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From: Cathy Barr
Sent: Monday, March 27, 2017 9:04 AM
To: Ann Clark; Barbara McCoy
Cc: 'Andy Guion'
Subject: Add Andy Gioun to April 3rd Commissioner Meeting
Attachments: WJ Caboose Project 3 15 17.docx

Hi,

Please add Andy Gioun to the April 3rd Commissioner Meeting Agenda to discuss the Norfolk & Western Caboose Project. Thanks - Cathy

From: R. Guion [mailto:aguion55@gmail.com]
Sent: Friday, March 24, 2017 7:56 AM
To: Cathy Barr
Cc: Brantley Price; Sam Yearick; Barbara McCoy; Terri Filipski; jawoodie@hotmail.com Woodie; Dale and Becky Carlson
Subject: Re: Caboose - Commissioner Request - April 3rd Meeting

We will be there. Thanks ag

On Mar 23, 2017, at 11:34 AM, Cathy Barr <cathy.barr@ashecountygov.com> wrote:

Hi Andy,

Hope you have had a GREAT week.

Sam is out-of-town but I am going to move forward recommending that the County contributes the same amount that WJ is contributing (\$3,000). Because this is not a budgeted item, a formal request needs to be made to the commissioner's meeting at the April 3rd meeting.

If you can be here, I will have the Clerk to the Board of Commissioners add you to the agenda.

Could you attend the April 3rd meeting at 9:00 am?

Thanks - Cathy

From: R. Guion [mailto:aguion55@gmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, March 16, 2017 6:39 AM
To: Cathy Barr
Subject: Caboose

Good Morning Cathy,

We are going to need your's and Sam's help with this. In fact Ashe County needs y'all's help. We have bought a Caboose! Who is "We" you might ask. A group from the WJBA (Terri Filipski President and owner of the Carolina Country Wine Shop, Dale and Becky Carlson, of Bluemoonistic) JoAnn Woodie (Caboose Queen), me Ashe County Chamber Tourism committee. We have less than 60 days to pay for it and less than 90 days to bring her home to rest on her tracks in Back Street Park. Stephen Shoemaker has agreed to put the finishing

touches for her. We will need wide support to bring her home. Please read the attached flyer for all the details.
HELP!!!

Time is short. Thanks

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Bring a Caboose to West Jefferson! Celebration of the Town's Railroad History.

By Andy Guion, JoAnn Woodie, Terri Filipski, Dale and Becky Carlson

A contingent of citizens from West Jefferson has started the process of purchasing a Caboose. We have a signed contract with the current owners, Bart Long & Associates, Bristol TN, to complete the purchase in 60 days (by 13 May) and deliver to West Jefferson by the end of June. The caboose is classified as a C-3IP, in excellent condition with all internal accommodations and is "track" ready. It was built in 1969, was in service with Norfolk & Western (N&W) for 25 years, and was retired in 1994.

Bart Long & Associates purchased the caboose from N&W in 2006 and moved it to Bristol, Virginia where it is now located. Due to technological advances, most railroads in the US quit using cabooses in the late 1970s and except for those in private hands, the vast majority of them were scrapped in the ensuing years. Like the steam locomotives, this caboose, No. 518 644, represents a piece of railroad history that is gone. During its years of service, it likely made it to West Jefferson as it is said to have been used on virtually every mile of track serviced by N&W during that period.

Due to its age, the original paint has long faded to the original primer coat, and it needs a few windows replaced due to damage while in service. Other than a good thorough cleaning and a coat of paint, the caboose is virtually ready for use. The photos indicate the present condition of the caboose (left) and a concept of its final paint colors (right). This caboose was originally painted in a color called "Pevler Blue", named for N&W President Herman Pevler, who served from 1963 to 1970. During Pevler's administration, N&W equipment were repainted in a blue similar to what was used on the Wabash Railroad.



During its time in Bristol, Virginia, the present owner indicated that there were frequent visitors who came to town to just to view the caboose. While most were train enthusiasts, there were also many who came just to have their photo taken on or in front of the train. The caboose will be one more attraction for West Jefferson that will generate interest and another reason to visit our quaint and vibrant town. It will be a constant symbol of the origins of West Jefferson and will serve to celebrate the 60 plus years that the Virginia Creeper Railway was part of the town history.

We are soliciting your support and contributions to bring this piece of railroad history to West Jefferson, NC as a permanent reminder of the origins of the town. We have a very short time period in which to raise the money to bring this caboose to Ashe County. Funds will be needed to purchase the caboose (\$16,500) transport it to West Jefferson, prepare the site of display, repaint the exterior, and restore the inside of the caboose to its original condition (an additional \$13,500 estimated for all but purchase of the caboose).

We are reaching out to the Ashe County community to raise these funds from private and public sources in order to reach our goal of \$30,000 in 60 days (by 13 May 2017). We are currently arranging for a 501c (3) entity to act as the holder of these funds that will enable the purchase and restoration of this historic gem. Please help support our efforts by sending or bringing a check to _____ and soliciting others to help fund this worthy effort. Your help is greatly appreciated! **Contribution categories are as follows:**

Engineer:	\$5000 or greater
Conductor:	\$2000 to \$4999
Porter:	\$1000 to \$1999
Brakeman:	\$100 to \$999
Passenger:	\$1 to \$100