

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IS A TEAM EFFORT!

Every community success and/or improvement helps Jacksonville/Onslow Economic Development (JOED) in marketing our community to potential new businesses AND increases opportunities for our existing businesses. We love to see our community succeed!

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November JOED Board Meeting
NCSE President Steve Yost, "North Carolina's Southeast Regional Partnership"



In preparation for work on a new strategic plan in early 2019, the JOED Board of Directors' November meeting featured a presentation from Steve Yost, President of NC South East (NCSE). Mr. Yost outlined the services and support JOED receives as a member of this regional partnership. Additionally, he discussed the benefits of being part of the 18-county region, the nature of this public/private partnership, the strength of regional economic development with a focus on local assets, and strategic plan for the future of Eastern North Carolina economic development efforts.



North Carolina Rural Assembly
November 15-16, Raleigh NC

Senator Harry Brown was honored with a Rural Advocate of the Year award at the 2018 Rural Assembly. This award recognizes a rural champion who has made a significant impact on rural development through their leadership in the public sphere. Whether by serving in elected office at the local, state, or federal level; by leading efforts to influence policies in support of rural development; or by inspiring others to work together to improve their communities, this advocate exemplifies the Rural Center's approach to collaborative, thoughtful civic engagement in support of rural North Carolinians.



The 2018 North Carolina Rural Assembly "*Revving the Rural Engine: Local Leaders Driving Innovation*" was two days full of content and conversations focused on rural leadership and the critical role that innovation plays in a community's ability to successfully achieve their goals for the future. One component of the conference was the panel discussion "*Think Locally, Act Regionally: How Partnerships Help Everyone*" moderated by Ferrel Guillory, UNC School of Media & Journalism.

Photo, left to right: Barry Ryan, NC Rural Center and panelists Sheila Pierce Knight, Jacksonville Onslow Economic Development, Kenny Flowers, NC Department of Commerce, and John Chafee, NC East Alliance.



Congratulations to Albert J. Ellis (OAJ) on the dedication of the new Air Traffic Control Tower! This new asset increases safety and provides additional economic development opportunity for Onslow County!

You can watch a really cool "time lapse" video of the construction of the tower [here](#).



Special guests Senator Harry Brown, Representatives Phil Shepard and George Cleveland, and JOED Executive Director Sheila Knight were invited to tour US Workboats recently, to view the construction progress of the NCDOT's first passenger only ferry, *The Ocacroke Express*. It is expected to launch in February 2019.

JOED Welcomes New Premier Investor RE/MAX Elite Realty!



Ray Evans III of RE/MAX Elite Realty Group has been doing business in Jacksonville since 2005 and has seen ups and downs in the real estate market. He sees opportunity, stating, "I believe economic development is important to this area so that Jacksonville can be more than just a 'military town'. I believe that Jacksonville can be an option for military members that retire or decide to get out after military separations." As a matter of fact, retaining exiting military members is a crucial component of JOED's workforce development strategy!

RE/MAX Elite Realty Group is a professional group of experienced and highly trained real estate professionals that have a "client first" philosophy. They believe in exceptional customer service, holding themselves accountable, and doing the work necessary to make every sale special. Their team has grown over the past 3 years—from a team of 4 real estate agents to 8 full time employees and 33 agents. They are committed to selling some of the most desired homes in Jacksonville and Onslow County. You'll find many helpful tools on their website, including the exclusive Jacksonville and Onslow County Real Estate search. Or, let them know what you're looking for by calling 910-333-0124.

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