

**OFFICIAL MINUTES**  
**Caldwell County Board of Commissioners**  
**Special Meeting**  
**November 16, 2023**

*In Attendance:*

Randy T. Church, Chairman  
Mike LaBrose, Vice Chairman  
Donnie Potter, Commissioner  
Robbie Wilkie, Commissioner  
Donald Duncan, County Manager  
Abigail Rich, County Clerk

*Absent:*

Jeff Branch, Commissioner

The County Manager called the meeting to order at 5:38 PM.

Attendees enjoyed their meals. Once the dinner portion concluded, the County Manager asked everyone to introduce themselves. Special guests in attendance were Chief Bennett with Granite Falls Fire Department, Chief Branham, with Granite Falls Police Department, Andy Wilson with Lenoir Police Department, Couby Stilwell with Lenoir Police Department, Sheriff Alan Jones, Todd Brown with NCEM, Greg Ashley with NCEM, and Russel Green with NCEM. After introductions, the County Manager turned the meeting over to Mr. Schrader with the Schrader Group.

The representatives with the Schrader Group reviewed a conceptual plan for the new Joint Operations Center. The Board was shown blueprints, photos, and a video that outlined what the facility could look like.

The Board of Commissioners expressed concerns about storage and the number of restrooms in the facility. There was also a brief discussion concerning what area would be used by the media to produce their news releases.

The Board agreed that they would like there to be more storage in the facility and Commissioner Potter said that he is okay with spending more time on the process to make sure it is done correctly. Chairman Church said that everything is coming together well.

The meeting adjourned at 7:11 PM.