



**CFHCoC Rural County Subcommittee – Brunswick
Meeting Minutes for 3.20.2023**

Meeting Attendees: Paul Witmer, Sally Learned, Billy Soots, Vikki Hines, Rita Canfield, Tasheka Bines, Darrick Bines, Joe Staton, Jimmy Smith, Linda Smith, John Callaghan, Nikki Hanna, and Judy Herring

- Lead Agency staff opened the meeting with attendance and reminders about the CFHCoC Annual meeting to be held May 2nd at the Brunswick Senior Resource Center in Supply from 9 am to 12 pm.
- The featured speaker, Mr. Billy Soots, The Master Craftsman, discussed his proposal to build a multi-use facility in the Southport area on land that he currently owns. The project would include an 8000 square foot building with kitchen area for meals and shelter space as well as the potential to host other needed services for those experiencing homelessness in the area. There was discussion regarding the size of the project, permitting needs, and the value of starting small and building out over time.
- Lead Agency staff briefly reviewed the CoC's Strategic Planning process that is on-going. Brunswick participation in the process is essential to ensure the County's needs are represented in the discussion.
- Paul Witmer, Brunswick County Homeless Coalition, stated that BCHC needs volunteers to assist in their efforts. He also encouraged those in attendance to consider registering for and attending the Cape Fear Housing Coalition's Legislative Breakfast that was scheduled for March 23rd.
- Adjournment @ 2:05 pm.