement for the expired FEMA SAFER Grant for Yanceyville at a later date. The motion was seconded by Councilman Tatum and passed by a vote of three to two, with Mayor Foster and Councilwoman Williamson opposing.

Item 7: Town Manager Updates- Kamara Barnett

a. Consideration of Amendment to Contract to Audit Accounts Cobb Ezekial Loy & Co., PA

Town Manager Barnett reported that, due to turnover within the audit firm, the firm has requested that the Town consider amending the contract to extend the original completion date from December 31, 2025, to February 12, 2026, with the expectation that the audit will be completed earlier if possible. She further noted that, pursuant to North Carolina Local Government Commission requirements, the contract amendment must be approved by the unit's governing body.

Mayor Foster asked the Town Council for a motion regarding amending the contract to extend the original completion date from December 31, 2025, to February 12, 2026.

Councilman Darnell made a motion to approve the amendment to the contract for audit services with Cobb, Ezekial, Loy & Co., P.A. The motion was seconded by Councilman Tatum and passed unanimously.

**See attached*

b. Consideration of Grant Project Ordinance: Community Foundation Dan River Regional Yanceyville Fire Department

Deputy Finance Officer Crutchfield reported that the Town of Yanceyville Fire Department received grant funding from the Community Foundation of the Dan River Region in the amount of \$18,000 to support the purchase of firefighter turnout gear. He noted that the grant project ordinance requires approval by the Town Council.

Mayor Foster asked the Town Council for a motion. Councilman Darnell made a motion to approve the Grant Project Ordinance from the Community Foundation of the Dan River Region for the Yanceyville Fire Department. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem McLean and passed unanimously.

**See attached*

Town Manager Barnett noted that she had several additional updates, announcements, and reminders to share:

Personal Note of Thanks:

First, I would like to extend a special thank you to the Town Council and Town staff for the kindness and support shown to my family during the passing of my Grandmother.

Martin Luther King Jr Program:

Town Hall will be closed on Monday, January 19, in observance of the Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday. The Town Council and community are invited to attend the Martin Luther King Jr. Day Oratory Program & Food Drive, hosted by the Burlington Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Dillard Apartments Gymnasium. A copy of the invitation with additional details has been placed on your desk.

Yanceyville DMV Office:

Exciting news for our community! Yanceyville has been selected as one of four rural and underserved locations to receive expanded operating hours for its part-time Driver License Office. As part of the N.C. Division of Motor Vehicles' Examiner Staffing Plan, announced in November 2025, the office will now operate three days per week Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., with lunch closure from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. This expansion represents a significant improvement in access to DMV services for our residents.

Yanceyville Matters Newsletter:

The Yanceyville Matters Newsletter will be mailed to our utility customers and posted on our website by the end of this week. It will include updates on the upcoming Accounting and Utility Billing System upgrade, the Water Plant Rehabilitation Project, the removal of the Water Supply Dam, planned improvements to the Pavilion area, and other community news.

Recycling Bin Placement:

The Caswell County Solid Waste Department has placed a recycling bin in the parking lot of the Old Town Hall at 200 East Church Street for Yanceyville residents. The department will monitor and maintain the bin. If it becomes a nuisance or is misused, it will be removed, and residents may continue to use the Caswell County Landfill site for recycling services.

Return of Maud Gatewood Paintings:

The Maud Gatewood paintings will be returned to Town Hall on January 14, following the conclusion of the Maud Gatewood Exhibition hosted by the Danville Museum of Fine Arts.

Item 8: Town Attorney Updates- R. Lee Farmer

a. Risk Management Issues

Attorney Farmer provided an update regarding a serious incident that occurred on April 24, 2025, in the City of Eden, North Carolina. The incident involved a Public Works employee who lost control of a trash truck, resulting in four fatalities and three major injuries. Attorney Farmer noted that the employee was a long-time City employee but did not possess a Commercial Driver's License (CDL), which is required for operating commercial vehicles.

Following the incident, the State Fire Marshal's Office, in conjunction with the North Carolina League of Municipalities, its employees, and consultants, has been reviewing liability issues across the state. Attorney Farmer explained that, as a result of this review, the Town may have one or two potential issues that require attention. He emphasized that these matters will require policy decisions from the Town Council to ensure compliance and mitigate potential risks. He also noted that there are multiple ongoing investigations and several claims filed against the City of Eden stemming from this incident.

Attorney Farmer further discussed a second issue related to Emergency Services, which is similar in nature. He recommended that all volunteer firefighters be required to complete Emergency Vehicle Operations (EVO) training, which is provided through the State of North Carolina. He indicated that this training is intended to enhance safety when operating emergency vehicles and reduce liability exposure for the Town. The Town Council will need to determine whether completion of EVO training should be made mandatory for all applicable personnel.

Lastly, Attorney Farmer addressed the need for the Town Council to consider granting the Town Manager authority to take disciplinary action when employees fail to obtain or maintain required state licenses or certifications. He explained that this measure would help ensure compliance with state regulations, maintain safety standards, and protect the Town from potential liability issues. Attorney Farmer stressed that implementing these policies proactively could prevent incidents and reduce legal exposure for the Town in the future.

Item 9: Closed Session

Mayor Foster asked for a motion to enter Closed Session pursuant to N.C. General Statutes §143-318.11 for Attorney-Client Consultation at 6:32 p.m. Councilman Darnell made the motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem McLean, and it passed unanimously.

Upon returning from Closed Session, Mayor Foster asked for a motion to adjourn Closed Session. Councilman Darnell so moved, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem McLean, and the motion passed unanimously at 7:12 p.m.

Mayor Foster then asked for a motion to return to Regular Session. Councilwoman Williamson made the motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem McLean, and it passed unanimously at 7:13 p.m.

Item 10: New Business:

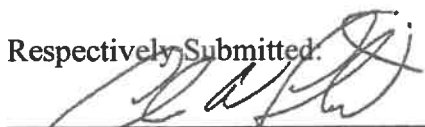
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Item 11: Adjournment

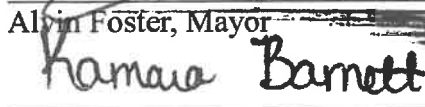
Mayor Foster asked for a motion to adjourn. With no further discussion, Councilman Tatum moved to adjourn the January 13, 2026, Town Council meeting, seconded by Councilman Darnell. The motion passed unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 7:14 p.m.

These minutes were prepared by Kamara Barnett, Town Clerk, and Miranda Harrelson, Deputy Town Clerk. They provide a summary of the matters discussed and actions taken during the meeting

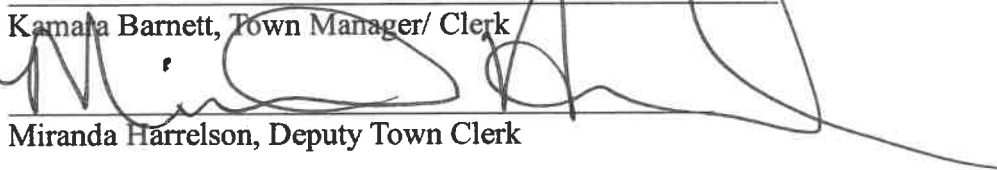
Respectively Submitted:



Alvin Foster, Mayor



Kamara Barnett, Town Manager/ Clerk



Miranda Harrelson, Deputy Town Clerk

Whereas	Primary Government Unit Town of Yanceyville
and	Discretely Presented Component Unit (DPCU) (if applicable)
and	Auditor Cobb, Ezekiel, Loy & Co., P.A.

entered into a contract in which the Auditor agreed to audit the accounts of the Primary Government Unit and DPCU (if applicable)

for	Fiscal Year Ending 06/30/25	and originally to be submitted to the LGC on	Date 12/31/25
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hereby agree that it is now necessary that the contract be modified as follows.

☒ Modification to date submitted to LGC	Original date 12/31/25	Modified date 02/12/26
☐ Modification to fee	Original fee	Modified fee

Primary Other
(choose 1)(choose 0-2)

Reason(s) for Contract Amendment

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| ☐ | ☐ | Change in scope |
| ☒ | ☐ | Issue with unit staff/turnover/workload |
| ☐ | ☐ | Issue with auditor staff/turnover/workload |
| ☐ | ☐ | Third-party financial statements not prepared by agreed-upon date |
| ☐ | ☐ | Unit did not have bank reconciliations complete for the audit period |
| ☒ | ☐ | Unit did not have reconciliations between subsidiary ledgers and general ledger complete |
| ☐ | ☐ | Unit did not post previous years adjusting journal entries resulting in incorrect beginning balances in the general ledger |
| ☐ | ☐ | Unit did not have information required for audit complete by the agreed-upon time |
| ☐ | ☐ | Delay in component unit reports |
| ☐ | ☐ | Software - implementation issue |
| ☐ | ☐ | Software - system failure |
| ☐ | ☐ | Software - ransomware/cyberattack |
| ☐ | ☐ | Natural or other disaster |
| ☐ | ☒ | Other (please explain) |

Plan to Prevent Future Late Submissions

If the amendment is submitted to modify the date the audit will be submitted to the LGC, please indicate the steps the unit and auditor will take to prevent late filing of audits in subsequent years. Audits are due six months after fiscal year end (ten months after fiscal year end for housing authorities). Indicate NA if this is an amendment due to a change in cost only.

Additional Information

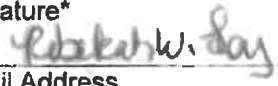
Please provide any additional explanation or details regarding the contract modification.

Late Release of 2025 Compliance Supplement

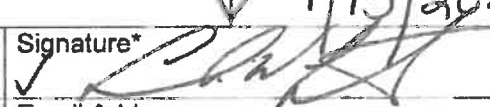
By their signatures on the following pages, the Auditor, the Primary Government Unit, and the DPCU (if applicable), agree to these modified terms.

SIGNATURE PAGE

AUDIT FIRM

Audit Firm*	
Cobb, Ezekiel, Loy & Co., P.A.	
Authorized Firm Representative* (typed or printed)	Signature*
Rebekah W. Loy, CPA	
Date*	Email Address
1-5-26	becky@cel-cpa.com

GOVERNMENTAL UNIT

Governmental Unit*	
Town of Yanceyville	
Date Primary Government Unit Governing Board Approved Amended Audit Contract* (If required by governing board policy)	
1/13/2026	
Mayor/Chairperson* (typed or printed)	Signature*
Alvin Foster, Mayor	
Date	Email Address
✓ 1-13-2026	afoster1955@gmail.com

Chair of Audit Committee (typed or printed, or "NA")	Signature
Date	Email Address

GOVERNMENTAL UNIT – PRE-AUDIT CERTIFICATE
ONLY REQUIRED IF FEES ARE MODIFIED IN THE AMENDED CONTRACT
(Pre-audit certificate not required for hospitals)

Required by G.S. 159-28(a1) or G.S. 115C-441(a1)

This instrument has been pre-audited in the manner required by The Local Government Budget and Fiscal Control Act or by the School Budget and Fiscal Control Act.

Primary Governmental Unit Finance Officer*	Signature*
Date of Pre-Audit Certificate*	Email Address*

SIGNATURE PAGE – DPCU
(complete only if applicable)

DISCRETELY PRESENTED COMPONENT UNIT

DPCU	
Date DPCU Governing Board Approved Amended Audit Contract (if required by governing board policy)	
DPCU Chairperson (typed or printed)	Signature
Date	Email Address

Chair of Audit Committee (typed or printed, or "NA")	Signature
Date	Email Address

DPCU – PRE-AUDIT CERTIFICATE

ONLY REQUIRED IF FEES ARE MODIFIED IN THE AMENDED CONTRACT

(Pre-audit certificate not required for hospitals)

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DPCU Finance Officer (typed or printed)	Signature
Date of Pre-Audit Certificate	Email Address



Grant Project Ordinance
Grant Project Ordinance Number: 2026-1

BE IT ORDAINED by the Town Council of the Town of Yanceyville, North Carolina, that, pursuant to Section 13.2 of Chapter 159 of the General Statutes of North Carolina, the following Grant Project Ordinance is hereby adopted:

Section 1. The Town Council of the Town of Yanceyville hereby establishes a budget to support the purchase of new turnout gear for the Fire Department in the amount of \$18,000, funded through a grant received from the Community Foundation of the Dan River Region.

Section 2. The following revenue is anticipated and appropriated for this project:

Source of Funds	Amount
Grant from Community Foundation of the Dan River Region	\$18,000

Section 3. The following expenditures are appropriated for this project:

Expenditure Item	Amount
To Support the Purchase of New Turnout Gear	\$18,000

Section 4. The Finance Officer of the Town of Yanceyville is hereby directed to maintain sufficient accounting records for this grant project and to ensure that expenditure does not exceed the amount appropriated.

Section 5. This ordinance shall be effective upon adoption and shall remain in effect until the completion of the project or until amended or repealed by the Town Council.

ADOPTED this ____ day of _____, 2026, by the Town Council of the Town of Yanceyville.



Mayor



Town Clerk