



BRIGHTWATER



BRIGHTWATER + HOSPITAL SURGE FORWARD

» A BIG WELCOME

HFTC Introduces New Brightwater Board Members

Harnett Forward Together Committee (HFTC) has named the first board of directors of the Brightwater Science and Technology Campus in Lillington. Many of the inductees are Harnett County natives, familiar with our county, its strengths and the people living here.

PRESIDENT: Frank Lewis, Jr. is chairman of the Town of Lillington Planning Board and brings experience working in state government.

BOARD MEMBER: Bobby Womble owns and operates Cape Fear Insurance, located in Lillington.

VICE PRESIDENT: Dr. Bill Taylor spent his career in the pharmaceutical industry and currently serves as a professor and Director of Clinical Research for Campbell University's School of Pharmacy.

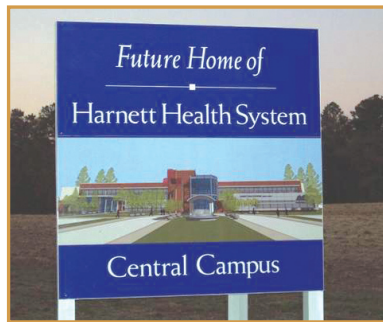
BOARD MEMBER: Jerry Milton is co-owner of Southeastern Interiors in Buies Creek, is active in the construction industry and also owns several small businesses in Harnett County.

SECRETARY/TREASURER: Denise Newkirk has worked for Harnett County in the public health field for 10 years. She now serves as the Human Resources and Risk Management Development Coordinator for the county.

This Issue of Forward Thinking Focuses on HFTC's Brightwater Campus

Hospital Construction Update

Harnett Health Systems has begun design on the new hospital, which will open at Brightwater Science and Technology Campus in Lillington in the fall of 2011. The design contract was awarded to the architectural firm Perkins+Will, which has offices in Charlotte. Among the company's clients are Johns Hopkins Medical Center and Dana Farber Cancer Institute.



HFTC donated land in the park to HHS late last year.

Infrastructure Grants to Fund Brightwater Construction

Design of water, sewer and road systems in Brightwater Science and Technology Campus is nearing completion. Bidding for construction begins this spring, and infrastructure construction is scheduled for late summer.

The placement of water, sewer and roads for the hospital will bring the county new water and sewer revenues and add more

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than 40 acres of “shovel-ready” land for development.

OVER \$2 MILLION IN GRANTS

Harnett County and HFTC have applied for \$2.1 million in grants for Brightwater construction. The funding will support infrastructure projects in Phase I of campus development and are based in part on the highly paid jobs to come with the park’s new Harnett Health Systems hospital.

GRANT APPLICATIONS FOR WATER AND SEWER SYSTEMS:

- » North Carolina Rural Center, \$800,000
- » Golden Leaf Foundation, \$350,000

HARNETT COUNTY WILL CONTRIBUTE NEARLY \$107,000 AS A MATCHING GRANT FOR THESE PROJECTS.

FUNDING FOR ROAD CONSTRUCTION GRANT:

- » Economic Development Administration of the U.S. Department of Commerce, \$1 million

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BOARD of DIRECTORS

District 1:

George Womble
David Avrette

District 2:

Johnson Tilghman
Bobby Wellons

District 3:

Bill Pope
Steve Wicker

District 4:

Bob McCune
R.H. Ellington

District 5:

Jimmy McCormick
Jim Randolph

At Large:

Dan Andrews,
County
Commissioner

Ex Officio:

Scott Sauer,
Harnett County
Manager

Dr. Bud Marchant,
Central Carolina
Community
College

Lee Anne Nance,
Harnett County
Economic
Development
Commission

Dr. Jack Britt,
Campbell
University



» The **HFTC Board** re-elected officers at its December 11 meeting. Heading up the board this year:

Chairman - Johnson Tilghman
Vice-Chairman - George Womble
Secretary/Treasurer - Jimmy McCormick

» The HVAC project to add heating and cooling to the office area of the **Erwin Weave plant** is complete. HFTC purchased the 306,500-square-foot building and 71 acres in 2005 and continues renovation efforts to further enhance the building. Pentair Pool and Spa currently leases the facility.

» Several HFTC members attended the NC Bankers Association’s Economic Forecast Forum at the Raleigh Convention Center on January 5th. Three economists provided an update on our regional

economy and predictions for the future. Copies of the presentations can be found at <http://www.ncbankers.org>.


» HFTC welcomes new **Harnett County Manager Scott Sauer**. Formerly manager of Sampson County, Sauer took his post in Harnett County on February 1.



ABOVE: Commission Chairman Tim McNeill greets Scott Sauer

» New leadership of the NC Department of Commerce: **J. Keith Crisco is the new Secretary of Commerce** and **Dale Carroll is Deputy Secretary of Commerce**. Both bring decades of experience in business and commerce.

» Business Link North Carolina, at www.blnc.gov, is a new statewide resource for businesses.

Sponsored by the NC Department of Commerce, the  site organizes the business resources of state agencies. Businesses of all sizes can readily access information about a variety of topics, including planning, permitting and financing.

Withers & Ravenel
Awarded Phase II Contract for
BRIGHTWATER

The contract for Phase II design at Brightwater was awarded in January to Withers & Ravenel. Headquartered in Cary, NC, the company is a full-service civil and environmental engineering consulting firm. The company will be responsible for planning and landscape architectural design.

The firm has gained recognition through honors and awards, including a spot on the national Engineering News-Record’s Top 500 Design Firms.