

## **AGENDA**

**Regular Meeting of the Sawmills Town Council  
Sawmills Town Hall  
Tuesday, November 17, 2020  
6:00 pm**

1. Call To Order  
Mayor Johnnie Greene
2. Invocation
3. Pledge of Allegiance  
Mayor Johnnie Greene
4. Adopt Agenda  
Mayor Johnnie Greene
5. Approve Meeting Minutes  
A. October 20, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes  
Mayor Johnnie Greene
6. Public Comment  
Mayor Johnnie Greene
7. Recognitions:  
A. Recycle Rewards  
Mayor Johnnie Greene
8. Financial Matters:  
A. Caldwell Council on Adolescent Health Donation Request  
Mayor Johnnie Greene  
B. Caldwell County Schools Donation Request  
Mayor Johnnie Greene  
C. FY 2019-2020 Audit Presentation  
Mayor Johnnie Greene  
D. AMI Project Closeout  
Mayor Johnnie Greene  
E. Budget Amendment  
Mayor Johnnie Greene
9. Public Comment  
Mayor Johnnie Greene
10. Updates:  
A. Code Enforcement Report  
Mayor Johnnie Greene  
B. Town Manager Updates  
Town Manager Chase Winebarger  
C. Council Comment  
Mayor Johnnie Greene
11. Closed Session: N.C.G.S. §143-318.11(a)(3)  
Mayor Johnnie Greene
12. Adjourn  
Mayor Johnnie Greene

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2020  
TOWN OF SAWMILLS REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
6:00 PM**

**COUNCIL PRESENT**

Mayor Johnnie Greene  
Melissa Curtis  
Joe Wesson  
Rebecca Johnson  
Keith Warren via Zoom

**STAFF PRESENT**

Chase Winebarger  
Julie A Good  
Terry Taylor

**COUNCIL ABSENT**

Clay Wilson

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Johnnie Greene called the meeting to order at approximately 6:01pm.

Mayor Johnnie Greene stated that Councilman Keith Warren was out of town due to work and wanted to participate in the meeting remotely via Zoom.

Melissa Curtis made a motion, and Rebecca Johnson seconded, to allow Councilman Keith Warren to participate in the October 20, 2020 meeting remotely via Zoom. All were in favor.

**INVOCATION:** Mayor Johnnie Greene gave the invocation.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Mayor Johnnie Greene led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ADOPT AGENDA:** Mayor Johnnie Greene asked for a motion to adopt the October 20, 2020 Agenda.

Rebecca Johnson made a motion, and Joe Wesson seconded, to adopt the amended October 20, 2020 Agenda. All were in favor.

**APPROVE SEPTEMBER 15, 2020 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES:** Mayor Johnnie Greene asked for a motion to approve the September 15, 2020 regular meeting minutes.

Joe Wesson made a motion, and Rebecca Johnson seconded, to approve the September 15, 2020 regular meeting minutes. All were in favor.

**APPROVE SEPTEMBER 15, 2020 CLOSED SESSION MINUTES:** Mayor Johnnie Greene asked for a motion to approve the September 15, 2020 closed session minutes.

Rebecca Curtis made a motion, and Joe Wesson seconded, to approve the September 15, 2020 closed session minutes. All were in favor.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Mayor Johnnie Greene asked if anyone had any questions or comments at this time.

No one wished to speak.

**RECOGNITIONS:**

**RECYCLE REWARDS WINNER:** Mayor Johnnie Greene announced Amanda Arney, as the October Recycle Rewards winner. A credit of thirty-two dollars (\$32.00) will be added to the current sanitation bill.

No Council action was required.

**FINANCIAL MATTERS:**

**GRANITE FALLS BOOSTER CLUB DONATION REQUEST:** Mayor Johnnie Greene stated that the Granite Falls Booster Club had requested a donation in the amount of one hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00).

Joe Wesson made a motion, and Melissa Curtis seconded, to give a donation in the amount of one hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00) to the Granite Falls Booster Club. All were in favor.

**SOUTH CALDWELL BOOSTERS DONATION REQUEST:** Mayor Johnnie Greene stated that the South Caldwell Boosters had requested a donation in the amount of one hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00).

Keith Warren made a motion, and Melissa Curtis seconded, to give a donation in the amount of one hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00) to the South Caldwell Boosters. All were in favor.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Mayor Johnnie Greene asked if anyone had any questions or comments at this time.

No one wished to speak.



**UPDATES:**

**OCTOBER CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT:** Town Planner Dustin Millsaps stated that there are eight (8) code enforcement cases open:

- Carolyn Bray/Robyn Brittan, owner 2570 Baker Circle. Abandoned Mobile Home/Garbage and Rubbish. Town Planner Dustin Millsaps stated that he is working with Town Attorney Terry Taylor to abate the property. Town Planner Dustin Millsaps also stated that he will treat this as a Junk and Debris and not minimum housing. If so, the Town can proceed to abate after thirty (30) days of notice. Town Planner Dustin Millsaps stated that he got a quote that will demo entire trailer and haul off all debris including our equipment, labor and fees. Town Planner Dustin Millsaps stated that the quote is four thousand one hundred dollars (\$4,100.00). Town Planner Dustin Millsaps stated that he rode by the property and it is still in the same condition and would like to discuss demolition;
- Teresa Annas Compton, 4486 Sawmills School Road. Abandoned Mobile Home/Garbage and Rubbish. Town Planner Dustin Millsaps stated he received a complaint on January 13, 2020. Town Planner Dustin Millsaps stated that a NOV letter was sent out on January 23, 2020 with a deadline of February 10, 2020. Town Planner Dustin Millsaps stated that the trailer is not finished and located on the same property as the Compton house that the Town abated in 2018. Town Planner Dustin Millsaps stated that staff will investigate and work with attorney for possible courses of abatement. Town Planner Dustin Millsaps stated that one (1) of Ms. Compton's sons is scheduled to meet with staff in late February to work towards getting the property in his name and get the property cleaned up. Town Planner Dustin Millsaps stated that staff has is waiting for Ms. Compton's son to schedule a time to come in and speak with staff regarding this property. Town Planner Dustin Millsaps stated that he went by the property on September 10, 2020 and the property is still in same condition with extremely high grass and would recommend demolition;
- Dale E and Debra Miller, 4434 Jess Dr. Garbage and Rubbish/Property Maintenance. Town Planner Dustin Millsaps stated that a complaint was received on January 28, 2020. Town Planner Dustin Millsaps stated that the complaint addressed two (2) separate properties and possible violations. A NOV letter was sent on February 13, 2020, with a deadline of March 4, 2020 for the Miller property. Town Planner Dustin Millsaps stated that the Miller property is in violation for having high grass/vegetation and junk and garbage located around the property. Town Planner Dustin Millsaps stated another complaint was received on May 7, 2020 and a final letter was sent on May 13, 2020, with a deadline of May 31, 2020. Town Planner Dustin Millsaps stated that on June 1, 2020, staff spoke with Mrs. Miller, who has a medical condition, and she asked for an extension and stated that she is working on getting the property cleaned up. Town Planner Dustin Millsaps stated that on September 10, 2020, a new tenant is cleaning up the property and is  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the way done. Town Planner Dustin Millsaps stated that he will issue a final citation;



- Denise Dotson/William S Annas, II, 4095 Gatewood Dr. Abandoned Mobile Home/Minimum Housing. Town Planner Dustin Millsaps stated that a complaint was received on March 5, 2020, and a regular NOV letter and a certified NOV letter was sent on March 5, 2020, with a deadline of March 23, 2020. Town Planner Dustin Millsaps stated that the mobile home has been sprayed painted and has an apparent tenant, however, the water meter has been pulled from the property. Property was cleaned up. However, Mr. Annas informed Town Planner Dustin Millsaps that a new tenant has moved in the mobile home. Town Planner Dustin Millsaps stated that a second NOV letter was sent on May 15, 2020 with a deadline of June 15, 2020 for additional garbage on property. Town Planner Dustin Millsaps stated that staff will investigate and work with Town Attorney for possible courses of abatement. Town Planner Dustin Millsaps stated that he went by the property on September 10, 2020 and all garbage has been picked up, however, the house has multiple windows smashed out which is now a minimum housing violation;
- Steve and Mary Hand, 2511 Baker Cir. Garbage and Rubbish/Property Maintenance. Town Planner Dustin Millsaps stated that a complaint was received on April 20, 2020. Town Planner Dustin Millsaps stated that the complaint states that the property is overgrown and consist of junk vehicles. Town Planner Dustin Millsaps stated that a regular letter was sent on April 23, 2020, with a deadline of May 15, 2020. Town Planner Dustin Millsaps stated that staff will investigate further. Town Planner Dustin Millsaps stated that he had contacted the property owner and the junk has been removed, but the junk vehicle still remains. Town Planner Dustin Millsaps stated he will keep a check on this;
- Loreane M and Charles F White, 4698 Rockview Pl. Garbage and Rubbish/Property Maintenance. Town Planner Dustin Millsaps stated that a NOV letter was sent out on October 8, 2020. Town Planner Dustin Millsaps stated that the grass looks like it hasn't been mowed in years;
- Shirley Maxine Bentley, 2265 O J Ln. Junk Vehicle. Town Planner Dustin Millsaps stated that the property does have a junk vehicle on it and a NOV letter was sent on October 8, 2020;
- Jessie Kristen Smith, 4215 Trojan Ln. Rubbish grass. Town Planner Dustin Millsaps stated that a NOV letter was sent out on September 29, 2020, and grass was mowed by October 8, 2020. Town Planner Dustin Millsaps stated that there is still junk in the yard that still needs to be cleaned.

No Council action was required.

#### **TOWN MANAGER UPDATES:**

- Town Manager Chase Winebarger stated that fees for online payments will resume starting November 1, 2020;



- Town Manager Chase Winebarger stated that the remodel of the paycounter window at Town Hall was slated to take place between September 23<sup>rd</sup> through the 29<sup>th</sup>, but the installation company has been overwhelmed because of COVID they are running behind and the installation should occur in the next few weeks. The installation company has stated that it should only take about four (4) to six (6) hours to complete;
- Town Manager Chase Winebarger stated that the electrostatic sprayers are here and Public Works have been spraying Town Hall, Public Works, Park Restrooms and the Playground Equipment on a regular basis;
- Town Manager Chase Winebarger stated that on October 6, 2020 the Town began a short 10u softball "league" that will run until November 5, 2020. Town Manager Chase Winebarger stated that the games are played on Tuesday and Thursday nights and he has already received tremendous amount of praise from parents, grandparents, etc., for having the "league". Town Manager Chase Winebarger stated that there is a great turnout for the games. Town Manager Chase Winebarger stated that there are five (5) teams in the league from Maiden, Collettsville, Morganton, North Catawba Optimist and Granite Falls;
- Town Manager Chase Winebarger stated the Steering Committee, for the Bicycle/Pedestrian Plan, had their first meeting on October 13, 2020 and everything went well. Town Manager Chase Winebarger stated that in the coming weeks the Steering Committee will have a survey for citizens to complete so they can have input in this process and the Town plans on pushing the survey out through Facebook, the CodeRed system, the Town's website and we will have copies at Town Hall. The Steering Committee will meet again in December to continue to plan and discuss the results of the survey;
- Town Manager Chase Winebarger stated that he is waiting on quotes from an electrician for setting poles at the Farmers Market lot and at Veterans Park the work will start soon after;
- Town Manager Chase Winebarger stated that after meeting with different Managers, it appears that no Town is having any events right now and are not planning any in the near future. Town Manager Chase Winebarger stated that he recommends, for the time being, that Sawmills follows suit and not have any "Town sponsored" events;
- Town Manager Chase Winebarger stated that when he had first discussed the stormwater mapping with the Council, that the Town was just going to have to pay for half of the total cost because Sawmills was going to joining with other municipalities and were seeking a grant to pay the other half. Town Manager Chase Winebarger stated that because of COVID the grants were pulled. Town Manager Chase Winebarger stated that the State mandates that there has to be a stormwater map in place. Town Manager Chase Winebarger stated that the WPCOG is going to split the cost over a five (5) year period, beginning the 2021/2020 Fiscal Year;
- Town Manager Chase Winebarger stated that the issue of paving Stillwater Drive/Marblestone Drive in the Doe Run subdivision has been brought the Town's attention yet again. Town Manager Chase Winebarger stated that there is one (1) lot on the unfinished part of the road that cannot sale because the Town has an ordinance that all homes must have an outlet to an existing road. Town Manager Chase



Winebarger stated that the lot could have been sold already had the road been paved. Town Manager Chase Winebarger stated that he has talked with a contractor about finishing paving the street (approximately two hundred fifty (250) to two hundred sixty (260) feet) for around nineteen thousand dollars (\$19,000.00).

Keith Warren made a motion, and Joe Wesson seconded, to approve a budget amendment (as set forth in the attached Amendment Ordinance) in the amount of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000.00) to finish paving Stillwater Drive to connect with Marblestone Drive. All were in favor.

Keith Warren made a motion, and Joe Wesson seconded, to approving finish paving Stillwater Drive to connect with Marblestone Drive according to the paving quote attached. All were in favor.

- Town Manger Chase Winebarger stated that there would be someone coming to look at the ball fields this weekend to see if a ball tournament could be held at Baird Park;
- Town Manager Chase Winebarger stated that the November bill would be back to a thirty (30) day billing cycle;
- Town Manager Chase Winebarger stated that normally Council would vote on longevity pay for full time town employees in November, but that since Council voted on longevity during the budget process, that it would not be on the November agenda for a vote;
- Town Manager Chase Winebarger stated that a new business, Harrison's, will be opening up in Town on November 1, 2020;
- Town Manger Chase Winebarger stated that he will be on vacation from October 23, 2020 til October 27, 2020. Town Manager Chase Winebarger informed Council that he will have his cell phone and his laptop with him incase Council would need to reach him.

#### **COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

Rebecca Johnson wanted to thank Kelly Price for coming to the meeting.

**COUNCIL ADJOURN:** Mayor Johnnie Greene asked for a motion to adjourn.

Rebecca Johnson made a motion, and Keith Warren seconded, to adjourn the meeting. All were in favor.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:41pm.

BUDGET AMENDMENT ORDINANCE  
TOWN OF SAWMILLS  
General Fund

**BE IT ORDAINED**, by the Town Council of the Town of Sawmills, Caldwell County, North Carolina, that the following amendment to the Budget Ordinance for the fiscal year 2020 - 2021 be hereby adopted.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the following amendment for the fiscal year be made to the budget for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021.

<u>Department/Budget</u>	<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Account</u>	
General Fund-Revenue	1-00-3990	Appropriated Fund Balance	\$19,000.
Public Works – Expenditure	1-40-4559	Paving	\$19,000.

Explanation: Providing funds for road construction to connect Stillwater Drive with Marblestone for emergency purposes.

This Amendment now adopted this the 20<sup>th</sup> day of October 2020.

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Mayor, Town of Sawmills

APPROVED BY:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Finance Officer, Town of Sawmills

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Town Clerk

APPROVED TO FORM:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Town Attorney





**PAVING**

Regal "Reg" Yount  
(828) 234-4405

Reggie Yount  
(828) 234-5222

**HAULING**

**GRADING**

Free  
Estimates

**TRENCHING**



# QUOTE

Date: 10/08/2020  
Quote # 816

To

Chase Winebarger  
Town of Sawmills  
4076 US HWY 321-A  
Sawmills, NC 28630  
828-396-7903  
Customer ID: PAV-501

Salesperson	Job	Payment Terms	Due Date
Regal Yount	Stillwater/Marblestone	Due on receipt	
Qty	Description	Unit Price	Line Total
1	Clearing & Removing Trees		
	• -\$1,000 if Town Hauls Trees		
1	Connecting Stillwater/Marblestone		\$19,000
	• Grading Road		
	• Graveling Road (3" of Gravel)		
	• Paving Road (3" of Asphalt)		
	Price will increase if additional gravel or other modifications are requested by Town or if other issues are discovered below existing asphalt. Town will be notified before any changes occur.		
Subtotal			\$19,000
Sales Tax			\$1,330
Total			\$20,330.00

Make all checks payable to Regal Yount  
**Thank you for your business!**

Regal Yount 2476 Frank Crofts Ln. Granite Falls, NC Phone: 828-234-4405



**AGENDA ITEM 7A**

**MEMO**

**DATE:**

November 17, 2020

**SUBJECT:**

Recognition:  
Recycle Rewards  
Program

**Discussion:**

The Town of Sawmills would like to congratulate Greg Massagee on winning the Recycle Rewards Program for the month of November. Mayor Johnnie Greene will present him with a Certificate of Appreciation. A thirty-two dollar (\$32.00) credit will be added to the current sanitation bill.

**Recommendation:**

No Council action is required.



**AGENDA ITEM 8A**

**MEMO**

**DATE:**

November 17, 2020

**SUBJECT:**

Financial Matters:  
Request for Donation

**Discussion:**

The Town has received a request from Caldwell Council on Adolescent Health for a donation in the amount of one hundred dollars (\$100.00).

There are sufficient funds in the budget for this request.

**Recommendation:**

Staff recommends Council discuss this matter and decide how they wish to proceed.



## Town of Sawmills

Johnnie Greene, Mayor

Chase Winebarger, Town Manager

### Funding Request:

Name of Organization:		Phone
<u>Caldwell Council on Adolescent Health</u>		<u>#: 828-757-9020</u>
Permanent Address: <u>506 Wilkesboro Blvd. SE Suite 200</u>		
City:	State:	Zip Code:
<u>Lenoir</u>	<u>NC</u>	<u>28645</u>
Contact Name:	Fed Tax ID #:	
<u>Angie T. Ashley</u>	<u>56-1643086</u>	

Amount Requested:	<u>\$100.00</u>	Amount needed for the Project:	<u>General Operating</u>
Date Funds Needed:	<u></u>	Project Begin/End Dates:	<u></u>
Complete description of project:		<u>See attached</u>	
How will the funds be used?		<u>See attached</u>	
How will this project benefit the community?		<u>see attached</u>	

Date application received:	<u>11/9/20</u>	<u>Official Town Use Only</u>	
Date approved/denied (circle one):	<u></u>	Date presented to Council:	<u>11/17/20</u>
Available balance in Governing Body Expense Acct:	<u>1100.00</u>	Amount approved:	<u></u>
Date check written:	<u></u>	Check #:	<u></u>
		Amount:	<u></u>

This instrument has been preaudited in the manner required by the Local Government Budget and Fiscal Control Act. Karen Cloud



# **Town of: Sawmills**

## **Donation Request Review Form**

**Date:** September 29, 2020

**Requesting Organization's Name:** Caldwell Council on Adolescent Health, CCAH

**Address:** 506 Wilkesboro Blvd. SE Suite 200 Lenoir, North Carolina 28645

**Contact Person:** Executive Director, Angie Ashley      **E-mail:** ccahlenoir2019@gmail.com

**Telephone:** 828-757-9020

**Total Allocation Requested:** \$ 100.00

**Objective:** *State the objective of the proposed project.*

(See attached)

**Benefits of the Project:** *Explain the impact of the donation on the project/organization.*

(See Attached)

## Application

**Mission:** The Council on Adolescent Health, a non-profit organization, was founded in 1983, for the purpose of reducing Teen Pregnancy and Sexually Transmitted Diseases. The Council promotes positive life choices by using best practice models in the classroom. By teaching our curriculum teenagers are empowered to make healthier choices, mind and body.

### Who We Serve:

**4 Current Programs:** CCAH serves every 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, and 9<sup>th</sup> grader enrolled in Caldwell County Schools = 4,500 students each year. In addition, we serve 25 pregnant or parenting females, their families, and in some cases the baby's fathers. We serve many parents who need guidance or referrals to other resources out of our scope of work. Total assists for 2019 – 2020: 32,016.

(1) ***"Always Changing"***: character education, puberty, bullying to all 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders, 2 days for 1 hour each day.

(2) ***"Operation Safe or Sorry"***:  
1. Abstinence education to all 7<sup>th</sup> graders, 5 days for 1 hour each day. Included is a lesson on Human Trafficking.  
2. Comprehensive sexuality education to all 8<sup>th</sup> graders, 5 days for 90 minutes each day. 9<sup>th</sup> graders, 8 days for 90 minutes each day including medically accurate information on contraceptive methods including abstinence. Included is a lesson on Human Trafficking.

(3) ***"Adolescent Parenting Program"***: The Caldwell County Adolescent Parenting Program (APP) serves females and males ages 15-19 who are pregnant with their first child or parenting teens that do not have resources to adequately care for themselves or their child while completing high school or an equivalent educational program. Through home visiting services, individualized goal plans, case management, and group educational sessions, program participants are empowered to become self-sufficient and build a better future for their babies. Each participant stays in this program until they finish their high school education. CCAH continues to have a 100% graduation rate for this program and 6 young ladies will be graduating in May 2020. Collaborations include: Family Resource Center, CIS, DSS, Health Department, RHA, Yokefellow, Caldwell County Women's Shelter, StoreHouse Ministry Thrift Store, Caldwell County School Nurses and Counselors.

(4) ***"Parents Matter!"*** Since March 2017, 31 Parent Participants have graduated from this program. This program's participants meet for (5) Consecutive Thursdays from 11:30 – 1:30pm. This year's program was specifically provided to the Caldwell Women's Shelter. A collaborative effort revealed a specific need for these residents who have children.

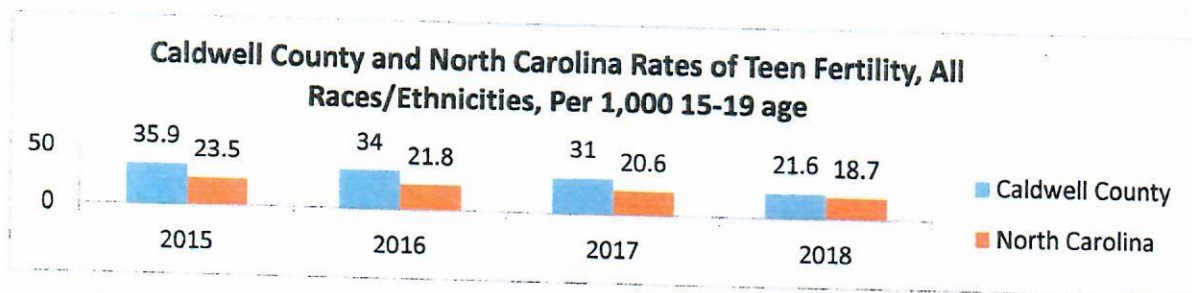


The objectives are:

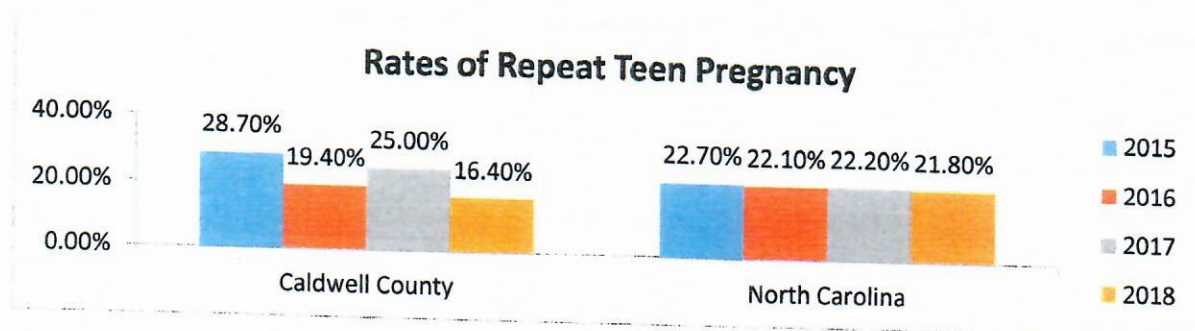
1. Increase Parent – Child Communication
2. Increase Parent awareness of issues children face
3. Encourage practices that increase the chance that children will not engage in sexual risk behavior

### How the Need was identified:

According to NC DHHS – Teen Pregnancy Prevention Initiatives, Caldwell County remains a priority county for funding based on the teen fertility rates (in the top 25% based on a 5-year average 2014 – 2018).



In 2015, the teen fertility rate for Caldwell County was 35.9 per 1,000 which was higher than the North Carolina teen fertility rate at 23.5. In 2016, Caldwell County saw a decrease in teen fertility rate. During that year the teen fertility rate was 34 per 1,000 and the North Carolina teen fertility rate was 21.8. In 2017, Caldwell County saw another decrease in teen fertility rate but still higher than the North Carolina teen fertility rate at 20.6, Caldwell County's teen fertility rate was 31 per 1,000. During 2018, Caldwell County had a teen fertility rate of 21.6 while North Carolina had a teen fertility rate of 18.7. <sup>i</sup> As this is the lowest fertility rate Caldwell County has seen, we still remain above the state rate. NC DHHS deems Caldwell County a fundable county to continue decreasing the rates of teen pregnancies.



The rate of repeat teen pregnancies at the State level has remained nearly the same through 2018 while Caldwell's repeat rate continues to fluctuate. NC DHHS deems Caldwell County a fundable county to continue decreasing the rates of repeat teen pregnancies.<sup>ii</sup>

According to the Raleigh News and Observer:

*North Carolina is among the worst states when it comes to rates of sexually transmitted diseases, a study found. The study, done by Innerbody.com, used 2018 data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to rank states with the highest and lowest rates of STDs in the country. North Carolina ranked No. 6 among the 10 states with the highest rates, the study found. But according to 2018 data from the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services, there were 1,218 new reported cases of HIV among those ages 13 and older in the state. This could be due to the region's lack of access to affordable health care, the study says. "The South has more people living in poverty and in rural areas, which may make it harder for them to get tested and treated for STDs," Ronald Gray, professor of epidemiology at John Hopkins University, said in the study.*

#### RALEIGH, N.C. (WTVD)

*Alarming new numbers from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention have parents taking notice. The CDC says certain sexually transmitted diseases are on the rise, across the country and in North Carolina. And children and teens are among the most affected.*

	<b>2014</b>		<b>2015</b>		<b>2016</b>	
	<b>N.C.</b>	<b>C.C.</b>	<b>N.C.</b>	<b>C.C.</b>	<b>N.C.</b>	<b>C.C.</b>
Rates of Gonorrhea: <sup>iii</sup>	150.1	33.1	169.9	28.3	194.4	70.0
Rates of Chlamydia: <sup>iv</sup>	502.6	225.8	541.9	244.8	572.4	255.4
HIV <sup>v</sup>	13.4	1.2	15.9	5.7	16.4	5.7

(STD rates per 100,000)

The data above shows the large increase in STD's/STI's/HIV in North Carolina and more specifically in Caldwell County. In Caldwell County, Gonorrhea nearly tripled its cases in just 3 years. As teen pregnancies continue to decrease, STD's are reaching alarming rates for our teens.

Incidence and prevalence estimates that young people aged 15–24 years acquire half of all new STDs and that one in four sexually-active adolescent females has an STD, such as chlamydia or human papillomavirus (HPV). Compared with older adults, sexually-active adolescents aged 15–19 years and young adults aged 20–24 years are at higher risk of acquiring STDs for a combination of behavioral, biological, and cultural reasons.<sup>vi</sup>

The above data supports our need for continued teen pregnancy/STD/STI/HIV prevention programs in Caldwell County Schools as well as programs for pregnant and parenting youth. The data also supports our community education program, Parents Matter.



## EDUCATION, HEALTH, FINANCIAL STABILITY

CCAH works with one of the biggest populations at risk according to the Caldwell County Health Department 2017 Health Assessment.

The following is an excerpt from the 2017 Caldwell Community Health Assessment (CHA):

*Populations at Risk:*

*Teens- Teens are at risk for many health issues including STD's/STI's/HIV/AIDS. What choices teens make today will drastically affect their quality of life as an adult, both physically, mentally, and financially.*

CCAH is immersed in all Caldwell County schools education system and delivers information on many aspects of mental, emotional, financial, and physical health. We deliver a segment on financial literacy in all 8<sup>th</sup> grades annually as well as in the Adolescent Parenting program and Parents Matter.

Sources

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<sup>i</sup> North Carolina State Center for Health Statistics. 2015-2017 North Carolina Reported Pregnancies, Teens Ages 15-19. Retrieved from <http://www.schs.state.nc.us/data/vital.cfm>

<sup>ii</sup> North Carolina State Center for Health Statistics. 2015-2017 North Carolina Reported Pregnancies, Teens Ages 15-19. Retrieved from <http://www.schs.state.nc.us/data/vital.cfm>

<sup>iii</sup> <http://epi.publichealth.nc.gov/stds/hiv/county> Facts and Figures, Caldwell County

<sup>iv</sup> <http://epi.publichealth.nc.gov/stds/hiv/county> Facts and Figures, Caldwell County

<sup>v</sup> <http://epi.publichealth.nc.gov/stds/hiv/county> Facts and Figures, Caldwell County

<sup>vi</sup> <https://www.cdc.gov/std/stats18/adolescents.htm> Sexually Transmitted Disease Surveillance 2018

## How the Grant will be used:

### **To Replace Cuts From Other Sources**

#### **Funding Cuts:**

On April 3, 2020, Dr. Phipps, Superintendent of **Caldwell County Schools** called Angie Ashley, Director, to inform her of a 10% funding cut, or \$4,650 beginning fiscal year 2020. Dr. Phipps explained his mission to trim 2.5 million dollars from the School systems annual budget.

Due to high levels of unemployment, the **United Way of Caldwell County** announced deep funding cuts beginning July 1, 2020 for all its agencies. Last fiscal year CCAH received \$30,000. This year's allocation is \$5,000.

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**Programming:**

CCAH is seeking funding to continue delivering programs that parallel with our community's needs. We continue to exceed our program outcomes as measured by NC DHHS. CCAH has seen funding cuts in the last year from several sources. We need to increase awareness of the alarming STD rates in our youth. This will mean delivering our curriculums compliant with Plan B in our schools as well as delivering virtual curriculums through *Caldwell Connect*.

## **What will be specifically accomplished?**

### CCAH Primary Objectives:

- (1) To reduce the incidence of pregnancies, secondary pregnancies and sexually transmitted infections and disease including HIV/AIDS for participants age 11 – 20 by teaching our curriculums in grades 5 -9.
- (2) Provide the APP Program Coordinator for students in all middle and high schools that are pregnant or parenting.
  - a. To refer pregnancies to supporting agencies in Caldwell County that assure the baby and mother have a healthy birth (i.e. Gestation and birth weight)
  - b. To insure the teenager completes high school education, then higher learning or job skill readiness. (Prevent high school drop-outs)
- (3) To increase self-esteem and self -confidence, thus reducing risk factors for teen pregnancy, alcohol and substance abuse, and high-school dropout rates. Emphasize healthy relationships by teaching about emotional or sexual abuse and consent. Cover North Carolina and Caldwell County's laws on sexting including the penalties of such. Provide a piece on financial literacy to 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> graders. Address emotional stability, resiliency, and suicide. Increase media awareness as a means of negative pressure and the dangers of Human Trafficking.
- (4) To increase knowledge of bullying, character education, and basic puberty education in grades 5 and 6.
- (5) To educate parents/guardians/community stakeholders in adolescent's world of quickly changing media influences and how to appropriately navigate these influences and improve parent to child communication.



**AGENDA ITEM 8B**

**MEMO**

**DATE:**

November 17, 2020

**SUBJECT:**

Financial Matters:  
Request for Donation

**Discussion:**

The Town has received a request from the Caldwell County Schools for a donation in the amount of \$14,000.00 (fourteen thousand dollars).

There are sufficient funds in the budget for this request.

**Recommendation:**

Staff recommends Council discuss this matter and decide how they wish to proceed.



## Town of Sawmills

Johnnie Greene, Mayor

Chase Winebarger, Town Manager

### Funding Request:

Name of Organization:		Phone
<u>Caldwell County Schools</u>		#: <u>828 728 8407</u>
Permanent Address: <u>1914 Hickory Blvd SW Lenoir NC 28645</u>		
City:	State:	Zip Code:
Contact Name: <u>David Johnson</u>		
Fed Tax ID #:		<u>56-6000998</u>

Amount Requested:	Amount needed for the Project:
<u>\$ 14,000</u>	<u>\$ 14,000</u>
Date Funds Needed: <u>by 2020-2021</u>	Project Begin/End Dates: <u>7-1-2020 - 6-30-2021</u>
Complete description of project:	
<u>Fund SRO position, offset expense for SRO position Sawmills</u>	
<u>Currently we use various sources of funding to pay approximately \$741K</u>	
<u>for SRO contracts</u>	
How will the funds be used?	
How will this project benefit the community?	
<u>Provide SRO coverage @ community schools</u>	

Official Town Use Only	
Date application received: <u>11/6/20</u>	Date presented to Council: <u>11/17/20</u>
Date approved/denied (circle one):	Amount approved:
Available balance in Governing Body Expense Acct: <u>14,000.00</u>	
Date check written:	Check #: Amount:

This instrument has been preaudited in the manner required by the Local Government Budget and Fiscal Control Act.

*[Signature]*



**AGENDA ITEM 8C**

**MEMO**

**DATE:**

November 17, 2020

**SUBJECT:**

Financial Matters:  
FY Ending June 30, 2020  
Audit Presentation

**Discussion:**

Enclosed with your agenda packet is a copy of the audit for fiscal year ending June 30, 2020.

James Lowdermilk and Rick Hammer, with Lowdermilk, Church & Co., LLP, will be on hand to formally present the audit to the Mayor and Council.

**Recommendation:**

No council action required.

## **AGENDA ITEM 8D**

### **MEMO**

#### **DATE:**

November 17, 2020

#### **SUBJECT:**

Updates:  
AMI Project  
Closeout

#### **Discussion:**

During the October 15, 2019 regularly scheduled council meeting, the Council approved a Capital Project Budget Ordinance Water Meter Replacement Project. On October 8, 2020, an Endpoint Acceptance Plan was signed showing all AMI meters had been installed and all work done on the AMI Project. As of November 1, 2020, all invoices had been received and final payment had been sent.

#### **Recommendation:**

Staff recommends that Council closeout the Capital Project Budget Ordinance Water Meter Replacement Project.



# Memorandum

**To:** Chase Winebarger  
**From:** Karen Clontz  
**Date:** November 10, 2020  
**Re:** CIP – AMI water meters

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The AMI water meters have been installed and the project has been completed and closed. All invoices, for expenses, have been paid. As a result, the cash on hand for the project fund needs to be transferred back to the Utility Fund. Attached is the Budget Amendment for the transfer of available cash on hand.

**Recommendation:**

Staff recommends Council approve the transfer of the funds from the CIP fund to the Utility Fund.

BUDGET AMENDMENT ORDINANCE  
TOWN OF SAWMILLS  
**General Fund**

**BE IT ORDAINED**, by the Town Council of the Town of Sawmills, Caldwell County, North Carolina, that the following amendment to the Budget Ordinance for the fiscal year 2020 - 2021 be hereby adopted.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the following amendment for the fiscal year be made to the budget for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021.

<u>Department/Budget</u>	<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Account</u>	
CIP – AMI Project	4-00-1001	Cash on Hand	\$197,058.02
Utility Fund	2-00-1001	Cash on Hand	\$197,058.02
CIP – Revenue	4-00-3903	Operating Transfer	\$197,058.02
Utility Fund – Revenue	2-00-3850	Capital Contributions	\$197,058.02

Explanation: To return funds from the Capital Improvement Project Fund to the Utility Fund after completion of the AMI water meter project.

This Amendment now adopted this the 17<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2020.

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Mayor, Town of Sawmills

APPROVED BY:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Finance Officer, Town of Sawmills

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Town Clerk

APPROVED TO FORM:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Town Attorney



**AGENDA ITEM 10A**

**MEMO**

**DATE:**

November 17, 2020

**SUBJECT:**

Updates:  
Code Enforcement  
Monthly Report

**Discussion:**

The attached report shows the progress that Planner Dustin Millsaps continues to make throughout the town.

**Recommendation:**

No Council action required.

Code Enforcement Report			
Property Address	Property Owner	Issue	Notes
2570 Baker Circle	Carolyn Bray/ Robyn Brittan	Abandoned Mobile Home/Garbage and Rubbish	Working with attorney to abate. Will treat as Junk and Debris and not minimum housing. If so the town can proceed to abate after 30 days of notice. Got a Quote that will demo Empire trailer and how off all debris including our equipment labor and fees. Total:\$4,100.00) <b>Dustin-9/10 House is still in same condition, need to discuss abatement.</b>
4486 SAWMILLS SCHOOL RD	TERESA ANNAS COMPTON	Abandoned Mobile Home/Garbage and Rubbish	Complaint Received 1/13. Letter was sent on 1/16. Deadline of 1/28. Trailer is not finished and located on the same property of the Compton house that was abated in 2018. Staff will investigate and work with attorney for possible courses of abatement. One of the sons of Ms. Compton is scheduled to meet with staff in February to work towards getting the property in his name and get the property cleaned up. Staff has yet to speak with any representative of this property. <b>Dustin-9/10 Went by the house, still in same condition with extremely tall grass. Abatement is still recommended.</b>
4434 JESS DR	DALE E and DEBRA MILLER	Garbage and Rubbish/Property Maintenance	Complaint Received 1/28. Staff investigated the complaint that addressed two properties and possible violations. A letter was sent on 2/13. Deadline of 3/4 for the Miller property. The Miller property is in violation for having high grass/vegetation and junk and garbage located around the property. Another complaint was received on 5/7 and final letter was sent on 5/13 with a deadline of 5/31. Staff spoke to Mrs. Miller on 6/1/2020 who has a medical condition and she asked for an extension and said she is working to get property cleaned up. <b>Dustin- 9/10 Property new tenant is cleaning up the property 3/4 the way done. Will issue a final citation. Issued a new citation was issued 11/2/20.</b>
4095 GATEWOOD DR	DENISE DOTSON/WILLIAM S ANNAS II	Abandoned Mobile Home/Minimum Housing	Complaint Received 3/5. A regular letter and a certified letter was sent on 3/5. Deadline of 3/23/2020. Trailer has been spray painted and has an apparent tenant. However, Water meter was pulled from property. Property was cleaned up. However, Mr. Anna's informed me that a new tenant has moved into the mobile home. Second letter was sent 5/15/2020 for additional garbage on property. Deadline is 6/15/2020. Staff will investigate and work with attorney for possible courses of abatement. <b>Dustin-9/10 All garbage is picked up, however the house has multiple windows smashed out. This is a minimum housing issue. Have spoken with property owner, he plans on removing the trailer 11/5/20.</b>
2511 BAKER CIR	STEVE and MARY HAND	Garbage and Rubbish/Property Maintenance	Complaint Received 4/20. Complaint states property is overgrown and consist of junk vehicles. A regular letter was sent on 4/23. Deadline of 5/15/2020. Will investigate further. <b>Dustin-9/10 Property owner was contacted, junk has been moved-junk vehicles remain.</b>
2265 O J LN	BENTLEY SHIRLEY MAXINE	Junk Vehicle	Property has a junk vehicle on it and a letter was sent on 10/8/2020. The property owner has cleaned up the property and removed junk vehicle, gave till the 25th of November to put under pinning on the property 11/5/20.
4698 ROCK VIEW PL	WHITE LOREANE M WHITE CHARLES F	Garbage and Rubbish/Property Maintenance	A letter was sent on the 8th of October, grass looked like it hadn't been cut in years.
4215 TROJAN LN	JESSIE KRISTEN SMITH	Rubbish Grass	A letter was sent out on the 29th of September and grass was mowed by the 8th of October. Junk in the yard still needs to be cleaned.





# SAWMILLS

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## Town Manager's Monthly Report

November 2020

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### General Information:

The following is information regarding on-going projects within the Town. If you would like further information about any of the projects or information covered, I would be more than happy to address them at the next council meeting or at your leisure. Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can be of any assistance.

### Payment Plans & Utility Billing:

Utility bills should level out now after the 2.5% increase in July, billing cycle consolidation during the past two months, and the change in bills because of accuracy of new meters. The rough patch I warned you about 3 months ago has finally passed.

### Corona Virus Relief Fund (CRF):

Remodel of the paycounter window here at Town Hall is complete. Therefore we have reopened the front doors and Ronnie is spraying regularly. Installation of equipment at the Parks and Farmer's Market is slated to begin in the coming days.

### Parks & Rec

Seeing more interest in our parks from rentals to usage. I'm currently working on the Job Description and new salary for Benny's replacement. You will see this increase slightly as I intend to hire someone with a degree/background in Rec management. Also, we intend to increase the programs offered in Town to more than baseball. I am going to try to have the position filled by January.



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### **Bicycle/Pedestrian Plan:**

Facebook, CodeRed, Website, etc. survey advertisements will begin going out this month for citizens to complete so they can have input in the process. The committee still intends to meet again in December to continue to plan and discuss the results of the survey.

### **Town Events:**

Have been canceled for the remaining of the year. We will be turning lights on earlier this year to attempt to compensate for not having an actual tree lighting event. We intended to turn them on at the start of Thanksgiving week. However, the power install is going to occur in the coming week depending upon weather and that project now includes replacing the existing underground electrical. This would be the only thing that delays the Christmas Lights.

### **Stormwater Mapping:**

We were able to renegotiate the mapping contract and it has decreased.