



The Mebane City Council and the Alamance County Board of Commissioners assembled together at 1:30 p.m. on Friday, March 17, 2023 at the vacant lot on the corner of W. Holt Street and Lake Latham Road (just West of Cambro). The purpose of the assembly was to explore the location of a potential site for infrastructure improvements.

Mebane Councilmembers Present:

Mayor Ed Hooks
Mayor Pro-Tem Tim Bradley
Councilmember Katie Burkholder
Councilmember Sean Ewing
Councilmember Montrena Hadley

Mebane Staff Present:

Chris Rollins, City Manager
Preston Mitchell, Assistant City Manager
Stephanie Shaw, City Clerk

Mebane Councilmembers Absent:

Councilmember Jonathan White

Alamance County Board of Commissioners Present:

Chair John Paisley
Vice Chair Steve Carter
Commissioner Bill Lashley
Commissioner Pamela Thompson

Alamance County Staff Present:

Heidi York, County Manager
Brian Baker, Assistant County Manager
Tory Frink, County Clerk

Alamance County Board of Commissioners Absent:

Commissioner Craig Turner

Alamance Chamber Staff Present:

Reagan Gural, President
David Putnam, Sr. Director Economic Development
Kevin Szostak, Economic Development Projects

Samet Staff Present:

Brain Hall, Samet Corporation, President- Real Estate

Brian Hall presented information, along with a conceptual site plan, for a proposed “transload” rail facility at the corner of West Holt Street and Lake Latham Road. The transload rail facility has been in planning stages since Cambro’s recruitment to Mebane and the early phases of the North Carolina Industrial Park (NCIC), led by the Alamance County Chamber of Commerce and the Samet Corporation. He explained that the facility would serve multiple industrial tenants in the NCIC, as well as other local businesses, and would be built from the existing rail spur that connects to Cambro Manufacturing.

Senator Amy Galey was in attendance and spoke in favor of the project, citing the positive impacts for Alamance County.

The proposed facility would be managed by a new non-profit organization and that organization would be responsible for owning, operating, and maintaining the facility. Funds for this project were first allocated in the State’s budget in 2021. Since that time the project’s construction cost, originally \$2.6 million, has increased to \$3.2 million. The Mebane City Council and the Alamance County Board of Commissioners have been asked to “fund the gap” by providing \$300,000 each.

After the question-and-answer phase of the agenda, the meeting ended at approximately 2:30 p.m. No formal action was taken.

Ed Hooks, Mayor

ATTEST:

Stephanie W. Shaw, City Clerk