

Grayson County Board of Supervisors  
Continued Meeting – Grayson County CATE Center  
October 27, 2016

Members attending were: Brenda R. Sutherland, Kenneth R. Belton, John S. Fant, and Michael S. Hash. Glen E. Rosenbaum was absent.

IN RE: GROW GRAYSON INITIATIVE

Supervisor Sutherland called the Grayson County Board of Supervisors to order.

Supervisor Fant presented the “Grow Grayson” Forum Concept noting that the strategic challenge is population retention and strategic opportunity is workforce development. The Business Community, aka “Visionaries”, goal is qualified employees with requirements - skilled worker and basic certifications. The Education System, aka “Educators”, goal is experiential learning with requirements – business 101, technology, local needs and basic certifications. The Government, aka “Resourcers”, goal is economic development with requirements – strategic alignment and resourcing. The forum goal is to identify, develop, and resource requirements.

Mrs. Angie Lawson, CATE Center Principal, presented the “Career/Technical Education is Economic Development” slide noting the following:

- Agriculture
  - Horticulture & Greenhouse
  - Animal Sciences
- Business & Information Technology
- Family & Consumer Science
  - Culinary Arts
- Health Sciences
- Trade & Industrial
  - Auto Service Technology
  - Building Trades
  - Cosmetology
  - Precision Machine Technology

#### 15-16 School Year

- Students took a total of 1368 (Duplicated count) CTE classes last year
- 114 CTE completers graduated
- 337 credentials awarded to 127 students

This was accomplished even after losing positions in Business and Agriculture

Supervisor Fant closed with the “Forum Expectations” which are:

- Refine concept
  - Acceptable/Suitable/Feasible
- “Community of Communities” properly aligned/partnered
- Identify and present opportunities – short & long term
- Gather twice a year: October/March

Mr. Kelly Wilmore, Grayson County Schools Superintendent, commented on his ideas of advancing this effort even further with the expansion of programs and internships.

In closing, Mr. Jonathan D. Sweet, Grayson County Administrator, stated that keeping our student here, working here in Grayson County and also what employers can do to engage these students and have a bigger voice in their future workforce.

Supervisor Hash made the motion to adjourn; duly seconded by Supervisor Fant.  
Motion carried 4-0.