
Minutes
Cumberland County Board of Commissioners
December 6, 1999, 9:00 AM
Regular Meeting

PRESENT: Chairman Tom Bacote

Vice Chairman Ed Melvin
Commissioner Talmage Baggett
Commissioner J. Breeden Blackwell
Commissioner Billy R. King
Commissioner H. Mac Tyson II
Commissioner J. Lee Warren, Jr.
Cliff Strassenburg, County Manager
James Martin, Deputy County

Manager

Juanita Pilgrim, Asst. County

Manager

Cliff Spiller, Asst. County Manager
Grainger Barrett, County Attorney
Marsha Fogle, Clerk to the Board

INVOCATION: Commissioner Ed Melvin
Rev. Steve McMillan – New Life

Church of God

RECOGNITION:

A. Communities That Care. National Recognition Award for Successful Resource Acquisition, and Recognition Award for Outstanding Application in the award category Best Co-Collaboration: Presented to Dr. Robin Jenkins, Cumberland County CommuniCare, Inc., and Juanita Pilgrim, Assistant County Manager.

B. Presentation of the NACo 1999 Award of Excellence to Pauline Goodman, Workforce Development Center Director, for the Cumberland County, North Carolina CATV Communication Cabling Program.

C. Cheryl Grabowski (former Director, Emergency Management): Ms.

Grabowski has submitted her resignation and has taken a position in Florida in private business. She thanked the Board for their support. She urged that they continue to be supportive of the Emergency Management Department.

1. Election of Officers:

- a. Chairman**
- b. Vice Chairman**
- c. Presentation to outgoing Chairman**

MOTION: Commissioner Warren moved to appoint Vice Chairman Ed Melvin, Chairman of the Board for the upcoming year.

SECOND: Commissioner Baggett

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

MOTION: Commissioner Baggett moved to appoint Commissioner J. Lee Warren, Jr., Vice Chairman of the Board for the upcoming year.

SECOND: Chairman Melvin

DISCUSSION: Commissioner Warren noted that each Commissioner is worthy of this seat.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

Chairman Melvin thanked the Board for electing him Chairman. He noted he is looking forward to being a part of team who will be making decisions affecting the citizens of our County.

Chairman Ed Melvin presented a plaque to outgoing Commission Chairman Tom Bacote and thanked him for his service to the citizens of this County and raising our quality of life.

Commissioner Bacote thanked his fellow board members and noted this past year has been fruitful in spite of his illness. He thanked the dedicated county employees for their hard work. He noted although much has been done this past year, there is still much to do.

2. CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION: Commissioner King moved to follow staff recommendations on the items on the Consent Agenda.

SECOND: Commissioner Tyson
VOTE: UNANIMOUS

A. Approval of Minutes: November 15, 1999

ACTION: Approve

B. Approval of Health Department Fee for Meningococcal Vaccine

BACKGROUND: The Board of Health approved the fee for this vaccine at \$65.00 per dose. This vaccine is used to prevent bacterial meningitis.

ACTION: Approve

C. Approval of an extension of the Advanced Internet Technologies Letter of Agreement.

BACKGROUND: At its November 1, 1999, meeting the Board of Commissioners authorized entering into a Letter of Agreement with AIT for its possible acquisition of the Old DSS Building for a term of 30 days. AIT and the County have now authorized an architectural and engineering inspection of the building and extending the term of the Letter of Agreement would be desirable. Extending the term for an additional 60-day period would allow this matter to come back to the Board at either of the January meetings.

ACTION: Approve the extension for an additional 60-day period.

D. Approval of Bonds for Public Officials

BACKGROUND: The Board of Commissioners is required to approve bonds for public officials at its first meeting in December. The following bonds are presented for approval:

<u>Officer Holder</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Expires</u>	<u>Agent</u>	
Finance Officer \$100,000 (Amy Cannon)	Auto/renew		Kemper	NACo

Reg. of Deeds Highland (George Tatum)	Peerless	10,000	Auto/renew		
Tax Administrator Redland (Garrett Alexander)	NACo	100,000	Auto/renew		
Sheriff Tomlinson (Earl Butler)	W. Surety	25,000	12/7/99		
Sheriff's Office Finance Officer Surety (Cuyler Windham, Sr.)	20,000	10/9/2000		Tomlinson	W.
Mental Health Dept. Finance Officer Surety (Tom Miriello)	20,000	Indefinite		Tomlinson	W.
Mental Health Dept. Finance Officer Surety (Phil McCall)	20,000	Indefinite		Tomlinson	W.
Civic Center Deputy Fin. Officer Tomlinson (Kendall B. Wall)	W. Surety	20,000	Indefinite		
Civic Center Deputy Fin. Officer Tomlinson (Vicki M. Ramsey)	W. Surety	20,000	Indefinite		
Employee Blanket & Chubb Ins.		100,000	Auto/renew	Carpenter	Cammack

Auto Dealer Bond Travelers	25,000	Indefinite	Carpenter & Cammack
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ACTION: Approve

E. Approval of award of electrical contract for the Pine Forest Recreation Center project.

BACKGROUND: The Board of Commissioners awarded a contract for this project to Atkins Electrical in the amount of \$56,155. Almost immediately after it posted surety bonds and signed the contract, it went out of business. The surety, Amwest Surety Insurance Company, as is its right under the surety bond, has made arrangements for another qualified contract, TOP Electric Co., a division of D. Locklear Construction Company, Inc., to perform the electrical contract for the same low bid amount.

ACTION: Award the bid to TOP Electric Co., in the amount of \$56,155.

F. Appointment of the new DSS Director as a Deputy Finance Officer.

BACKGROUND: The Department of Social Services maintains certain checking accounts for special purposes such as court-appointed guardianships. In order for the DSS Director to issue and sign checks on these checking accounts, he must be appointed as a Deputy Finance Officer.

ACTION: Adopt Resolution appointing the Director as a Deputy Finance Officer and authorizing the use of a facsimile signature stamp as necessary.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, due to the operation requirements unique to the Cumberland County Social Services Department; and

WHEREAS, the timing, amounts, or payees of these checks cannot be anticipated, and in many cases, the checks may need to be issued immediately; and

WHEREAS, the timing of the checks requires the appointment of a Deputy Finance Officer and the use of a facsimile signature stamp. In addition, more than one person must be authorized to countersign each

check; and

WHEREAS, NCGS Chapter 159, Article 3, entitled "The Local Government Budget and Fiscal Control Act", authorizes the governing board to appoint Deputy Finance Officers to designate the individual(s) to countersign checks, authorize the use of facsimile signatures on checks and to fix the amount of the faithful performance bond to be provided by the appointee.

NOW, THEREFORE to facilitate the operational requirement of the Cumberland County Department of Social Services, the Board of Commissioners resolves that:

1. The Director of Social Services from time to time is appointed Deputy Finance Officer and is authorized to sign the checks/drafts issued on the checking and savings accounts maintained by the Department of Social Services; and
2. A facsimile signature is authorized to be used by the appointed individual. The appointee will designate a primary and alternate custodian of the signature stamp; and
3. A faithful performance bond in the amount of \$20,000 will be provided by the appointee; and
4. The appointee is authorized to appoint an individual(s), other than the custodian(s) of the facsimile signature stamp, to countersign each check.

G. Approval of Cape Fear Valley Health System Subleases.

BACKGROUND: On July 6, 1999, the Board adopted a policy for the consideration and approval of Cape Fear Valley Health System subleases. The policy stipulates that to be approved, each sublease must be in a form acceptable to the County Manager, the Office of the County Attorney, and the Board of Commissioners; be on economic terms that are substantially equivalent to current market value; and be approved by the hospital CEO and consented to by the County Manager. The following subleases are submitted for approval:

<u>Name/Location</u> <u>Term</u>	<u>Footage</u>	<u>Rent per sq. ft.</u>
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Kathy Santoriello, M.D., P.A. 9/1/99-8/31/02 Unit 310, Medical Arts Bldg. 101 Robeson Street	5,643	\$ 15.00
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Carolina Family Practice Ctr. 14.00 9/1/99-8/31/00 Unit 305, Medical Arts Bldg. 101 Robeson Street	1,300	
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Medical Arts Family Practice, P.A. 15.00 9/1/99-8/31/00 Unit 202, Medical Arts Bldg. 101 Robeson Street	3,806	
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Fayetteville Neurological Clinic 9/1/99-8/31/00 Unit 307, Medical Arts Bldg. 101 Robeson Street	1,264	12.00
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Private Diagnostic Clinic of 20.00 6/1/99-5/31/00 Duke University Medical Ctr. Cape Fear Valley Medical Ctr. 1638 Owen Drive	1,261.66	
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Southeastern Radiation Therapy 20.00 6/1/99-5/31/00 Cape Fear Valley Medical Ctr. 1638 Owen Drive	276.17	
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Carolina Cancer Management, Inc.	195.51	
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20.00 6/1/99-5/31/99
Cape Fear Valley Medical Ctr.
1638 Owen Drive

ACTION: Approve

H. Budget Revisions

(1) Fire Districts

a. **Bethany Fire District: Increase in revenue/ expenditures in the amount of \$100 to budget an unanticipated increase in tax refunds. (B00-261)**

Funding Source – Fire Tax

b. **Eastover Fire District: Increase in revenue/ expenditures in the amount of \$100 to budget an unanticipated increase in tax refunds (B00-262)**

Funding Source – Fire Tax

c. **Wade Fire District: Increase in revenue/ expenditures in the amount of \$200 to budget an unanticipated increase in tax refunds (B00-263)**

Funding Source – Fire Tax

(2) Mental Health – Substance Abuse Incentive Grant: Increase in revenue/expenditures in the amount of \$125,000 to recognize a Federal Substance Abuse Prevention Grant for youth 9-17 years of age and to establish a new Substance Abuse Counselor position (B00-244) Funding Source – Federal

(3) Senior Aides: Increase in revenue/expenditures in the amount of \$34,244 to recognize additional federal funding (B00-264) Funding Source – Federal

(4) Civic Center: Revision in the net amount of \$20,532 to transfer Hotel/Motel Tax funds to the Civic Center to be used to upgrade the existing telephone system (B00-260&260A) Funding Source – Hotel/Motel Tax

(5) General Government Other: Revision in the amount of \$12,139 to recognize a refund of telephone rental charges from Spring (B00-269) Funding Source – Other

(6) Economic & Physical Development Other: Revision in

the amount of \$203,903 to recognize revenue/expenditures for hazard mitigation projects (B00-273) Funding Source – State

(7) Sheriff/General Government: Revision in the amount of \$43,152 to transfer funds from General Government Y2K Contingency funds to the Sheriff's Department to fund overtime due to anticipated New Year's celebrations and possible Y2K problems (B00-275) Funding Source – County

ACTION: Approve

REGULAR AGENDA

3. Cape Fear Valley Health System Board matters

A. Nominations to Hospital Board of Trustees (5 new positions)

- **2 additional doctors**
- **1 additional nurse**
- **2 general public representatives**

Doctor Nominations: Commissioner Blackwell nominated Dr. Rueben Rivers & Dr. John Henley. Commissioner Warren nominated Dr. George Martin.

Nurse Nominations: Commissioner Blackwell nominated Andrea Novak. Commissioner Warren nominated Mary Thomas.

General Public: Commissioner Blackwell nominated Dr. Dudley Miller. Commissioner Warren nominated Albert McCauley. Commissioner King nominated Ed Jackson. Commissioner Bacote nominated Donald Lahuffman.

B. Confirm the appointment of Dr. Zane Walsh to the Chief of Staff Elect position

MOTION: Commissioner Bacote moved to confirm the appointment of Dr. Zane Walsh to the Chief of Staff Elect position.

SECOND: Commissioner Blackwell

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

C. Select a physician to serve in the Medical Society

representative position

MOTION: Commissioner Blackwell moved to appoint Dr. Bruce Jaufmann to serve in the Medical Society position (as recommended by the Medical Society).
SECOND: Commissioner King
VOTE: UNANIMOUS

4. Appointment to the Recreation Advisory Board (1 vacancy)

Nominee: John D. Pone, Sr.

MOTION: Commissioner Bacote moved to approve.
SECOND: Commissioner King
VOTE: UNANIMOUS

The Board excused Commissioner Tyson, as he had to be in court today in another county.

5. Administer Oath of Office to Radford Rich, Eastover Sanitary Sewer District

Clerk to the Board Marsha Fogle administered the oath to Mr. Radford Rich.

Commissioner Talmage Baggett noted that the Eastover Sanitary Sewer District will serve 1,000 households. He said the surveyors are in the field and notification of a grant award should be forthcoming in the next 30 days.

Commissioner Warren noted that Mr. Rich is the first elected official for a governing board in Eastover.

6. Presentation by the Cape Fear Crocs regarding plans for the 2000 Season.

Appearing: Brad Taylor, General Manager

Mr. Taylor presented a brief video outlining "Impact 2000", a program that the Cape Fear Crocs will kick off for their final baseball season in Fayetteville. He stated the Crocs want to give back to Fayetteville in their final season, by focusing on the development of a community/youth foundation controlled by a governing board elected by their Season 2000 business investors. Funds raised will go to charitable organizations within the County. The goal this year is to raise \$100,000. In addition, the Cape

Fear Crocs baseball team will supply the entire student body population of the Cumberland County, Fort Bragg and Pope Air Force Base school systems with a season student pass to attend any Cape Fear Crocs baseball game free of charge.

Mr. Taylor noted that just because this is the Crocs last season in Fayetteville, it does not consider this a "lame duck" season.

No action needed.

Chairman Melvin thanked Mr. Taylor for his presentation and for the "Impact 2000" project.

7. Consideration of a request from the Cumberland County Board of Education and the Fayetteville Chamber of Commerce to install Kennedy Center Award signs.

BACKGROUND: The Chairman of the Board of Education and the Fayetteville Chamber of Commerce have requested that a sign be added to the County's Welcome Signs recognizing the Cumberland County Schools as winner of the 1999 Kennedy Center Arts Education National Award. The School Board Chairman further requests that the signs be installed at the county's expense.

Estimated cost for production and installation by County Sign Shop:
\$1,200

Reimbursement to NCDOT for installation of redesigned breakaway poles for I-95 locations:

\$2,400

ACTION: Consider the request as noted above. If the Board approves the request, \$3,600 will have to be transferred from the General Fund Contingency to the County Sign Shop to fund the project.

Rick Glazier, Chairman, Board of Education, thanked the Commissioners for their support as well as support from the fire departments and sheriff's office as a result of a fire at Cape Fear High School. He noted with pleasure that the Board won The Board of Commissioners of the Year award from the NC Association of School Boards for its support of education. He also noted that the signs that will be attached to our Cumberland County signs will provide a venue for Cumberland County to brag a bit about our award.

MOTION: Commissioner Warren moved to approve the request and for \$3,600 to be transferred from the General Fund Contingency to the County Sign Shop to fund the project noted above.

SECOND: Commissioner King

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

8. CLOSED SESSION – Personnel Matter

MOTION: Commissioner King moved to go into Closed Session for Personnel Matters.

SECOND: Commissioner Blackwell

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

MOTION: Commissioner King moved to go back into Regular Session.

SECOND: Commissioner Bacote

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

MEETING ADJOURNED: 10:45AM

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