

# **Ashe County**

*150 Government Circle  
Jefferson, NC 28640*



## **Meeting Minutes - Final**

**Wednesday, March 31, 2021**

**2:00 PM**

**Special Meeting - Family Central Site Visit**

**Family Central**

### **County Commission**

*Chairperson Todd McNeill  
Vice Chair William Sands  
Commissioner Chuck Olive  
Commissioner Jerry D. Powers  
Commissioner Jonathan Jordan*

**BUSINESS SESSION****I. 2:00 PM - Meeting Called to Order at Family Central**

*Chairman McNeill called the meeting to order at 2:04 p.m. at Family Central. The purpose of the meeting was to tour the Family Central facility.*

*Commission Board Members present: Chairman McNeill, Vice Chairman Sands, Commissioner Olive, and Commissioner Powers.*

*Ashe County staff present: County Manager Adam Stumb, Parks & Recreation Director Kevin Anderson, County Extension Director Travis Birdsell, Maintenance Supervisor Sammy Whicker, and Clerk to the Board Ashley Honeycutt.*

*Parks & Recreation Director Kevin Anderson began the tour by explaining current COVID-19 safety precautions and providing an overview of available sports and activities, including volleyball, basketball, pickleball, boxing/martial arts, baseball, a fitness center, and a playground. He noted that the heaters in the gym had recently been converted to natural gas. He also provided an update on spring sports, sharing that approximately 500 children are registered to participate. Mr. Anderson also discussed progress on the Parks and Recreation master plan, which should be completed by autumn 2021.*

*County Manager Adam Stumb led the next phase of the tour, which featured visits to and discussions regarding spaces rented by various entities, such as Mt. Jefferson Child Development Center and Ashe Opportunities.*

*County Extension Director Travis Birdsell provided a tour and explanation of the High Country Commercial Kitchen, a health department-inspected and licensed facility. He noted that the kitchen has shifted from being solely used for value-added products to also accommodate food preparation for special events.*

*Commissioner Jordan arrived at 3:15 p.m. Vice Chairman Sands left the meeting at 3:26 p.m.*

*County Manager Stumb outlined proposed plans for a natural gas line easement to serve a residential community beside Family Central. After visiting the ball fields, the tour concluded.*

**II. Adjournment**

*Commissioner Powers made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:59 p.m. Commissioner Olive seconded the motion. The motion passed with unanimous approval.*

**Approved**

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**Todd McNeill, Chairman**

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**Ashley G. Honeycutt**  
**Clerk to the Board**