

stated he was impressed by the regional effort being shown by NeTREP, the event they hosted and the Tannery Knob park.

City of Elizabethton Update by Jon Hartman:

Jon Hartman provided an update stating the hotel deal is moving forward at this time but no dates have been announced at this time.

Mr. Hartman also discussed the NeTREP event at Tannery Knob and how it had a positive impact for the entire region. He also discussed tourism development and promotion, particularly on a regional level.

County Update:

Mayor Barnett was not able to attend the meeting but asked his Executive Assistant Abby Frye to provide updates. Mrs. Frye stated the resort project at Watauga Lake is moving forward albeit slowly. The developer Daniel Goodhall is hosting a holiday extravaganza at the property which is open to the public. Mrs. Frye stated the county's recycling program should be back on track after the first of the year with the acquisition of a new location for the operation after a fire at the existing facility. Mrs. Frye provided an update regarding the county's award of a \$50,000 grant through the ThreeStar program that will be used for workforce development by supporting Career Technical Education (CTE) programs at the five high schools serving Carter County as well as supporting dual enrollment efforts.

Financial Report:

No financial activity

Attorney's Report:

County Attorney was unable to attend the meeting

Meeting adjourned at 9:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Abby Frye