The Appomattox County Board of Supervisors held a Joint Meeting with the Town Council on Tuesday, August 30, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. at the Museum of Confederacy located at 159 Horseshoe Road, Appomattox, Virginia.

Appomattox County Board of Supervisors
Present:

Samuel E. Carter	Courthouse District, Chairman
Sara E. Carter	Piney Mountain District, Vice-Chair
William H. Hogan	Appomattox River District
Chad E. Millner	Falling River District
Bryan A. Moody	Stonewall District

Also Present:
Susan M Adams, County Administrator
Vicky Phelps, Finance

Appomattox Town Council
Present:
Steven Conner
Lewis McDearmon
Timothy Garrett
Claudia Puckett
Mary Spiggle

Absent:
Erin Fitch

Also Present:
Paul Harvey, Mayor
Phillip Gabathuler, Town Manager
Roxanne Casto, Clerk to Town Council

Chairmen Carter called the joint meeting of the Appomattox County Board of Supervisors and the Appomattox Town Council to order at 6:00 p.m. and delivered the invocation.

Linda Lipscomb introduced Ms. Christy Coleman, CEO of the Museum of Confederacy and Patrick Saylor, Director, Marketing Communications.

Moderators: Phillip Gabathuler, Town Manager and Susan Adams, County Administrator.

Introductions & Dream Project
The Council and Board members were instructed to go around the table and introduce themselves and describe their "Dream" Project. The following are the mentioned "Dream" projects:
Mr. McDearmon – work together on Economic Development
Ms. Carter – multipurpose trail
Mr. Conner – job creation

Mr. Moody – small business (job creation)
Ms. Puckett – Economic Development jobs, educational opportunities
Ms. Spiggle – Retail shops (mall)
Mr. Millner – plan to attract new businesses – create jobs
Mr. Hogan – tap into our uniqueness
Mr. Garrett – work force training
Chairman Carter – expand and populate 460W
Mayor Harvey – master plan, long range sewer plan

Top "2" Priority Focus Areas Exercise

Ms. Adams began by discussing the barriers/obstacles of separation and questioned "What is it going to take to be successful"? She then asked Council and the Board to provide what they believe to be barriers/obstacles.

Mr. Conner -"fairness"

Ms. Adams -all opinions are valid.

Mr. Moody stated that he has three children all under age 7 and they all watch Disney and one of his favorite sayings if from the Lion King "it does not matter it happened in the past" he stated that we must move ahead.

Ms. Spiggle -we need to "forget the past and run towards a goal".

Mayor Harvey stated that some obstacles are:

- Willingness to let go – move forward- two bodies work together
- Cooperate, Take the first step
- Being cognizant of each other's feelings

Mr. Conner -"Changing of the Guard"

Mr. Conner stated that this is a new group and not tied to the past. He stated that we are trying to do what is best and we now have a fresh new start with a new administrator and a new manager.

Ms. Puckett - need to understand our different roles

- understand differences-seek to find common ground
- wear each other's shoes and don't step on toes

Mr. Hogan stated that he would like to see a list of the Town's responsibilities and their revenue stream and the same information for the County.

- He would like to know who runs what, who pays for what and what where tax dollars come from and what is paid with those funds.
- Different taxation authorities
- List of what the EDA can do that Town and County cannot do

Mr. Conner –look at "Regional" funding opportunities

Ms. Puckett stated that she feels the requested information would be a good review for all members of both the Council and Board.

Ms. Carter stated that she also feels that we need to have a review for all members, with the same information in front of each member at the same time for discussion.

Mr. Moody stated that we need to put the Council, EDA and Board and everyone that drives Appomattox to the table and be the driving force. Have a group of players that makeup the driving force for Appomattox County.

Chairman Carter stated that he has served 20 years on the Town Council and 16 years on the Board of Supervisors. He stated that he was on Council when the two boards worked together. He stated that what really went array are egos – being against each other, he stated that also the makeup of the Council and Board are now different.

Chairman Carter reminded everyone that Appomattox is "unique" and people do not like change, so what is done must be filtered in.

Mr. Conner stated that we must change, the world is changing if not we are going to dry up. He stated that we need to streamline the paperwork and process for those looking to bring business to Appomattox.

Mr. Gabathuler stated that we need to schedule another meeting to discuss further.

Mayor Harvey stated that the Town/County did get along years ago, however, there was no visioning and nothing was done.

Mr. Millner stated that we are all in the same room since about five years; he feels this meeting has been good to start talking and collaborating with ideas.

Ms. Spiggle stated that we need to put the jealousy aside, which seems to have been a problem with previous boards and move forward as a region. She stated that this created anger and there is no reason to be envious of each other.

After discussion of barriers/obstacles, Mr. Gabathuler questioned as to when both boards would like to schedule another joint meeting.

Ms. Carter suggested having quarterly meetings.

Mr. Conner suggested quarterly meetings and stated that the quicker we move-if another month is what we need to do then let's do this.

Mayor Harvey questioned how long it would take the Town Manager and County Administrator to put together another meeting,

After discussion, the next meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, September 21, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. at the Museum of Confederacy.

Mr. Gabathuler stated that a follow up would be sent to each member.

Mr. Millner made a motion to adjourn the joint meeting at 7:45 p.m. Ms. Carter seconded Mr. Millner's motion. Chairman Carter called for a vote: Chairman Carter, aye; Ms. Carter, aye; Mr. Hogan, aye; Mr. Millner, aye; Mr. Moody, aye.

The joint meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

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Samuel E. Carter, Chairman