

Summary of July 26th 250 Year Celebration Meeting
Reported by Chase Conner

During the meeting:

- County Manager Bennett & Commissioner Ronnie Smith welcomed everyone.
- UPLIFT group (<https://www.uplifttourism.com/>) facilitated a brainstorming session on what citizens and leaders want the 250th celebration to look like.
- Each town was represented and various civic and community groups had a representative in attendance as well. Over 40 people were in attendance.
- Co-Chairs of the event were selected by the County Manager (Julia Rease, County Manager Office and Chase Conner, Martin County Travel & Tourism).
- Attendees signed up for various committees
- Next meeting was selected by group

Things to do before next meeting (August 30th at 6pm at the NC Telecenter):

- Committees will work to gain additional members
- Chase will be in charge of organizing committees and tasks for each group based on ideas and recommendations from everyone.
- Julia will serve as the main communication contact for the planning and meeting schedules
- Set a DRAFT schedule of events and timeline
- Set agenda and work plan

At next meeting:

- Timeline and schedule of events DRAFT will be presented to the group.
- Committees will give a short report to group...ideas will be written on an easel pad divided into sections: Kickoff Event, Stand Alone Events, Other Programs/Ideas
- Committees will have a 30min breakout session to work on their tasks and brainstorm as a group.
- An Executive Committee will be formed along with a finance panel to aid in fundraising and account management.
- Next meeting will be scheduled