Minutes Cumberland County Board of Commissioners May 17, 1999, 7:00PM Regular/Rezoning Meeting

PRESENT: Chairman Thomas B. 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
Neil Yarborough, County Attorney
Marsha Fogle, Clerk to the Board

INVOCATION: Commissioner Talmage Baggett

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

ITEM B (Rezoning Case P99-32) has opposition and will be heard as a "contested" zoning case.

ADDITION TO THE AGENDA: Consideration of the adoption of a Resolution recommending and endorsing paving a portion or all of SR 2024 in Fiscal Year 1999-2000.

Senator Rand asked that this item be added to the agenda.

MOTION: Commissioner Warren moved to add the item to the Consent Agenda.

SECOND: Commissioner Baggett

MOTION: UNANIMOUS

AGENDA DELETIONS:

The County Manager told the Board that he had received a FAX from the newspaper, this date, notifying him that the advertisement for the Public Hearings on the Street Name Changes had not been advertised. Therefore, the Board of Commissioners cannot hold the hearings on this date.

This affects Items D, E, & F.

The County Manager told the Board that Item G, MH Case #458-98 would need to be rescheduled because the owner of the property did not receive the certified mail notifying him of the meeting.

1. PUBLIC HEARINGS

Uncontested Rezoning Cases:

Upon finding the requests to be reasonable, neither arbitrary or unduly discriminatory, and in the public interest and that the property within such proposed district is suitable for all uses permitted by the new classifications, the following motion was offered for the Uncontested Rezoning Cases:

MOTION: Commissioner King moved to follow the recommendation of the Planning

Board on cases A & C.

SECOND: Commissioner Blackwell

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

A. Case No. P99-30. The rezoning from CD Conservancy and R10 Residential District to RR Rural Residential District or to a more restrictive zoning district for an area on the north side of Ellis Jackson Road, owned by Roscoe K. and Edith York Crane.

The Planning Board recommends approval of RR for the R10 portion on the tract.

C. Case No. P99-33. The addition of a Conditional Use Overlay District in an R10 Residential District to allow one manufactured home on the south side of Camden Road, near the Camden Road Extension, owned by Robert W. Sweat, Jr.

The Planning Board recommends approval of the Conditional Use Overlay District.

Contested Case:

B. Case No. P99-32. The rezoning from C3 Heavy Commercial to R6A Residential or to a more Restrictive Zoning District on the west side of NC HWY 301/Business I-95, south of Lafayette Street, owned by Eva B. Goins.

The Planning Board recommends denial of R6A and approval of RR.

SPEAKERS:

1. Greg High: Mr. High indicated he was opposed to the rezoning, primarily because of the junk on the property. He said there were junked cars on the property and it was a mess. He said the area is really commercial and he did not think it would be a nice area for a mobile home lot.

It was noted that the Inspections Department is investigating the junk car issue.

Commissioner Blackwell asked Mr. High why he did not attend the Planning Board meeting. Mr. High said he was sick.

Commissioner Warren noted this area is a thoroughfare, and it did not make sense to revert the property back to residential.

2. Eva Goins (owner of the property): Ms. Goins said she wanted to rezone so the property value would decrease. She also said she is getting rid of the junk cars on the property.

Commissioner Baggett suggested Conditional Use Overlay could be approved setting out some conditions to assure the property is cleaned up.

MOTION: Commissioner King moved to approve RR as recommended by the Planning Board.

MOTION DIED FOR LACK OF A SECOND

MOTION: Commissioner Warren moved to deny rezoning.

SECOND: Commissioner Baggett

SUBSTITUTE

MOTION: Commissioner Melvin moved to refer this back to the Planning Board for further review to make sure Ms. Goins gets the zoning she desires.

SECOND: Commissioner Tyson

DISCUSSION: Commissioner King said RR would suit Ms. Goins needs and there is no need to refer it back to the Planning Board.

VOTE: FAVOR: Commissioners Blackwell, Bacote, Tyson, Melvin, Baggett

OPPOSED: Commissioners King and Warren

Street Name Changes:

D. Adopt Sandy Creek Road as the official name for State Road 1847.

This public hearing could not be held because of insufficient advertisement.

E. Renaming the northwest portion of the Barefoot Road (SR 1820) to South River School Road (SR 1825)

This public hearing could not be held because of insufficient advertisement.

F. Renaming the southeastern portion of Sherrill Baggett Road (SR 1806) to Allie Cooper Road.

This public hearing could not be held because of insufficient advertisement.

Minimum House Hearing:

G. Case No. MH458-98. Billy C. Whittenton, 6369 Patton Street, Fayetteville, NC PIN: 0502-59-6489

This public hearing could not be held because the owner of the property did not receive notification.

2. CONSENT AGENDA

The following items were pulled from the Consent Agenda: 2H, 2I(1)(a)(b), 2C

MOTION: Commissioner Warren moved to follow staff recommendations on the items on the Consent Agenda, noting the exceptions above.

SECOND: Commissioner Blackwell

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

A. Approval of Minutes: May 3, 1999

ACTION: Approve

B. Declaration of surplus Cape Fear Valley Health System equipment and furnishings and authorization for disposal.

BACKGROUND: On April 28, 1999, the Hospital Board of Trustees declared items surplus to the needs of the Health System and requested approval of the Board of Commissioners to dispose of the equipment through transfer to other county departments, by sale using the upset bid or negotiated offer process, or scrapped or traded as deemed appropriate by the Health System management.

ACTION: Declare surplus and authorize the Health System to dispose of the equipment by transfer to other county departments, sale using the upset bid or negotiated offer process, or scrap or trade as deemed appropriate by the Health System. (List of Property - Attachment A to these Minutes).

D. Approval of the Home and Community Block Grant for Older Adults for FY2000 funding.

BACKGROUND: Mid Carolina Agency on Aging has been designated as the lead agency for planning and coordination of the county's funded plan for Older Adult Services. There is an increase in federal/state funding allocations in the amount of \$12,272.

ACTION: Approve the Home and Community Block Grant for Older Adults FY 1999-2000 Funding Plan.

E. Approval of an amendment of the Community Development 1999 Annual Action Plan.

BACKGROUND: As a result of HUD's monitoring of the Community Development Emergency Shelter Grant Program, it was discovered that Operation Blessing does not meet federal regulations

regarding religious organizations. Therefore the agency can no longer be funded.

ACTION: Amend the 1999 Annual Action Plan to remove Operation Blessing from the list of recipients for 1999 ESG funding.

F. Approval of Community Development Program Residential Anti-Displacement and Relocation Assistance Plan.

BACKGROUND: On May 3, 1999, the Board of Commissioners approved an Optional Relocation Policy for Community Development Housing activities. The Policy is a component of the residential Anti-displacement and Relocation Assistance Plan. Approval of such a plan is required for submission of the 1999 Annual Action Plan.

ACTION: Approve the Plan.

G. Approval of Juvenile Crime Prevention Programs for FY1999-2000.

BACKGROUND: The Board of Commissioners is required to approve recommendations of the Juvenile Crime Prevention Council for proposed programs for the upcoming fiscal year. Funding sources are as follows:

State Juvenile Crime Prevention Funds: \$1,141,419
Program Support 307,868
County Match (20%) 187,801

Cash Match \$116,365 Indirect Cost 16,230 Staff Support 55,206

TOTAL \$1,637,088

FUNDING PLAN

| | | | Local Funding | | |
|--------------------------|------|-----------|---------------|-------------|------------|
| Program | | JCPC | Cash In Kind | Other | Total |
| | | | | | |
| H.O.P.E | \$ | 77,286 | 3,500 | | 80,786 |
| Find-A-Friend | | 38,533 | 5,820 | 16,768 | 61,121 |
| Juvenile Assessment C | tr. | 124,950 | 17,454 | 150,0 | 00 292,404 |
| Big Brother/Big Sister | | 47,000 | 6,982 | 5,0 | 00 58,982 |
| Juvenile Restitution | | 73,449 | 9,658 | | 83,107 |
| Group Home Care | | 413,768 | 54,691 | 128,75 | |
| Juvenile Court Outread | h | 146,903 | 18,260 | 7,3 | 45 172,508 |
| Communicare Inc. | | 15,000 | | | 15,000 |
| | | | | | |
| | | | Local Funding | | |
| Program | | JCPC | Cash In Kind | Other | Total |
| | | | | | |
| Contingency - Spec. Al | | 202,414 | | | 202,414 |
| (project to be determine | red) | | | | |
| Staff Support | | | 55,206 | | 55,206 |
| County Indirect Cost | | | 16,230 |) | 16,230 |
| Admin. Allowance | | 500 | | | 500 |
| Contingency | | 1,616 | | | 1,616 |
| TOTAL | \$ | 1,141,419 | 116,365 71 | ,436 307,8 | |
| 1 O I / L | Ψ | 1,111,117 | 110,000 | , .55 557,6 | 1,007,000 |

ACTION: Approve the programs as listed above, authorize management to prepare the agreements and authorize the Chairman to execute said agreements.

I. Budget Revisions:

2. Mental Health

- (a) Periodic Outpatient Services: Increase in revenue/expenditures in the amount of \$14,820 to budget additional fees which will be used to replace obsolete computers and software (B99-734) Funding Source Fees
- (b) NC Adolescent Substance Abuse: Increase in revenue/expenditures in the amount of \$5,000 to budget grant from the Governors Crime Commission to be used for implementation of the MAJORS Substance Abuse/Juvenile Justice Initiative (B99-733) Funding Source State
- (c) SA Periodic/Contracts/Detoxification: Increase in revenue/expenditures in

the amount of \$47,183 to budget Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant funds to be used to provide services to current and former SSI/SSDI recipients (B99-737 - 737B) Funding Source - Federal

3. Public Health:

- (a) Smart Start Infant Oral Health: Decrease in revenue/expenditures in the amount of \$20,721 to eliminate this program which has been inactive during the current fiscal year (B99-728) Funding Source Other
- (b) Mosquito Control Program: Increase in revenue/expenditures in the amount of \$6,692 to recognize State funding (B99-727) Funding Source State
 - (c) Various Clinics: Increase in revenue/expenditures in the total amount of

\$25,000 to purchase a Tosoh AIA 600 automated random access immunochemistry analyzer for use in the medical laboratory (B99-722 -

726) Funding Source - Fees

- (d) Rape Prevention Increase in revenue/expenditures in the amount of \$7,000 to recognize additional Rape Crisis funding (B99-738) Funding Source State
- (e) Maternal Health: Increase in revenue/expenditures in the amount of \$8,000 to purchase laboratory information system (B99-584) Funding Source State
- 4. Emergency 911: Revision in the amount of \$53,000 to appropriate Fund Balance to upgrade three telephone stations for Y2K compliance (B99-741) Funding Source E911 Fees
- 5. Community Development: HOME Administration: Increase in revenue/expenditures in the amount of \$11,528 to recognize an insurance settlement and transfer \$17,892 from contingency to purchase two vehicles (B99-745) Funding Source Other and Federal

- 6. Fire Districts: Revisions in the total amount of \$543,180 to budget revenue received in the current and prior years (B99-752 760 and B99-764 772) Funding Source Other
- J. Consideration of adoption of a Resolution endorsing the paving of a portion or all of SR 2024 in Fiscal Year 1999-2000.

BACKGROUND: Senator Tony Rand asked the Board to adopt the Resolution.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Cumberland County Board of Commissioners appreciates the funding and paving of unpaved state roads in Cumberland County each year by the NC Department of Transportation;

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners holds a public hearing annually concerning the paving program of the NC Department of Transportation in Cumberland County;

WHEREAS, from time to time the Board of Commissioners may wish to offer additional information to the Department concerning the desirability of paving particular unpaved state roads in Cumberland County;

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners wishes to recommend to the NC Board of Transportation and the Department the desirability of paving a portion or all of SR 2024, Boggie Island Road, in fiscal year 1999-2000;

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners believes that paving a portion or all of SR 2024 would be in the public interest of the citizens of Cumberland County and would promote the public health, safety and welfare.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Commissioners recommends and endorses to the NC Board of Transportation and the Department of Transportation the paving of a portion or all of SR 2024 in fiscal yea 1999-2000 as being in the public interest of the citizens of Cumberland County and as promoting the public health, safety and welfare.

REGULAR AGENDA

C. Rejection of bids for mainframe computer upgrade.

BACKGROUND: The following bids were received on April 27, 1999:

IBM \$504,598
Mainline Systems \$414,953

Alt.: \$406,016

Howard Smith, Director, Information Services, recommends rejection of both bids. He states he does not consider IBM's bid valid or competitive. Three other IBM Business Partners would like the opportunity to bid on the upgrade.

NOTE: This is the second time this has been bid.

Commissioner Warren said he thought the bids would probably go up if it is bid again.

Commissioner Baggett asked why the "other IBM Partners" did not bid this time.

MOTION: Commissioner King moved to reject the bids as recommended by staff.

SECOND: Commissioner Melvin

VOTE: FAVOR: Commissioners Blackwell, Tyson, Melvin, Bacote, King, Baggett

OPPOSED: Commissioner Warren

H. Approval of representation special litigation counsel for Earl Butler.

BACKGROUND: During a foot pursuit related to a law enforcement activity, a suspect, Joseph Dingle, allegedly suffered some minor injuries. As Mr. Dingle was fleeing from Deputy Sheriff Charles Parker, he was allegedly hit by a civilian motorist on Old Shaw road. As a consequence of this incident, he is suing Earl Butler individually and in his official capacity as our Sheriff, the Deputy, the Cumberland County Sheriff's Department, Cumberland County and the civilian motorist. The Sheriff's Department and the County Attorney's Office have made a determination that Deputy Charles Parker acted appropriately throughout this incident and the County Attorney's Office is providing him with a defense, the Sheriff's Department with a defense, the County of Cumberland with a defense and Sheriff Butler in his official capacity with a defense. (The civilian motorist is independently represented). Sheriff Butler has asked that Ronnie Mitchell represent him in his personal capacity at a cost of \$150.00 per hour. The Sheriff was in no way directly involved in this matter and we do no anticipate him being a party to this suit for very long.

ACTION: Approve Sheriff Butler's request for individual counsel in his personal capacity and approve retaining Ronnie Mitchell at an hourly rate of \$150.

Commissioner Blackwell asked how often we retain outside counsel, for whom and why the attorneys in the Legal Department can't represent him. Commissioner Baggett suggested, that because this is a litigation issue, we should discuss this in Closed Session.

MOTION: Commissioner Baggett moved to discuss this item in Closed Session.

SECOND: Commissioner Warren

VOTE: FAVOR: Commissioners Blackwell, Tyson, Bacote, Melvin, Warren, Baggett

OPPOSED: Commissioner King

Note: This item will be added to the Closed Session item on this agenda.

I. Budget Revisions:

(1) Social Services

Commissioner Blackwell said he thought we were under a hiring freeze at this time. Cliff Strassenburg, County Manager, noted that this is 100% state money which has no impact on our general fund revenues. This grant is awarded on an annual basis.

MOTION: Commissioner Blackwell moved to approve Item 21(1)(a)&(b).

SECOND: Commissioner Melvin

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

(a) Increase in revenue/expenditures in the amount of \$243,300 to recognize

grant funding from Work Force Development to establish eight new positions including six Social Worker II positions, one Social Worker Supervisor II position, and one Office Assistant III position (B99-718) Funding Source - Other

(b) Care Family Violence Program: Increase in revenue/expenditures in the amount of \$19,254 to recognize grant funding from Work Force Development to establish one new Social Worker III position to assist clients seeking employment through the barrier of domestic violence (B99-717) Funding Source - Grant

3. Appointments to Boards/Committees

A. Work Force Development Board (4 vacancies)

Nominees: Private Sector: Ben Wilson (Reappointment)

Barry Bullock Cynthia Curtis Richard Ellis Lynne Greene

Rehabilitation: Billy Cupit

VOTING: Ben Wilson Unanimous Vote

Barry Bullock Commissioners King and Bacote

Cynthia Curtis No votes

Richard Ellis Commissioners Blackwell, Tyson, Melvin, Bacote, Warren,

and King

Lynne Greene Commissioners Blackwell, Tyson, Melvin Warren & Baggett

APPOINTMENTS: Ben Wilson, Richard Ellis and Lynne Greene (Private Sector)

MOTION: Commissioner Warren moved to appoint Mr. Cupit to the rehabilitation

position by acclamation.

SECOND: Commissioner King

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

B. Storm Water Advisory Board (2 vacancies)

Nominees: Billy Maxwell

Thomas s. Speight, Jr.

MOTION: Commissioner Warren moved to appoint the nominees by acclamation.

SECOND: Commissioner Blackwell

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

C. Social Services Board (1 vacancy)

Nominee: Wilson Lacy

Lynette S. Green

VOTING: Wilson Lacy: Commissioner King

Lynette Green: Commissioners Blackwell, Tyson, Melvin, Bacote, Warren,

Baggett

Lynette Green was appointed.

MOTION: Commissioner King moved that the Board recommend Mr. Wilson Lacy for

appointment to the DSS Board by the State.

SECOND: Commissioner Bacote

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

MOTION: Commissioner Warren moved to appoint the nominees in Items D,E,&F by

acclamation.

SECOND: Commissioner Melvin

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

D. Domiciliary Home Community Advisory Committee (1 vacancy)

Nominee: Pamela Story

E. Jury Commission (1 vacancy)

Nominee; Mable Smith

F. Recreation Advisory Board (3 vacancies)

Nominee: Maxey Dove

Kathy Horne David Varnedoe

G. Joint Planning Board (1 vacancy)

Nominees: Matthew D. Jarman, Jr.

Clifton McNeill, Jr. Horace Humphrey

VOTING: Matthew Jarman: Commissioner King

Clifton McNeill, Jr. Commissioners Blackwell, Tyson, Melvin,

Warren & Baggett

Horace Humphrey Commissioner Bacote

H. FTCC Board of Trustees (1 vacancy)

Nominees: Billy Davidson

Deborah Baldwin

VOTING: Billy Davidson: Commissioners Blackwell, Tyson, Melvin,

Bacote, Warren, & Baggett

Deborah Baldwin: Commissioner King

I. ABC Board (2 vacancies)

Nominees: Ernie Grooms

Lula Crenshaw Landis Chavis

Commissioner King withdrew the name of Lula Crenshaw and added the name of Barry Bullock.

VOTING: Ernie Grooms: Commissioners Blackwell, Tyson, Melvin, Warren &

Baggett

Landis Chavis: Unanimous

Barry Bullock Commissioners King and Bacote

J. Criminal Justice Partnership Advisory Board (7 vacancies)

MOTION: Commissioner Warren moved to appoint the nominees by acclamation.

SECOND: Commissioner Melvin

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

Nominees: Probation Officer Positions: Billie Jo Atkins &Wayne Marshburn

Sheriff/Designee: Lt. John McRainey

Community Based Corrections Program Rep: Elizabeth Gnann

Victim Services Program Rep.: Sharon Wright Hucks

Substance Abuse Service Rep.: James Miller

Community Service Coordinator: James G. Lucas

4. Consideration of recommendations from the Fayetteville Area Economic Development Corporation regarding the old and new industrial parks.

BACKGROUND: The Fayetteville Area Economic Development Corporation serves as the county's economic development agent and advisor. Acting in that capacity, FAEDC's Industrial Properties Committee submits the following recommendations for the Board's consideration:

- n The County engage the services of Moorman, Kizer, & Reitzel, Inc., to proceed with a master plan for the Healy property at Cumberland Industrial Center. (The Healy property adjoins the Cumberland Industrial Center (the existing Center) and Wal-Mart Distribution Center. As you may recall the county acquired an option on the Healy property for the purpose of marketing the property for industrial development. A master development plan for the property is necessary to help guide the marketing effort for industrial development.
- n The County place Cumberland Industrial Center signage along I-95.
- n Develop and implement a volunteer plan or other continuing clean-up plan along all approaches to Cumberland Industrial Center (Tom Starling Road, Claude Lee & Research Roads).
- n Issue a request for qualifications (RFQ) for master planning the new Industrial Park. (The next step in the evolution of the new Industrial Park is to prepare a master

development plan. A formal selection process in accordance with state law should be undertaken to select and engage an engineering firm. The first step is to send an RFQ to firms known to specialize in industrial park master planning).

ACTION: Approve the recommendations submitted and authorize management to move forward with implementation.

MOTION: Commissioner Warren moved to approve.

SECOND: Commissioner Melvin

DISCUSSION: Commissioner Baggett suggested that the Economic Development office contact the Community Service Office to see if they could provide people to help clean up along the optrance roads into the Industrial Park

clean up along the entrance roads into the Industrial Park.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

5. Update on Y2K preparations

Mr. Howard Smith, Director, Information Services, briefed the Board concerning the County's readiness for Y2K.

CRITICAL APPLICATIONS COMPLETED AND IN PRODUCTION

Finance (Budget and LGFS files)

Tax (Oasis)

Central Maintenance

Solid Waste

Jury

CRITICAL APPLICATIONS COMPLETED BUT NOT IN PRODUCTION

Personnel (Will be in production when Payroll is complete)

CRITICAL BUT NOT COMPLETED

Emergency Operations (95% complete - May 99) Payroll (80% complete - September 1999)

NON CRITICAL COMPLETED

Animal Control
Water and Sewer Assessments
Fire Marshal
Workers' Compensation

NON CRITICAL AND NOT COMPLETE

Fixed Assets (30% complete - June 1999) Social Services (Tracking/Child Protection Services) (July-December)

A survey was developed and sent to 16 departments outside of the immediate control of the Information Services Department, inquiring about their Y2K readiness. It appears that Cumberland County's computer systems will be compliant by January, 2000. However, Mr. Smith recommends that the County have a contingency day prior to December 31, 1999. All

computers would be shut down and departments would have to operate manually for a day. Departments will have to develop contingency plans in order to operate without their computer equipment. Mr. Smith also recommends that funds be set aside that could be utilized if we encounter Y2K problems.

The Board asked Mr. Smith to update them again in October.

6. Consideration of approval of the schedule for the Fiscal Year 2000 budget work sessions and public hearing

BACKGROUND: The following dates are submitted for consideration for budget work sessions and the public hearing on the budget:

June 7, 1999, 5:30PM Budget Work Session

June 8, 1999, 6:00PM Public Hearing

June 14, 1999, 5:30PM Budget Work Session June 15, 1999, 5:30PM Budget work Session

Note: The budget may be adopted at any session after June 11, 1999.

Following some discussion, the following dates were approved:

June 7, 1999, 5:30PM Budget Work Session

June 8, 1999, 6:00PM Public Hearing

June 14, 1999, 5:30PM Budget Work Session June 16, 1999, 5:30PM Budget Work Session

Note: The Budget may be adopted at any of the work sessions after the date of June 11, 1999.

7. Consideration of recommendations from the County Finance Committee:

a. Approval of postponing the next revaluation until 2003.

BACKGROUND: At its May 6 meeting, the Finance Committee received a report from the Tax Administrator about the next revaluation. He recommends that the revaluation be postponed from 2001 to 2003. Funding in the amount of \$205,688 per year for the next three years will be required to meet the schedule.

ACTION: Delay the revaluation to 2003 and approve additional funding in the amount of \$202,950 for FY 2000.

MOTION: Commissioner Melvin moved to approve the delay of the revaluation until

2003 and approve additional funding in the amount of \$205,688 for FY2000.

SECOND: Commissioner Tyson

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

MOTION: Commissioner Melvin moved to approve Items b,c,&d as recommended.

SECOND: Commissioner Tyson

DISCUSSION: Commissioner Warren asked why there has been a problem with the collection of motor vehicle taxes. Mr. Garrett Alexander, Tax Administrator, said the problem could be with the Department of Motor Vehicles. He noted there is now a

software program that is helping them with the process. In addition they have not had the manpower to do the job. In 1998 the Tax Administrator began a new method of identifying and appraising vehicles, and the results have been very good.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

b. Approval of an additional Clerk position for the Motor Vehicle Valuation Program in Tax Administration

BACKGROUND: The Tax Administrator told the Finance Committee that he has discovered \$1,333,098 in additional revenue from motor vehicle taxation which would have been lost for this fiscal year if the same appraisal practices had continued in place. He said that substantial revenues have been lost in previous years because of the lack of proper vehicle identification and appraisal. In addition, the program has identified an additional 8,000 vehicles that slipped through the old process entirely and were never assessed or billed in prior years. An additional Clerk position will allow him to concentrate on this area; and he is sure several million dollars more in revenue would be discovered.

ACTION: Approve adding an additional Clerk position as recommended by the Tax Office and include the funding in the FY99-00 Budget.

c. Approval of IRS Section 125 Cafeteria Plan Administrator

BACKGROUND: The County Finance Committee met on May 6, 1999 and recommends the following to the Board of Commissioners:

n that the partnership of Employee Benefits Systems, Inc./Mark III Brokerage, Inc. be contracted as the administrator of the county's IRS Section 125 Cafeteria Plan and to allow the Risk Manager to enter into a no fee for service contract.

ACTION: Approve the recommendation of the Finance Committee.

d. Approval of single source vendor for office supplies

BACKGROUND: The Finance Department operates an in-house supply room which provides office supplies to approximately 30 county departments. An inventory of 80 - 100 commonly used items are maintained. Larger county departments must solicit quotes individually for their own office supply needs. Maintaining the supply room is a labor intensive process and in view of the pending budget reductions, the Finance Director recommends that the County enter into a single-source contract for office supplies. The vendor would guarantee delivery within 24 hours. Proposals were solicited and six vendors replied. The lowest quote was received from Williams Office Supply. The quotes are as follows:

| Company | Total Supplies | Total Alt Supplies | <u>Discount</u> |
|---------------------|----------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| Corporate Interiors | \$42,907.53 | \$34,196.00 | 50% |
| Forms & Supply | \$30,145.81 | \$24,986.56 | Ave. 42% |
| Paper Pens | \$36,549.59 | \$26,439.16 | 30% |
| Poole Office | \$29,795.37 | \$29,795.37 | 40% |
| US Office | \$37,070.70 | \$34,162.25 | See Note |
| Williams Office | \$26,165.74 | \$22,118.97 | 40% |

Enter into a contract with Williams Office Supply for a single-source office supply ACTION: contract effective July 1, 1999.

8. Consideration of disposal of surplus real property to Fayetteville State University

BACKGROUND: At the May 3, 1999, meeting, the Board of Commissioners voted to reject the bids placed on three pieces of property which are contiguous to property currently owned by Fayetteville State University.. The property was acquired on December 14, 1992 as a result of tax foreclosure. The total amount to acquire these three parcels was \$2,566.44.

0428-56-3210, 0428-55-1957, 0428-45-5185 PIN#'s:

MOTION: Commissioner Warren moved to transfer those three pieces of property to

FSU.

SECOND: Commissioner Melvin

VOTE: **UNANIMOUS**

9. Approval of lease and franchise agreements for concession services at E.E. Miller School Park and Lake Rim Park - Second Reading

BACKGROUND: The Board approved the first reading of this Franchise on May 3, 1999.

ACTION: Approve the Second Reading.

MOTION: Commissioner King moved to approve the Second Reading.

Commissioner Melvin SECOND:

VOTE: **UNANIMOUS**

10. Consideration of referring to the County Policy Committee matters pertaining to continuing to use the County's Financial Advisor and a policy regarding reading materials at the Public Library.

BACKGROUND: Chairman Bacote asked to include these items on the agenda.

MOTION: Commissioner Blackwell moved to refer the item concerning the County's Financial Advisor to the County Finance Committee.

Commissioner Tyson SECOND:

DISCUSSION: Commissioner Warren said because we are gearing up for the jail bond issue, if we are going to make a change we should do it now. Mr. Strassenburg pointed out that we have already started on the jail bond issue and perhaps now was not the time to make a change. Mr. Strassenburg said a financial advisor is very important to the county because they look at the county's total financial picture. He said Craigie (BB&T) is helping us with a "wraparound" financing arrangement that will balance this financing with our other financing to cushion the amount of debt service that is paid. Their advice gives us independent comments on our financial situation. Commissioner Tal Baggett said he did not think it would be a good idea to make a change at this time.

VOTE: **UNANIMOUS**

MOTION: Commissioner Blackwell moved to defer any action on the library matter

until

after the Library Board discusses it. (It has a meeting on May 20, 1999)

SECOND: **Commissioner Baggett** DISCUSSION: Commissioner Melvin said Mr. Thrasher could make a report to the Board of Commissioners at our next meeting.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

11. Consideration of naming the High Management Group Home the "Thomas B. Bacote Adolescent Home"

BACKGROUND: The Mental Health Board voted on February 3, 1999 to name the Home in honor of Thomas B. Bacote.

ACTION: Consider the Mental Health Board's recommendation.

MOTION: Commissioner Warren moved to follow the Mental Health Board's

recommendation.

SECOND: Commissioner King

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

12. CLOSED SESSION - Personnel Matter and Litigation

MOTION: Commissioner King moved to go into Closed Session to discuss a Personnel

Matter and Litigation (Joseph Dingle v. Charles Parker, Earl Butler,

Cumberland County Sheriff's Department, Cumberland County and Roland Lee

Austin)

SECOND: Commissioner Tyson

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

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

SECOND: Commissioner Tyson

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

MOTION: Commissioner Blackwell moved to approve the Sheriff's request to retain

Ronnie Mitchell at an hourly rate of \$150.00 to represent him in the Dingle

Case.

SECOND: Commissioner King

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

MEETING ADJOURNED: 11:45PM.

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