



**Homeless Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**Thursday, October 7, 2021 – 3:00 p.m.**  
**Cumberland County Courthouse, 117 Dick Street, Room 564, Fayetteville, NC**

<b>COMMITTEE MEMBER ATTENDEES</b>
Chris Cauley, Director, Fayetteville Economic & Community Development Department Charles Evans, Board Commissioner, County of Cumberland Tracy Jackson, Assistant County Manager, County of Cumberland Tiffany Johnson, Co-Chair, Fayetteville / Cumberland County Continuum of Care on Homelessness Sally Shutt, Assistant County Manager, County of Cumberland Dee Taylor, Director, Cumberland County Community Development Department Angel Wright-Lanier, Assistant City Manager, City of Fayetteville Dr. Telly Whitfield, Assistant City Manager, City of Fayetteville Larry Wright, City Council Member, City of Fayetteville (Remote)
<b>OTHER ATTENDEES</b>
Albert Baker, Community Relations Manager, Fayetteville Economic & Community Development Department Debbie Brown, Secretary & Interim Treasurer, Fayetteville / Cumberland County CoC on Homelessness Doug Hewett, City Manager, City of Fayetteville Shakiesha McClain, Homeless Response Analyst, Fayetteville Economic & Community Development Department Devon Newton, Community Services Manager, Cumberland County Community Development Department
<b>REGRETS</b>
Tawana Dawkins, Data and Evaluation Analyst, Cumberland County Community Development
<b>AGENDA</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Call to Order</li><li>• Approval of the Minutes (December 2020 meeting)</li><li>• Committee Re-Orientation<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◦ Brief Review of Interlocal Agreement</li><li>◦ High Level Overview of Local Homeless Support Structure</li></ul></li><li>• Discussion of the Need to Create a Charter for the Homeless Committee</li><li>• Next Meeting</li><li>• Adjourn</li></ul>

	TOPIC	DISCUSSION / PROPOSED ACTION
1	Call to Order	Tracy Jackson called the meeting to order at 3:25 p.m.
2	Approval of the Minutes	Commissioner Evans motioned to accept the minutes from the December 2020 meeting. Dee Taylor seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.
3	Committee Re-Orientation	<p>A presentation was conducted by Chris Cauley covering the following topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Joint Homelessness Committee Overview</li> <li>• Review of Inter-local Agreement</li> <li>• Homelessness Support Structures</li> </ul> <p>Chris Cauley concluded with the following recommendations and comments for the Homeless Committee to consider:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Staff needs direction from the Homeless Committee on how to allocate funds</li> <li>• Must be used to aid low and moderate income</li> <li>• Can be allocated to an agency or spent internally</li> <li>• Staff recommends determining outcomes and programs to achieve those goals</li> </ul> <p>Commissioner Evans asked how Homeless Initiative Funds were used before. Dee Taylor responded that the funds were used for rental assistance, utility assistance, and other supportive services related to housing stability. These activities had been carried out through a contract with Endeavors, Inc.</p> <p>Councilman Wright asked if we could work collaboratively with American Rescue Plan (ARP) funds from the City / County. There was discussion previously about City / County collaboration. The City has found a place for the Community Day Resource Center and the County has allocated funds to hire someone to assist the County with finding a place to build a shelter. Sally Shutt stated that \$250,000 has been allocated for site selection and design for the shelter.</p> <p>Councilman Wright indicated the City is not trying to duplicate efforts. The City is working on a day center. He wants to know where we go from here and how the City can assist.</p> <p>Commissioner Evans stated there is a way the City and County can make this happen. Commissioner Evans believes the County can work with the City once the day center is built and the City can work with the County once the shelter is built. The question is in what way will the County and City work together for those projects.</p>

		<p>Councilman Wright asked who gets into these shelters? Are standards too high? What can we do to get over these barriers? What are they doing in other states?</p> <p>Commissioner Evans stated that Raleigh spent \$8 million on a motel for homeless.</p>
4	<b>Discussion of the Need to Create a Charter for the Homeless Committee</b>	<p>Doug Hewett directed to #4 of the agenda which is the need to create a charter for the Homeless Committee</p> <p>The questions posed are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What roles do Commissioners and Council members have?</li> <li>• Do we work with existing partners, or do we issue a Request for Proposal?</li> </ul> <p>Some homeless advocates can help with running a shelter. The charter is a way to build the community support.</p> <p>Doug Hewett indicated that we have data and the charter to get people to understand the community. The time is now because we have data, staff, and time.</p> <p>Tracy Jackson stated the committee needs some direction and the charter will help define this committee. Dr. Whitfield suggested staff begin drafting a charter and bring it back to the committee.</p> <p>It was suggested for staff to begin preparing a charter and bring it back to the committee within two weeks to report for the next City / County Liaison meeting. Dr. Whitfield suggested reporting that the committee is working on the charter and a re-orientation was conducted. Once a charter is developed, then a formal structure can follow.</p>
5	<b>Other items for Discussion</b>	<p>Tracy Jackson indicated the committee can discuss the use of Homeless Initiative funds at the next meeting. He asked for the committee to provide their input by email regarding any needs. Commissioner Evans stated he would like to hear from someone experiencing homelessness and what they are lacking.</p>
6	<b>Next Meeting</b>	<p>The committee agreed to hold the next meeting November 4, 2021 (Thursday).</p>
7	<b>Adjournment</b>	<p>Dee Taylor motioned to adjourned. Chris Cauley seconded. The motion was approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 4:20 p.m.</p>

Documents Distributed During the Meeting:

- Minutes from December 2020
- Presentation Slides: City / County Joint Homeless Initiative

