

YANCEYVILLE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday May 12th, 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 on Tuesday, May 12th, 2026, at 6:00pm.

Council Members Present: Mayor Alvin Foster, Kenneth Darnell, C. Keith Tatum and Stephanie Williamson

Council Members Absent: Mayor Pro Tem Darrell McLean

Staff present in person: Kamara Barnett-Town Manager/Clerk, Miranda Harrelson- Deputy Town 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 Town Council to review the agenda. Town Manager Barnett indicated that she had received a request from Mr. Kerry Oliver of 2703 NC Hwy 86 N, Yanceyville, NC 27379 to be added to the agenda. Town Manager Barnett explained to Town Council that Mr. Oliver wanted to discuss matters concerning his sewer lift station(grinder pump). Following a short review and discussion by Council Members, Mayor Foster stated that Mr. Oliver would be added to the agenda under Item 9: New Business so that his concerns could be formally presented and discussed by Town Council.

Item 3: Consent Agenda

- a. Minutes from April 7th, 2026, Town Council Meeting
- b. Minutes from April 17th, 2026, 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. Ms. Kathy Hinton, Administrative Assistant reported that Mr. Micheal Allen had signed up. Mayor Foster invited Mr. Allen to the podium and asked him to state his name and address for the record. Mr. Allen stated that he resides at 117 Cobb Road, Yanceyville, NC 27379, four or five miles outside of the city limits. Mr. Allen stated that the Town currently hosts several community events throughout the year, including First Friday, the Hoedown, the Fourth of July Celebration, and the Christmas Tree Lighting. He asked whether the Town had ever considered organizing a barbecue cookoff event where participants could showcase their specialties and cooking talents.

Mayor Foster thanked Mr. Allen for his suggestion and stated that the Town Council would take the idea under advisement and conduct further investigation.

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

Mayor Foster introduced Mr. Ben Sears to the Town Council. Mr. Sears then presented the monthly report, with a focus on updates related to the Town's Water and Wastewater Treatment Facilities.

Water Treatment Plant (WTP) Operations

Clearwell Maintenance & Interconnect

Status: the interconnect project is complete.

Sanitation: The interior of the Clearwell has been fully disinfected in accordance with regulatory standards.

Next Steps: We are currently in the process of filling the Clearwell. Once full, we will conduct required bacteriological testing. Pending clear results, the unit will be returned to active service and ready to supply filters for backwashing after media is installed. This process is taking longer than expected due to the demand put on the town's water supply.

Green Leaf Filter Rehabilitation

Mechanical: The vacuum tank is installed, and the cover has been re-mounted. Perkinson has successfully mounted the actuators to the filter valves.

Electrical: Sandford Contractors has initiated electrical work; however, they must return to finalizing the wiring for the vacuum unit and the new valve actuators.

Next Steps: Once the electrical work is complete Unifilt can commence the filter media installation. After that is done, we will disinfect the filters and perform bacteriological testing. Veolia will return to do the final prep work and walk through the Green Leaf Filter.

Air Scour System: One of the current air scourers is seized. We are currently evaluating quotes to determine the cost-effectiveness of a rebuild vs. full replacement.

Flocculation Mixers

Repairs: CR Underwood successfully repaired one floc mixer.

Replacements: Upon inspection, the remaining two mixers were deemed beyond repair. We are currently awaiting quotes for the procurement and installation of two new units.

Trac Vac System

Progress: Major components have been installed.

Outstanding Items: The system is currently missing four solenoids. We have contacted Vivo to expedite the shipment of these parts to finalize the installation.

Compliance & Upcoming Sampling

Lead and Cooper Rule: We are beginning the annual Lead and Cooper sampling cycle. We will be reaching out to residents shortly to coordinate participation and ensure site specific compliance.

Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) Operations

Regulatory Compliance

The facility continues to operate in full compliance with all State and Federal environmental regulations.

S&R & Equipment Maintenance

Mixer Installation: CR Underwood has installed Mixer A for both SBR 1 and SBR 2.

Electrical Issues: SBR 2 Mixer B is currently experiencing electrical malfunctions; troubleshooting is underway to restore full service.

Digester Valves: We are waiting on quotes from McCall Brothers for the replacement of necessary digester valves.

Process Management

Lagoon Decanting: Operations are proceeding as planned to lower lagoon levels in preparation for the upcoming rainy season.

Approval of quotes for Floc Mixers and Air Scourer (once received).

Notification of Lead and Cooper sampling outreach to the community.

Mr. Sears asked if there were any questions. Mayor Foster thanked Mr. Sears for providing a detailed monthly update to the Town Council.

Item 6: Resolution to declare Municipal Equipment Property as Surplus 2011 Ford 750 Dump Truck and Tiger Vacuum 600 gallons (Sewer Equipment)

Town Attorney Farmer stated that over the last several months, Public Works Director, Mark Guthrie and Town Manager Barnett have been conducting an inventory of Town equipment. He explained that the Town currently has two items that are no longer practical for the Town's use, including a Tiger Vacuum 600 gallons (Sewer Equipment) that the Town has owned for several years. Due to its limited capabilities, the Town has had to contract with outside companies in recent years for vacuum services that can provide greater capacity and more suitable equipment. He further stated that the Town's dump truck is no longer considered usable or safe. Mr. Guthrie and Town Manager Barnett determined that it would be in the best interest of the Town to declare both items surplus.

Town Attorney Farmer stated that he had prepared a resolution for Town Council's consideration to declare the items' surplus. He explained that this would allow the Town Manager to sell or trade the items in whatever manner is determined to be in the best interest of the Town.

Mayor Foster asked Town Council for a motion. Councilman Darnell made a motion to approve the resolution declaring municipal equipment property as surplus, including the 2011 Ford F-750 dump truck and the Tiger 600-gallon vacuum sewer equipment. The motion was seconded by Councilman Tatum and passed by unanimous vote.

*See attached

Item 7: Town Manager Updates – Kamara Barnett

Town Manager Barnett reviewed correspondence included in the agenda packet regarding a utility billing dispute submitted by Jessica Gramley, 121 West Main Street. Ms. Gramley disputed charges for the February 6 through March 5 billing period, citing poor water quality during much of the billing cycle that she contended rendered the water unsuitable for normal household use.

Town Manager Barnett explained that the water quality issues were not isolated to a single customer but affected customers throughout the Town. The issues originated from water quality conditions associated with the City of Danville's water supply and subsequently impacted the Town of Yanceyville's distribution system. She noted that the circumstances were beyond the Town's control and were not the result of negligence or intentional action by Town staff. Throughout the event, Town staff monitored conditions and encouraged residents to flush household water lines to improve water clarity and quality. As a result, some customers experienced higher-than-normal water usage. Town Manager Barnett further explained that the Town's current utility billing policy allows adjustments only for verified leaks or meter-related issues and does not provide for billing adjustments related to water quality concerns or system-wide service disruptions. Because the request falls outside the scope of the existing policy, Ms. Gramley was advised of her right to appeal the matter to the Town Council for consideration. Town Manager Barnett noted that Ms. Gramley was present and addressed the Council regarding her request. Town Manager Barnett requested that Council review the information provided and determine whether to uphold the current policy or consider an exception in this case.

Mrs. Gramley addressed the Town Council regarding her utility billing dispute and stated that her household experienced approximately 17 days of unusable water during the February 6 through March 5 billing cycle due to ongoing water quality issues. She explained that the water could not be used for normal household purposes during that period and expressed her willingness to pay for the 11 days of service that she considered acceptable and usable. Mrs. Gramley further stated that she had communicated with Tim Appelboom, Environmental Engineer of Public Water Supply Section of the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality (NCDEQ) regarding the matter, as well as Ben Sears of ClearWater Solutions, to discuss the water quality issues and the impact on her household. Mrs. Gramley noted that Ben Sears and his staff responded to the area on several occasions in an effort to address the water quality issues affecting her residence. She stated that hydrants near her home were flushed multiple times in an attempt to improve water clarity and restore normal service.

Mayor Foster asked Mr. Sears to provide additional information. Mr. Sears explained that he and his team conducted several hydrant-flushing operations in the vicinity of Mrs. Gramley's residence as part of the Town's efforts to clear discolored water from the distribution system. He

stated that, in his opinion, the water quality issues were related to disruptions originating from the City of Danville's water system, which subsequently affected the Town of Yanceyville's water supply. Mr. Sears noted that Town staff continued to monitor conditions and perform flushing activities throughout the affected areas to improve water quality for customers.

After lengthy discussion, Mayor Foster asked Town Council for a motion. Councilman Darnell made a motion to uphold the current policy as written and not make an exception regarding the utility bill dispute in question. Councilman Tatum seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Updates:

Town Manager Barnett indicated that she had several updates and reminders for Town Council. The 2026 Caswell Farmers Market season is scheduled to run every Thursday from 4:00 pm to 6:30 pm, beginning Thursday April 23, 2026, through September 17, 2026, here at the Yanceyville Pavilion. Residents are encouraged to come out and support our local farmers and vendors.

Joint Council Meeting between the Town Council, the Caswell County Board of Commissioners, and the Town of Milton will be held on Thursday, May 21, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. at Co Square.

Community Shred Day will be held on Friday, May 22, 2026, from 10:30 a.m. until 6:30 p.m. at the Pavilion Area. Residents are encouraged to bring documents for secure shredding and disposal.

Technology, Streaming Equipment, and Website Infrastructure Update

Town Manager Barnett indicated that the Town is in the process of upgrading the technology systems here at Town Hall, including meeting streaming, Council Chamber equipment, network systems, and the Town website.

The Town began working with its previous IT vendor in 2019. About two and a half years ago, the vendor stopped responding to requests for support, account access, and important system information. This created problems with managing several Town technology services. One major issue involves the Town's Webex meeting streaming service, which was purchased through the former vendor's account. The five-year subscription has expired, and because the vendor has not responded, the Town has been unable to renew or manage the account properly. The Town has hired a new IT vendor to review current systems and install updated technology. New equipment has been ordered for Town Hall and Council Chambers to improve meeting access, livestreaming, and overall reliability. The Town is also working to regain control of the website and domain system. Although the new website is complete and ready to launch, the Town currently does not have access to the DNS settings because they remain tied to accounts managed by the former vendor. Town staff and the new IT vendor are actively working to regain access to these systems so the Town can fully manage its technology directly. She noted that these upgrades will help improve operations, public access to meetings and information, cybersecurity, and long-term reliability of Town services.

Meter Replacement Grant Update

Town Manager Barnett also noted that the Town recently received notification from the State Budget and Management Office that the deadline for the Town's Meter Replacement Grant has been extended through June 30, 2027. Although the extension provides additional time for project completion. Based on the current pace of installation, Town remains on track to complete the meter replacement project by June 30, 2026. The meter replacement initiative continues to support improvements in utility system efficiency, meter accuracy, operational reliability, and customer service.

Yanceyville Water Supply Dam / Certificate of Approval to Breach

Town Manager Barnett also stated that the Town has received official notification from the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality (NCDEQ) regarding the issuance of a Certificate of Approval to Breach for the Yanceyville Water Supply Dam.

The issuance of this approval authorizes the Town to proceed with the approved breach activities in accordance with NCDEQ requirements and applicable regulatory standards. Staff will continue coordinating with engineers, contractors, and state officials to ensure all work is completed safely, efficiently, and in compliance with all permitting and environmental requirements. This approval represents an important step in advancing the project and addressing the long-term operational, safety, and infrastructure needs associated with the dam facility. Additional updates regarding scheduling, project progress, and related activities will be provided to Town Council as the project moves forward.

FEMA and NC DPS Division of Emergency Management Project Update

Town Manager Barnett indicated that the Town has received notification from FEMA authorizing the Town to resume work on the project. This notification allows the project to move forward following the previous delay and review process. Staff is currently coordinating with project partners, contractors, and FEMA representatives to restart project activities and ensure compliance with all applicable requirements and timelines. The Town will continue monitoring project progress closely and will provide additional updates to Council as work advances. She noted that the ability to resume this project is an important step toward completing the necessary improvements and ensuring the Town remains eligible for reimbursement and grant funding associated with the project.

Water Treatment Plant Insurance Claim Update

Town Manager Barnett also informed Town Council that the Town has received notification from the Town's insurance provider regarding the claim associated with damage to the Water Treatment Plant (WTP). She reported that the Town has received the initial payment related to the claim. This first payment will assist the Town in moving forward with necessary repairs, recovery efforts, and project planning associated with the damage to the facility. Staff will continue working closely with the insurance representatives, engineers, and contractors

throughout the claims and repair process to ensure all required documentation and project needs are addressed.

Town Council Preliminary Budget Update and Budget Message

Town Manager Barnett indicated that at this time Mr. Crutchfield and myself have completed the preliminary review and preparation of the proposed budget for Fiscal Year Ending June 30th, 2027. The preliminary budget reflects the Town's continued commitment to maintaining essential services, supporting strategic priorities, and ensuring long-term financial stability. The proposed budget was developed with consideration of current economic conditions, operational needs, capital improvement priorities, and anticipated revenues. Key areas addressed in the preliminary budget include continued funding for infrastructure, Maintenance and replacement needs for Town facilities and equipment and evaluation of capital improvement projects

Town Manager Barnett noted that at this time the budget remains preliminary we will continue to discuss, and review prior to formal presentation and adoption. She noted that she appreciated the guidance and support of Town Council throughout the budget development process and looks forward to further discussion during upcoming work sessions and public hearings.

May 12: Staff will present the preliminary budget to Town Council and receive input

May 19 at 6:00 PM: Budget Workshop I Staff will review preliminary budget changes identified by Town Council

May 26 at 6:00 PM: (If needed) Additional Budget Workshop

Following May 26: Staff will incorporate Council's input into the final budget

June 2: Public Hearing

June 23: Consideration of adoption of the FY 2026–2027 Budget

*See attached Budget Message FY 26-27

Item 7: Town Attorney Updates – R. Lee Famer

Attorney Farmer stated that he had no legal matters to update Town Council on at this time and that he would have updates for the June 2026 meeting. He stated that he had two items to discuss. First, he shared that he had provided all members of Town Council with a summary article written by the Historical Association. He noted that the article provided a good summary of the events and discussions that have taken place between the Town and the Historical Association over the past two months. He further stated that all legal matters concerning the museum are expected to be completed in July, when the Town assumes operational control.

Attorney Farmer also reminded Town Council that the site visit to the Yanceyville/Caswell Museum of History is scheduled for tonight at 7:00 p.m.

*See attached

Item 9: New Business:

- a. Discussion of Mr. Kerry Oliver, Sewer Lift Station

Mr. Kerry Oliver of 2703 NC Hwy 86 N, Yanceyville, NC 27379, addressed Town Council regarding issues with his sewer lift station. Mr. Oliver stated that he has been unable to resolve the ongoing sewer problem and requested permission to reconnect to an existing septic system located on his property. He explained that he has been without sewer service for approximately five weeks and would appreciate any assistance the Town could provide. Mr. Oliver reported that he had spoken with Caswell County officials, who indicated they would allow reconnection to the existing septic system pending approval from the Town. He stated that he has spent approximately \$1,100 to \$1,200 attempting to repair the lift station; however, the issue could not be resolved because repairs require a specialist experienced with lift stations rather than a general plumber. Mr. Oliver stated that he was willing to comply with any requirements necessary to reconnect to the septic system and emphasized the urgency of the matter, noting that the situation had been very difficult for his wife. Attorney Farmer stated that the Town Council does not have the authority to approve septic system permits, as improvement permits for septic systems fall under the jurisdiction of Caswell County. Attorney Farmer further advised that Mr. Oliver could request abandonment of his sewer service with the Town.

Mayor Foster asked for a motion from Council. Councilman Darnell made a motion to approve abandonment of the sewer service provided by the Town, contingent upon all fees owed to the Town being paid and Caswell County issuing a permit to reconnect the existing septic system. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Williamson. The motion passed unanimously.

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Item 10: Adjournment

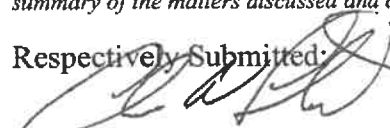
Mayor Foster asked Town Council for a motion to adjourn. After no further discussion, Councilman Tatum made a motion to adjourn the May 12th, 2026, Town Council Meeting, Councilman Darnell seconded the motion that passed with a unanimous vote. The meeting ended at 6:50p.m.

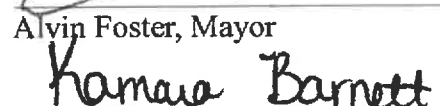
Item 11: Site Visit to the Yanceyville/ Caswell Museum of History

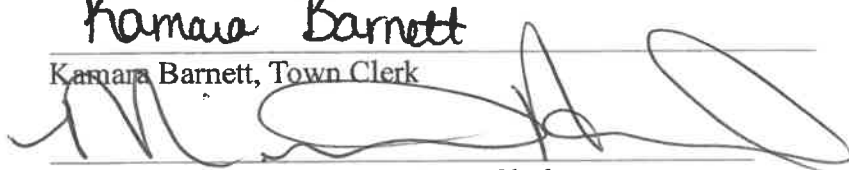
Following the adjournment of the May 12th, 2026 Town Council meeting, Town Council conducted a site visit to the Yanceyville/Caswell Museum of History.

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 Clerk


Miranda Harrelson, Deputy Town Clerk

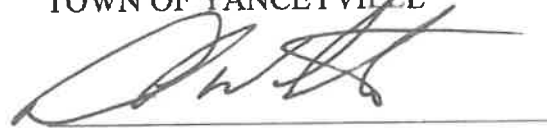
RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, BY UNANIMOUS VOTE OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF YANCEYVILLE, pursuant to Chapter 160A of the General Statutes of North Carolina, a certain 2011 Ford 750 Dump Truck and Tiger Vacuum Apparatus (600 gallons) are declared municipal surplus properties.

RESOLVED, FURTHER, that the Town Clerk is authorized to sell or exchange the aforementioned properties as deemed appropriate, pursuant to the aforementioned General Statute.

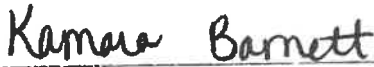
IT WITNESS WHEREOF, this the 12th day of May, 2026.

TOWN OF YANCEYVILLE



Alvin W. Foster, Mayor

Attest:



Kamara G. Barnett, Town Clerk

(TOWN SEAL)





May 12, 2026

Honorable Mayor Foster and Town Councilmembers

I present you with the preliminary Fiscal Year 2027 operating budget for the Town of Yanceyville beginning July 1st, 2026, and ending June 30th, 2027, for your review and consideration. This budget has been prepared in accordance with the provisions of General Statute 159.17, the North Carolina Local Government Budget, and Fiscal Control Act. All funds within the proposed budgets are balanced, and all revenues and expenditure are identified. This document reflects the efforts of the Town Council, Town Staff, and me. I express my appreciation to those who have been involved in the process. Since the pandemic will continue to have an impact on the finances of the Town, this budget represents a conservative approach.

Upon submission of the annual budget document, the governing body must schedule a public hearing, detailing that a budget has been submitted and copies of the proposed budget and budget message will be placed on file with the Town Clerk, and on the Town of Yanceyville's website to be available for public inspection (G.S. 159-12(b)). The notice will provide the time, date, and place of the budget hearing. The Town of Yanceyville strives to provide ample time between notice and the hearing date to provide the public with an opportunity to attend the hearing. The budget is enacted upon official adoption of the Budget Ordinance, no later than July 1st, 2026.

We want to continue to always protect the quality of life of our citizens. To accomplish this, we want to strengthen our community, sustain our local economy, maintain quality services, continue strong partnerships, and promote our quality water.

The proposed budget is presented with no changes in the current ad valorem tax rate and in water/sewer rates.

A conservative approach was used in preparing projections for all six statewide revenue sources: Beer & Wine Tax, Utility Franchise Tax on Electric Service, Sales Tax on Telecommunications, Piped Natural Gas Excise Tax, Local Option Sales Tax, and Powell Bill revenues.

The Town has developed an extremely conservative budget that seeks to maintain current service levels, while also addressing infrastructure needs to maintain our current assets to allow for prolonged use and efficiency.

The proposed budget for the General Fund is 3.9% above the fiscal year 2025-2026 adopted budget (\$47,095). FY 2026-2027 revenues have been projected to maintain a consistent level like fiscal year 2025-2026 utilizing 5% appropriation from fund balance.

The proposed budget for the Enterprise Fund is approximately 13.35% more than the respective budget for the fiscal year 2025-2026 (\$339,774). The Enterprise Fund has revenue increase in its

customer base during FY 2025-26 based upon end of year revenue projections. The replacement and installation of more efficient meters have begun to pay off. This may not alleviate future water and sewer rate increases going forward to meet all required obligations. Nevertheless, significant changes include increased expenditure on the cost-of-living adjustment for staff, special projects, and full-service operation of Water & Wastewater Plants.

The Special Revenue Fund will be used to track all monies awarded by Powell Bill funds, which are allocated from the State annually and are restricted for use on pedestrian and side-walk projects only, and to track all monies used to help maintain the Yanceyville Municipal Cemetery. The Special Revenue Fund will be tracked as a stand-alone fund and will be shown on the financial statements separate from the General Fund. The Special Revenue Fund's budget is \$40,000 for the fiscal year 2026-2027.

The total budget amount for all funds in fiscal year 2026-2027 is \$4,192,011 compared to \$3,805,142 in fiscal year 2025-2026 (an increase of 10.17%).

Within my proposal, the General Fund utilizes \$62,355 from unappropriated fund balance to balance the budget this year. Within the Enterprise Fund, a total of \$143,285 will be utilized from an inappropriate fund balance to balance the budget this year.

The Town does intend to continue collaborating with third-party contractors for full-service operations of our Water and Wastewater Treatment Plants, Planning and Zoning needs, legal needs, engineering fees, financial needs, and extensive water/sewer repair needs.

Grant Projects:

We will continue to target grant funding for projects to aid in the improvements and operations of our Public Water and Sewer Infrastructure, parks/recreation, and economic development initiatives.

Budget Format:

This year's budget format presents the revenues and expenditures in a line-item format. The budget is designed to function as a work plan in guiding departmental operations, to accomplish all the goals and objectives outlined by the Town Council. The operating budget is divided into the General Fund, Enterprise Fund, and Special Revenue Fund.

Manager's Message:

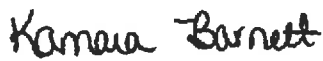
This budget recommendation makes significant advancements in the pursuit of the Yanceyville Town Council's strategic priorities and responds to key community needs. This budget reflects strong plans for future community needs, continued investment in our employees, and adequate funds for public services. It also reflects the efforts that we have made in these challenging conditions to continue the level of service that we have provided in the past and puts us in an acceptable position to meet the challenges in our future and exceed our current level of service moving forward.

The Town of Yanceyville currently has a resolute Staff with a great deal of talent and devotion to its citizens. Although funding may be less than desired this fiscal year, our financial needs can be met with a clear and consistent growth plan moving forward.

I am grateful to the Yanceyville Town Council for your engagement, guidance, and direction in preparing this budget. Our public service passion and the core values among Town Staff are reflected throughout this entire budget.

I look forward to collaborating with you all as you review and consider the recommended budget further to ensure it meets the expectations and priorities of the governing body and the citizens of Yanceyville.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kamara Barnett". The script is cursive and fluid.

Kamara Barnett,
Town Manager/Clerk

From: CCHA <caswellnchistory-gmail.com@shared1.ccsend.com>
Sent: Friday, May 1, 2026 6:48 PM
To: leefarmer@comcast.net
Subject: APRIL CCHA UPDATE



CCHA Bulletin

APRIL/MAY 2026



This mural, by artist Francis Vandever Kugler, depicts the delegates to the Fourth Provincial Congress at Halifax leaving the Halifax courthouse at nightfall on April 12, 1776, after they had voted "to concur in independency" by adopting the Halifax Resolves. Among those in the scene are Samuel Johnson, Thomas Burke, and Cornelius Harnett.



The Halifax Resolves from NCSSAR.org



The Halifax Resolves were the first official act by any of the thirteen colonies calling for independence from Great Britain. The state of North Carolina, on April 12, 1776, authorized her delegates to the Continental Congress to vote for independence. The 83 delegates present in Halifax at the Fourth Provincial Congress unanimously adopted the Halifax Resolves, which read as follows:

The Select Committee taking into Consideration the usurpations and violences attempted and committed by the King and Parliament of Britain against America, and the further Measures to be taken for frustrating the same, and for the better defence of this province reported as follows, to wit,

It appears to your Committee that pursuant to the Plan concerted by the British Ministry for subjugating America, the King and Parliament of Great Britain have usurped a Power over the Persons and Properties of the People unlimited and uncontrouled and disregarding their humble Petitions for Peace, Liberty and safety, have made divers Legislative Acts, denouncing War Famine and every Species of Calamity daily employed in destroying the People and committing the most horrid devastations on the Country. That Governors in different Colonies have declared Protection to Slaves who should imbrue their Hands in the Blood of their Masters. That the Ships belonging to America are declared prizes of War and many of them have been violently seized and confiscated in consequence of which multitudes of the people have been destroyed or from easy Circumstances reduced to the most Lamentable distress.

And whereas the moderation hitherto manifested by the United Colonies and their sincere desire to be reconciled to the mother Country on Constitutional Principles, have procured no mitigation of the aforesaid Wrongs and usurpations and no hopes remain of obtaining redress by those Means alone which have been hitherto tried, Your Committee are of Opinion that the house should enter into the following Resolve, to wit

Resolved that the delegates for this Colony in the Continental Congress be impowered to concur with the other delegates of the other Colonies in declaring Independency, and forming foreign Alliances, resolving to this Colony the Sole, and Exclusive right of forming a Constitution and Laws for this Colony, and of appointing delegates from time to time (under the direction of a general Representation thereof to meet the delegates of the other Colonies for such purposes as shall be hereafter pointed out.

Learn more about the importance of this initiative taken by our fellow North Carolinians by clicking onto the ***NCSSAR.org website here.***

See a video of Governor Stein's Ceremony to celebrate the April 12, 1776 anniversary of the Halifax Resolves by clicking the button below.

[View Video Here](#)



April in History

US History Events Occuring in the Month of April

- *Start of the Revolutionary War* (April 19, 1775)

The "shot heard 'round the world" was fired at the Battles of Lexington and Concord.

- *Start of the Civil War* (April 12, 1861)

Confederate forces opened fire on Fort Sumter in South Carolina.

- *Assassination of Abraham Lincoln* (April 14, 1865)

Shot at Ford's Theatre by John Wilkes Booth; died the next morning.

- *Sinking of the Titanic* (April 15, 1912)

The luxury liner sank, taking many prominent Americans with it.

- *U.S. Enters WWI* (April 6, 1917)

Congress passed a declaration of war against Germany.

- *Jackie Robinson Breaks Color Barrier* (April 15, 1947)

He debuted with the Brooklyn Dodgers, desegregating Major League Baseball.

- *NATO Founded* (April 4, 1949)

The U.S. and allies formed the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

- *Martin Luther King Jr. Assassinated* (April 4, 1968)

The civil rights leader was killed in Memphis, causing nationwide riots.

Learn more about historic events in April by clicking
here at HistoryPlace.com.

IMPORTANT UPDATE



Building a stronger presence in Caswell County

Yanceyville, NC. The Caswell County Historical Association (CCHA) Board of Directors has announced an important transition designed to ensure the long-term preservation and accessibility of local history. As part of this effort, the organization will be renamed the Friends of the Museum and transfer the operation of its museum to the Town of Yanceyville.

Under the new arrangement, the Town of Yanceyville will assume responsibility for maintaining the museum's buildings and grounds, as well as providing staffing support. This shift will allow the museum to expand its hours, improve public access, and offer enhanced research services. Importantly, the property will continue to be preserved as a museum in perpetuity. Should the town ever decide to discontinue museum operations, ownership of the property will revert to the North Carolina Department of Natural and Cultural Resources, ensuring its historical significance remains protected.

In conjunction with this change, the museum itself—formerly known as the Richmond-Miles Museum—will be renamed the Yanceyville Caswell Museum of History, reflecting its new direction in serving the community.

The museum's collections will remain with the museum and managed by the town and the CCHA's existing financial resources will be placed into a trust with the Community Foundation of the Dan River Region. Interest from this fund will be distributed annually to the Town of Yanceyville to assist with ongoing maintenance and operations.

This type of transition is a common and practical step for community organizations facing challenges in recruiting volunteers and board members. By partnering with the town, the museum gains stable operational support while preserving the vital role of the nonprofit. The newly named Friends of the Museum will continue its membership activities, community engagement, and support for the museum's mission.

Members of the current CCHA board will remain actively involved, working alongside town officials to ensure a smooth transition and continued success. Day-to-day operations and community programming will carry on, with added resources to better serve residents and visitors alike.

Overall, this change represents a thoughtful and forward-looking approach—one that protects Caswell County's heritage while making it more accessible for future generations.

Changes will be effective July 1, 2026. Questions regarding the transition may be directed to CaswellNCHistory@gmail.com.



Museum has new employee, Sarah West, Library Science Masters Student from ECU
The CCHA met recently with the team from East Carolina University and learned that the nonprofit organization has been awarded a six month to one year opportunity for Sarah to continue the work at the museum at no cost to the museum. There are many more items that are being cataloged, and collections that need to be organized. The nonprofit and Town of Yanceyville are working together to transition and oversee the project together and are pleased to have her expertise in working on these projects.



America and NC 250 Museum Activities at the Caswell County Farmers

The historical association has planned three America and NC 250 children's events that will be held at the Farmers Market this summer.

June 25 - America 250 - Corn Shucking & Agriculture in Revolutionary Times

Includes a learning opportunity on the importance of community in raising food in Revolutionary Times.

July 16 - America 250 - Patriots of Caswell County

Includes a fun and educational opportunity
for the children about Caswell Patriots

**Sept 17 - America 250 - Constitution
Week**

Includes activity and learning about the US Constitution for the
children

The Caswell Farmers Market

Yanceyville Pavilion

158 E. Church St.

Yanceyville, NC 27379

Thursdays 4-6:30



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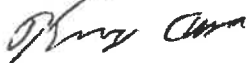
May 11, 2026

Town of Yanceyville
Yanceyville, NC 27379

To Whom It May Concern:

The attempt to resolve the current sewer problem associated with the sewer lift station has been unsuccessful. Therefore, I am requesting permission to reconnect to an already existing sewer system and drain field that is on my property. My property's address is: 2703 NC Hwy 86N, Yanceyville, NC 27379. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



Kerry P. Oliver

*I request to be put
on may 12 town
meeting agenda*



To Whom It May Concern,

This letter is to confirm that the Town of Yanceyville grants Mr. Kerry Oliver, who resides at 2703 NC Hwy 86 N Yanceyville, NC 27379 permission to reconnect to his septic system, provided that the system complies with all applicable Caswell County Environmental Health standards and regulations.

If additional information is required, please contact the Town of Yanceyville.

Sincerely,


Mayor