

TOWN OF BURNSVILLE  
Special Meeting  
October 17, 2017

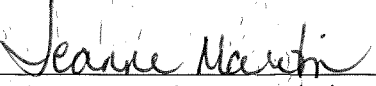
On October 17, 2017, the Town Council, with members Mayor Theresa Coletta, Judy Buchanan, and Shannon Peterson present, held a special meeting at the Burnsville Town Center. Council member Ron Powell was absent due to a schedule conflict. Also in attendance were staff members Leslie Crowder, Chad Fox, Jeanne Martin, and Ronnie Tipton and visitors Joy Boothe, Risa Larson, Susan Larson, Danny McIntosh, Jamie McMahan and Karen Rollette. The purpose of the meeting was to consider and possibly take action on issues related to our local hospital system and their impact on economic development.

Visitors Joy Boothe, Risa Larsen, Susan Larson and Karen Rollette summarized recent developments related to the downsizing of services at Blue Ridge Regional Hospital. Council members learned of a task force (*SEARCH*) that has formed to assure safe, quality, affordable and accessible healthcare for Mitchell and Yancey County citizens. Council was updated on the group's recent activities and heard of the need for involvement of local legislators and disaster preparedness folks. There is also a need for Jamie McMahan, Yancey County PEDC Director, to involve the business community in this initiative. The next *SEARCH* meeting will be held on November 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Methodist Church in Spruce Pine.

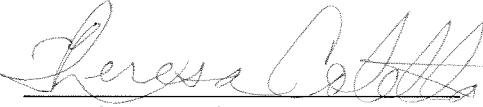
Upon the departure of the *SEARCH* group, Jamie McMahan asked Council to consider going into closed session for an update on the town's economic development project with E.B. Investments. Shannon Peterson moved to enter closed session pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11(a)(5). Judy Buchanan seconded the motion, which carried.

Council reconvened in open session. No action was taken as a result of the closed meeting.

There being no further business, Judy Buchanan moved to adjourn. Shannon Peterson seconded the motion, which carried.



Jeanne Martin, Town Clerk



Theresa Coletta, Mayor