Minutes

Cumberland County Board of Commissioners May 15, 2000, 7:00 P.M. Regular/Rezoning Meeting

PRESENT: Chairman Edward G. Melvin, Jr.

Vice Chairman J. Lee Warren, Jr. Commissioner Talmage Baggett Commissioner Breeden Blackwell

Commissioner Billy R. King Commissioner H. Mac Tyson II

Cliff Strassenburg, County Manager James Martin, Deputy County Manager Juanita Pilgrim, Asst. County Manager Grainger Barrett, County Attorney

Marsha Fogle, Clerk to the Board Jerry Thomas, Planning Department Commissioner Thomas B. Bacote

INVOCATION: Commissioner Lee Warren

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

RECOGNITION: County Retirees: Victoria Smith: Library

William Brigman, Sheriff's Office

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:

- 1. Adoption of a Proclamation designating May 14-20, 2000, "Cumberland County Law Enforcement Officers Week"
- 2. Consideration of Sole Source Purchase for Geographic Equipment Tool Software for the Department of Social Services Work First participants

MOTION: Commissioner Baggett moved to add the above items to

the Consent Agenda.

SECOND: Commissioner King

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

1. PUBLIC HEARINGS

Upon finding the requests to be reasonable, neither arbitrary or unduly discriminatory, and in the public interest the following motion was offered for the "uncontested cases":

MOTION: Commissioner Bacote moved to follow the Planning Board recommendations on the "Uncontested Rezoning" cases.

SECOND: Commissioner King

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

Uncontested Rezoning Cases

A. Case P00-21. The rezoning from R6A Residential to C(P) Planned Commercial, or to a more restrictive zoning district, on the southeast side of the intersection of East Jenkins Street and Womble Drive, the property of Ricky Stevens and Larry Allman.

The Planning Board recommends approval of C(P).

No Speakers

B. Case P00-22. The rezoning from PND Planned Neighborhood to RR Rural Residential, or to a more restrictive zoning district, on the northeast side of Longhill Drive and southeast of Slocomb Road, the property of Jerry L. White, Sr.

The Planning Board recommends approval of RR.

No speakers

C. Case P00-24. The rezoning from R10 Residential to R6A Residential, or to a more restrictive zoning district, on the west side of Chapel Hill Road, northwest of the intersection of Lillington Highway and Chapel Hill Road, the property of Roosevelt and Captoria Washington.

The Planning Board recommends approval of R6A.

No Speakers

D. Case P00-26. The rezoning from A1 Agricultural to C(P) Planned Commercial, or to a more restrictive zoning district, on the south side of NC HWY 24 (Clinton Road), west of Shelton Beard Road, the property of Joseph A. & Sharon McCall Grissom.

The Planning Board recommends approval of C(P).

No Speakers

E. Case P00-31. A Conditional Use Overlay District and Permit to allow an office and open storage in an RR Rural Residential District on the west side of

Everitte Street, south of Cumberland Road, the property of James C. and Sue W. Temple.

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

No Speakers

Contested Rezoning Case

Oath was administered to speakers.

F. Case P99-46. A Conditional Use Overlay District and Conditional Use Permit to allow open storage of equipment and supplies in a C(P) Planned Commercial District on the east side of US HWY 301, north of Snow Hill Road, the property of Clyde Ray and Helen R. Weaver.

The Planning Board voted to approve the Conditional Use Overlay District and Conditional Use Permit.

SPEAKERS:

- 1. John Beasley speaking for the Lake Lynn Association. Mr. Beasley noted he had been requested to speak on behalf of the Lake Lynn Association in opposition to the Overlay District. He noted this area has quite a few dump trucks near the back of the lot, where residents have a clear view. He said 50-60 homes are opposed to this rezoning. In response to a question, Mr. Beasley said he had not actually seen the property in question for several months.
- 2. Mr. & Mrs. Ray Weaver: The Weaver's stated they are planning to put in a buffer at the back of the lot, as a matter of fact they have already put in some trees. Ms. Weaver noted this property was pretty much a garbage dump before they bought it, and she said they have been making improvements. She said they have paved the streets and are planning to put in street lights.

Commissioner Baggett said he had visited the site this date and it was clean, the streets paved and, it was well maintained.

Upon finding the conditions and other performance criteria proposed to be imposed are reasonable, neither arbitrary or unduly discriminatory, and in the public interest, the following motion was offered:

MOTION: Commissioner Baggett moved to approve the Conditional Use Overlay District.

SECOND: Chairman Melvin

DISCUSSION: Commissioner Blackwell stated he had visited the property and is impressed with what he saw. He also noted that the Weavers had offered to meet with the Lake Lynn Association to share their plan and vision for this property. However, they have had no response from the Association. He note trees have been planted and they are planning to plant more trees to be used as a buffer.

Commissioner King noted that this is a major artery into the City and he asked if the open storage area could be seen from the highway. The Weavers indicated you could not see any of the storage area. Commissioner Blackwell also noted the Weavers had planted the Bradford pear trees on 301. Commissioner Warren asked if they planned to do anything different than what they are already doing. The Weavers indicated they will continue to do just what they are doing, improving their property step by step. Commissioner Bacote said this area looks so much better than it did year ago. Chairman Melvin noted he had visited the site and was also impressed with what has been accomplished.

Commissioner Tyson said he was impressed by the fact the husband and wife are making a joint presentation. Ms. Weaver noted it will take some time to complete all the work but they will continue to improve the area.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

Upon finding that the proposed use will not endanger the public health or safety, or substantially injure the value of adjoining or abutting property, and that the use will be in harmony with the area in which it is located and that it conforms with the Land Use, Thoroughfare or other applicable plans, the following motion was offered:

MOTION: Commissioner Baggett moved to approve the conditional use permit subject to the following conditions: (1) no storage will be permitted along Gillespie Street; (2) all storage for Fayetteville Steel Erectors is to be located to the rear of the office; (3) all areas containing open storage adjacent to residentially zoned lots are to be buffered; and (4) the open storage is to be limited to the specific use of the particular business and confined to the areas highlighted on the site plan.

SECOND: Commissioner Tyson

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

Other Public Hearings:

G. Consideration of the 1999 Local Law Enforcement Block Grant

BACKGROUND: Federal regulations require a public hearing prior to expending these funds. The 1999 grant funds will be utilized by the Sheriff's Office to continue the funding of the 800 MHz Radio Initiative.

SPEAKERS: None

No Action needed.

2. CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Tyson asked that items 4D & 4H be removed from the Consent Agenda for separate action.

MOTION: Commissioner King moved to follow staff recommendations on

the items on the Consent Agenda, excepting items 4D and 4H.

SECOND: Commissioner Blackwell

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

A. Approval of Minutes: May 1, 2000

ACTION: Approve

B. Approval of Additions to the State Secondary Road System:

Bethany South Subdivision: Canaveral Street, Morning Glory Drive, Sandlot Street, Magyar Street, Tennis Drive, Shad Court, Jeremiah Street, Bethany Drive

ACTION: Approve

C. Approval to Abandon SR 2338 from the State Secondary Road System

BACKGROUND: NC Department of Transportation has received a petition to abandon from the State Road system SR 2338 from SR 2212 to the end of state maintenance, a distance of 0.13 miles. The Department of Transportation indicates the street is eligible for abandonment.

ACTION: Approve

D. Approval of the 2000 Revised By-laws of the Cumberland County Hospital System, Inc.

BACKGROUND: The Hospital Board of Trustees amended their By-laws. It requests concurrence by the Board of Commissioners. (A copy of the amended By-laws may be found in the office of the County Attorney and also at the Hospital).

ACTION: Approve

Commissioner Tyson inquired about an item (Sub-section I) which addressed waiver of

credentials and whether the Board of Commissioners should address the issue.

It was noted that particular item was not a part of the By-laws of the Hospital System, but rather a part of the by-laws of the Medical Staff (different from the Hospital System By-laws).

MOTION: Commissioner Warren moved to approve the revised by-laws.

SECOND: Commissioner Blackwell

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

E. Approval of the Health Department's new Fee Schedule

BACKGROUND: The Board of Health approved the new fee schedule on April 18, 2000. It requests concurrence by the Board of Commissioners.

ACTION: Approve

NOTE: The new fee schedule is attached as Item A to these Minutes.

F. Approval of the designation of Harold G. Beverage, Emergency Management Director, as the agent for obtaining Federal Financial Assistance under the Disaster Relief Act.

BACKGROUND: Cumberland County Emergency Management has been involved over the past 20 months with a mitigation project removing a structure from a flood way north of Spring Lake along the Little River. The money designated for the project came from Federal and State funds set aside for such undertakings as a result of Hurricane Fran. The previous Director, Cheryl Grabowski, was the designated agent for this project, but has since left employment with the County. To complete the project, a new Designated Agent should be appointed.

ACTION: Adopt Resolution appointing Harold Beverage, Emergency Management Director as the Designated Agent for obtaining Federal Financial Assistance under the Disaster Relief Act.

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that Harold G. Beverage, Director, Cumberland County Emergency Management, is hereby authorized to execute for and in behalf of Cumberland County, a public entity established under the laws of the State of North Carolina, this application and to file it in the appropriate State office for the purpose of obtaining certain Federal financial assistance under the Disaster Relief Act (Public Law 288,93rd Congress) or otherwise available from the President's Disaster Relief Fund; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOVED that Cumberland County, a public entity established under the laws of the State of North Carolina, hereby authorizes its agent to provide to the State and to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for all matters pertaining to such Federal disaster assistance the assurances and agreements as required by Applicant Assurances.

G. Approval of Bid Awards:

(1) Books for the Public Library & Information Center

BACKGROUND: Bids were received on April 13, 2000 (Attachment B to these Minutes).

ACTION: Award the book bid to Baker & Taylor for all categories of materials.

(2) Elevated Walkway at Lake Rim Park

BACKGROUND: Bids were received for this project on April 18, 2000.

Jones Fence and Vinyl Company \$76,208 – includes 10% contingency

United Realty \$98,005

Hosack Enterprises \$99,506 Atlas Resource \$135,113

Note: This project is part of the department's Ten-year Service Plan.

ACTION: Award the bid to Jones Fence & Vinyl Company in the amount of \$76,208, which includes a 10% contingency.

H. Approval of the FY01 Proposed Budget Work Sessions and Public Hearing Dates

BACKGROUND: Management anticipates submitting the FY01 Proposed Budget to the Board of Commissioners on June 1, 2000. A more formal presentation will be made at the June 5 meeting. Several work sessions will be needed for formal review of the budget. The following dates are suggested:

June 5, 2000, 5:30PM	Budget Work Session	n Room 564
June 6, 2000, 6:00PM	Public Hearing Roo	m 118
June 12, 2000, 5:30PM	Budget Work Session	Room 564
June 13, 2000, 5:30PM	Budget Work Session	Room 564
June 14, 2000, 5:30PM	Budget Work Session	Room 564

ACTION: Adopt the above schedule for budget work sessions and public hearing.

Because of some possible conflicts, Commissioner Tyson asked the Board to hold off setting meetings for the week of June 12. He suggested we set the meetings for June 5 and June 6

today, and consider the other meetings at our June 5 commissioners' meeting.

MOTION: Commissioner Tyson moved to approve budget work sessions

as noted above for June 5 and June 6.

SECOND: Commissioner King

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

I. Approval of a resolution supporting the Nomination of the Cape Fear River Multipurpose Trail, Phase I for Transportation Enhancement Program funding.

BACKGROUND: The City of Fayetteville is sponsoring submission of an Application for a Transportation Enhancement Program Grant to fund the 1st phase of the Cape Fear River Multipurpose Trail. The trail is consistent with the Cumberland County 2010 Land Use Plan as well as several other master-planning documents. Subsequent phases of the trail will link the County's Arnette Park with other facilities in the region along the Cape Fear River.

ACTION: Adopt the Resolution supporting the nomination.

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE NOMINATION OF THE CAPE FEAR RIVER MULTIPURPOSE TRAIL, PHASE I, FOR TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM FUNDING

WHEREAS, the NC Department of Transportation (NCDOT) is seeking applications to fund quality projects that improve the cultural, aesthetic and environmental aspects of North Carolina's transportation system and meet all the eligibility requirements for the Transportation Enhancement Program; and

WHEREAS, the Cumberland County 2010 Land Use Plan promotes "environmental corridors" to be available for pedestrian linkages and greenways along the Cape Fear River and future phases of this project may extend to county facilities including Arnette Park; and

WHEREAS, the County of Cumberland wishes to support local organizations including the City of Fayetteville, the Fayetteville Chamber of Commerce and the Cumberland County Conservancy in their efforts to improve the quality of life in our community; and

WHEREAS, the Cape Fear River Multipurpose Trail is incorporated into no less than six other master planning documents for our community including the Fayetteville Parks and Recreation Plan, the Fayetteville Area Metropolitan Planning Organization's 2025 Long Range Transportation Plan and Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan, the Fayetteville Once & for All Downtown Redevelopment Vision Plan, the Cape Fear Botanical Garden Master Plan and the East Coast Greenway Plan; and

WHEREAS, this project would provide a continuous, safe, green, alternate urban route to US 401/NC87 that would link many of the region's most significant environmental, recreational,

cultural and historic assets thereby providing increased recreational opportunities and environmental awareness and education which benefit all citizens.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the County of Cumberland is highly supportive of this transportation enhancement program funding application and strongly urges the NC Department of Transportation to approve this application for funding.

J. Approval of a resolution authorizing the transfer of K-9 Joyce to an individual willing and suitable to care for Joyce

BACKGROUND: The Sheriff's Office is ready to retire "Joyce," a K-9 with specialized police training. The Sheriff's Office proposes that the dog be transferred to a private owner trained in handling police dogs and demonstrating an ability to handle "Joyce" in a safe and appropriate manner.

ACTION: Adopt resolution declaring "Joyce" surplus county property and authorizing the County Manager to dispose of the animal through private sale for a minimum of \$1.00.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Cumberland County Sheriff's Office K-9, "Joyce", is a dog with specialized police training and has rendered important and faithful service to the County of Cumberland as a Sheriff's Department K-9; and

WHEREAS, "Joyce" is a K-9 with special law enforcement training that necessitates that "Joyce" upon retirement, be placed with a person qualified and trained to provide for and take care of said K-9; and

WHEREAS, "Joyce" is surplus to the needs of the County and must either be destroyed or sold privately to someone able to properly manage her; and

WHEREAS, in the past the County has allowed such surplus property to be sold privately; and

WHEREAS, GS 153A-176, 160A-266 and 160A-267 empowers the County Commissioners to authorize the appropriate county official to conduct a private sale, at a minimum price.

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT:

The County Manager is authorized to conduct a private sale of the K-9 "Joyce", a Sheriff's Office police dog, who is surplus county property pursuant to GS 160A-267 for a minimum of One Dollar to a private owner trained in handling police dogs and demonstrating an ability to handle "Joyce" in a safe and appropriate manner.

K. Approval of a proclamation designating May 25, 2000 "Shea Ralph Day" in Cumberland County.

BACKGROUND: Vice Chairman Lee Warren suggests the Board adopt this proclamation recognizing Shea Ralph for her accomplishments as a scholar and athlete by proclaiming May 25, 2000, "Shea Ralph Day" in Cumberland County.

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Cumberland County native Shea Ralph has distinguished herself as a scholar and athlete; and

WHEREAS, while attending Terry Sanford High School, Shea Ralph was a star basketball player and was honored as the 1995-96 USA Today National High School Player of the Year, Consensus First Team All-American as a Senior, and 1995-96 National Dial Award recipient recognizing her as the nation's top female scholar-athlete from all sports; and

WHEREAS, at the University of Connecticut Shea Ralph lead the UCONN Huskies to the 1999-2000 NCAA Division I National Women's Basketball Championship and was named winner of the Honda Award as a top woman collegiate athlete in her sport for 1999-2000 as well as the Big East Conference Player of the Year; and

WHEREAS, scholastically Shea Ralph is a member of the Dean's List and the Big East Conference Academic All-star Team; and

WHEREAS, Shea Ralph's accomplishments as a scholar and athlete have brought great honor to herself, her family and Cumberland County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Cumberland County Board of Commissioners proclaims May 25, 2000, "Shea Ralph Day" in Cumberland County.

L. Budget Revisions:

- (1) Community Development: Revision in the amount of \$12,900 to transfer funding from CDBG Administration to CDBG Planning to fund an engineering study for a sanitary sewer project to serve N. Plymouth Street, Jenkins Street, and Womble Street (B00-71) Funding Source Federal
- (2) Sheriff's Office:

- a. Revision in the amount of \$991 to reclassify two positions (B00-672 & 672A) Funding Source County
- b. Revision in the amount of \$996 to establish a part-time office support position (B00-684) Funding Source County

(3) Library:

- a. Revision in the amount of \$6,664 to combine three part-time library technician positions into one full-time position (B00-624) Funding Source State & County
- b. Revision in the amount of \$7,363 to convert a vacant computer technician position into three part-time computer technician positions (B00-637) Funding Source State and County

(4) Social Services:

- a. Crisis Intervention: Increase in revenue/expenditures in the amount of \$166,667 to recognize additional funding for the Crisis Intervention Program (B00-676) Funding Source Federal
- b. CP&L Energy Assistance: Increase in revenue/ expenditures in the amount of \$18,497 to recognize additional funding for families with energy crisis (B00-675) Funding Source – State
- c. Care Family Violence Program: Increase in revenue/ expenditures in the net amount of \$7,000 to recognize receipt of Domestic Violence-TANF grant (B00-677) Funding Source – State

(5) Public Health

- a. Adult Health/Maternity: Revision in the amount of \$100,000 to reduce revenue from fees in Adult Health, and to appropriate Health Department fund balance and transfer county funding from the Maternity program to Adult Health (B00-638-638A) Funding Source Health Fund Balance & County
- b. Child Health Clinic: Revision in the amount of \$100,000 to reduce revenue from fees and to appropriate Health Department fund balance to cover anticipated shortfalls in revenue (B00-639) Funding Source Health Fund Balance & Fees

- c. Child Special Health Services: Revision in the amount of \$10,400 to reduce revenue from fees and to appropriate Health Department fund balance to cover anticipated shortfalls in revenue (B00-670) Funding Source Health Fund Balance and Fees
- d. Immunization Clinic: Increase in revenue/expenditures in the amount of \$8,000 to appropriate Health Department fund balance to purchase drugs (B00-683) Funding Source Health Fund Balance
- (6) Stoney Point Fire District: Increase in revenue/expenditures in the amount of \$100 to fund unanticipated tax refunds (B00-674) Funding Source Fire Tax
- (7) Wade Fire District: Increase in revenue/expenditures in the amount of \$350 to fund unanticipated tax refunds (B00-673) Funding Source Fire Tax
- (8) Mental Health:
 - a. Homeless Child: Increase in revenue/expenditures in the amount of \$250 to conduct a consumer satisfaction survey of homeless child services (B00-679) Funding Source Federal
 - b. Majors Grant/SA Periodic: Increase in revenue/ expenditures to establish one Office Assistant III position, 2 SA Counselor II positions, and one Clinical Counselor position to implement a MAJORS Substance Abuse/Juvenile Justice program (B00-680A-680B) Funding Source – Federal
- (9) Elderly & Handicapped Transportation: Revision in the amount of \$430 to recognize interest earned and to reallocate expenditures (B00-685) Funding Source Other
- (10) Insurance Fund: Revision in the net amount of \$2,950,802 to recognize additional revenue and expenditures (B00-687) Funding Source Other
- M. Adoption of a Proclamation designating May 14-20, 2000, "Cumberland County Law Enforcement Officers Week"

ACTION: Approve Proclamation

WHEREAS, Cumberland County recognizes the heroism of all law enforcement officers

who have died in the line of duty, giving their lives to protect and serve the citizens of our county; and

WHEREAS, Cumberland County has lost eleven officers in the line of duty; and

WHEREAS, a permanent memorial is erected in memory of those fallen officers and placed on the grounds of the Cumberland County Courthouse and Law Enforcement Center.

NOW THEREFORE the Cumberland County Board of Commissioners hereby proclaims the week beginning May 14-20, 2000, "Cumberland County Law Enforcement Officers' Week" and asks that all citizens of Cumberland County make a strong commitment about the value that America's society places on the contributions of those who serve their community in potentially dangerous circumstances, especially the ultimate sacrifices that our law enforcement officers made by giving up their lives to protect and serve Cumberland County.

N. Consideration of Sole Source Purchase for Geographic Equipment Tool Software for the Department of Social Services Work First participants

BACKGROUND: The Department of Social Services requests approval to purchase Geographic Employment Tool Software to enhance the abilities of our work First participants to obtain and maintain employment. Geographic Technologies Group, Inc., is the only vendor capable of providing a software package with the level of functions specific to Cumberland County. This product is being utilized by Social Services agencies throughout North Carolina and other parts of the country. This software is compatible with the GIS software and the data exchange may be possible. In addition, DSS has TANF rollover funds that will pay 100% of the purchase; however it must have partial delivery before May 31, 2000.

ACTION: Approve sole source purchase, waive the formal bid requirements pursuant to GS 143-129(f), approve the purchase of GET software in the amount of \$120,600, and approve the associated budget revision (B00-692)

REGULAR AGENDA

3. Nominations to Boards/Committees:

A. Cumberland Cemetery Commission (1 vacancy)

BACKGROUND: Dr. Joseph Fleming, appointed to the Cemetery Commission on April 20, 1998, has attended only two meetings. Because this Commission is made up of only three members, attendance is very important. The Chairman of the Cemetery Commission requests that Dr. Fleming be replaced.

ACTION: Nominate to fill Dr. Fleming's position.

Nominee: Rev. Eugenia Evans-Johnson

B. Board of Adjustment (4 vacancies)

BACKGROUND: The following terms will expire on June 30, 2000:

Regular Members: J. Norman Moore, Jr. - Eligible for reappointment

Mark Lynch – Not eligible for reappointment Catherine Traylor – Eligible for reapointment

Alternate Member: Gary Lee Collier – Eligible for reappointment.

Nominees: (3 vacancies) Regular Members: J. Norman Moore, Jr.

(reappointment)

Catherine Traylor (reappointment)
Malcolm King (from Alternate list)
Roberta Waddle (from Alternate)

Nominees (1 vacancy) Alternate Member: Gary Lee Collier (reappointment)

Ernest Carroll

C. ABC Board (1 vacancy)

BACKGROUND: Ms. Beth Hall will complete her first term on the ABC Board on June 30, 2000. She is eligible to serve another term.

ACTION: Nominate to fill the vacancy.

Nominee: Beth Hall (reappointment)

Jeanette Council

D. Fayetteville Area Convention and Visitors Bureau Board of Directors (1 vacancy)

BACKGROUND: James R. Smith completes his first term on June 30, 2000. He is eligible for reappointment and is serving in the at-large position.

Nominee: James R. Smith (reappointment)

E. Fayetteville Technical Community College (FTCC) Board of Trustees (1 vacancy)

BACKGROUND: Dr. Marye Jeffries will complete her second term on June 30, 2000. She is not

eligible for reappointment.

Nominees: David S. Diaz

Thornton Rose Mary James

Dr. Harold Lee Maxwell

F. Joint Planning Board (1 vacancy)

BACKGROUND: John McNatt Gillis, Jr., will complete his first term on the Planning Board on June 30, 2000. He is eligible for reappointment to a second term.

Nominee: John McNatt Gillis, Jr. (reappointment)

G. Recreation Advisory Board (4 vacancies)

BACKGROUND: The following positions will become vacant on June 30, 2000:

Betty Jane Garcia: Does not wish to be reappointed. Rev. Floyd W. Johnson, Jr.: Eligible for reappointment

Phillip L. Mulen: Eligible for reappointment John D. Pone, Sr.: Eligible for reappointment

Nominees: Rev. Floyd W. Johnson, Jr. (reappointment)

Phillip L. Mulen (reappointment)
John D. Pone, Sr. (reappointment)

Dean Smelcer Haral E. Carlin

H. Criminal Justice Partnership Advisory Board (7 vacancies)

BACKGROUND: The following terms will expire June 30, 2000:

Superior Court Judge Position: Judge Lynn Johnson – Does not want to be reappointed. Judge Gregory Weeks is recommended to fill that position.

District Court Judge Position: Judge Beth Keever – Wants to serve another term.

Police Chief/designee: Capt. Bob Fisher – Wants to serve another term.

At-large Representatives: Carrie Heffney – Wants to serve another term.

Dr. E.J. Williams – Wants to serve another term

County Commissioner Representative: Mac Tyson – Eligible for reappointment

County Manager/designee: Juanita Pilgrim – Eligible for reappointment

Nominees:

Judge Gregory Weeks: Superior Court Judge position
Judge Beth Keever – District Court Judge position
Captain Bob Fisher – Police Chief/designee position
At-large positions (2) - Carrie Heffney and Dr. E.J. Williams
County Commissioner position - Commissioner H. Mac Tyson II
County Manager/designee position - Juanita Pilgrim

I. Animal Control Board (2 vacancies)

BACKGROUND: The following terms will expire on June 30, 2000:

Tim Loughman – Eligible for reappointment Lynn Stone – Eligible for reappointment

Nominees: Tim Loughman (reappointment)

Lynn Stone (reappointment)

J. Storm Water Advisory Board (2 vacancy)

BACKGROUND: Mr. Robert M. Bennett's term will expire on June 30, 2000. He is eligible for reappointment.

Nominee: Robert M. Bennett (reappointment)

4. Appointments to Boards/Committees:

A. Senior Citizens Advisory Board (1 vacancy)

Nominee: Marie Tomlin

The Board voted unanimously to appoint Ms. Tomlin.

B. Workforce Development Board (2 vacancies)

Nominees: Barry Bullock, Jim Klemish, W.G. McHenry

VOTING: Barry Bullock – no votes

Jim Klemish: Unanimous W. G. McHenry – Unanimous

C. Minimum Housing Appeals Board (1 vacancy)

Nominee: January Rose

D. Storm Water Advisory Committee (1 vacancy)

Nominee: Alicia S. Chisolm (joint appointee of City & County))

MOTION: Commissioner Warren moved to appoint the nominees in

C & D, respectively, by acclamation.

SECOND: Commissioner King

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

5. Consideration of appointing a Commissioner to meet with the Sampson County Friends of Agriculture.

BACKGROUND: The Sampson County Friends of Agriculture is inviting one of the County Commissioners to meet with them and appointees from other counties to develop plans as to how to best achieve the goal of being more involved in the State policies that affect our counties as a whole. Commissioner Talmage Baggett and County Extension Director George Autry attended one of their meetings in Sampson County to discuss the importance of agriculture to our region of the state. Commissioner Baggett noted that it appeared they are mostly interested in promoting large swine operations. Commissioner Baggett indicated he is very supportive of the small family farm, but may not be so supportive of large hog operations.

ACTION: Appoint a commissioner to represent Cumberland County.

MOTION: Commissioner Warren nominated Commissioner Baggett to

represent the County on this Board.

SECOND: Commissioner King

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

6. Status of the NACA Animal Control Program Review

BACKGROUND: The NACA report prepared by the National Animal Control Association was received in January of this year. The Animal Control Board and the Animal Control Department have completed thorough reviews of the report. One hundred thirty-nine recommendations were made in the report. A summary of progress to date is as follows:

- 46 recommendations have been fully implemented or implemented to the extent currently possible;
- 26 recommendations are in the process of being implemented or are under review by the Animal Control Department and/or Animal Control Board;
- 38 recommendations are pending adoption of the FY01 County budget;

- 15 recommendations are planned for implementation during FY01;
- 4 recommendations are pending the construction of a new animal shelter and 4 are pending availability of the former school hut building;
- 3 recommendations are pending adoption of the proposed new County Animal Control Ordinance; and
- 3 recommendations are not applicable or no action is contemplated.

A spreadsheet summarizing the 139 recommendations are included in the packet of this meeting along with the Animal Control Department's response/recommendation to each one.

The twelve month implementation scheduled recommended by NACA is considered a bit to aggressive for our animal control program given available staff and financial resources. It is expected the recommendations will be implemented incrementally over a 24-month period.

ACTION: Accept the NACA Report and recommendations of the Animal Control Board.

All of the commissioners indicated a need for improvements in our animal control program. Commissioner Blackwell shared information he read concerning educational programs in other areas of the United States. One of those programs is called Community "WAG" time, a cable access program about pet issues.

Cliff Strassenburg noted Tonya Harris-Council, our PIO, is currently working on a TV show that will be used as an educational tool for the public. The show will be called "Pet Matters".

In response to a question, Cliff Spiller noted that PWC seems willing to work with the County in placing a mobile home office on the Animal Control Shelter lot for office space, etc. Its placement will require the relocation of some power lines.

Commissioner Warren said he hoped the County would adopt a formal spay/neuter program. It was noted this suggestion has been included in the new proposed Animal Control Ordinance.

Commissioner Baggett noted that we are a transient community and there is a need for education of the public about what happens to pets when they are left to fend for themselves or they are given to someone who does not take care of them.

Commissioner Tyson noted other municipalities have these same problems. He noted that in Los Angeles, people who spay/neuter their pets are given a break on their pet licensing fees.

MOTION: Commissioner Melvin moved to accept the report and that the County

work feverisly to provide money for our animal control program.

SECOND: Commissioner King

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

7. Consideration of the County Finance Committee Report and Recommendation regarding Term Life Insurance Renewal

BACKGROUND: The County Finance Committee on May 4, 2000 recommended that the Board of Commissioners allow the Risk Manager to enter into a two-year contract with Aetna for Dependent Life, Accidental Death & Dismemberment, and Optional Life coverage(s) for Cumberland County government, effective July 1, 2000.

ACTION: Approve the recommendation of the Finance Committee.

MOTION: Commissioner King moved to approve.

SECOND: Commissioner Tyson

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

8. Consideration on the Extension of a County Leash law to Point East Subdivision

BACKGROUND: A petition has been received from Point East Subdivision to be included in the County's Leash Law.

ACTION: Include the area designated in the County's Leash Law.

Commissioner Tyson inquired if the County could extend the leash law county-wide. It was noted a county-wide leash law, excepting tax paid hunting dogs, is part of the proposed new Animal Control Ordinance that the Board will be considering shortly.

MOTION: Commissioner Melvin moved to approve extension of the

leash law to Point East Subdivision.

SECOND: Commissioner Tyson

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

ORDINANCE EXTENDING THE CUMBERLAND COUNTY LEASH LAW TO THE POINT EAST SUBDIVISION

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners finds that conditions detrimental to the health, safety and welfare of the citizens and the nuisances specified in Cumberland County Code Section 3-21 exist within Point East Subdivision in Cumberland County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Cumberland County Board of Commissioners, as follows:

- 1. Section 3-23 of the Cumberland County Code is amended by adding a new subsection (20) to read in its entirety as follows:
- "(20) Area XX (Point East Subdivision in Gray's Creek Township): So much of the territory designated and described as Point East Subdivision, Section One, as shown on that plat recorded at book of Plats 46, Page 37, Cumberland County Registry, and also so much of that territory designated and described as Point East Subdivision, Section Two, as shown on the plat recorded at Book of Plats 46, Page 38, Cumberland County registry, and, further, also so much of the territory designated and described as Point East Subdivision, Section Three, as shown on that plat recorded at Book of Plats 83, Page 173, Cumberland County Registry."
- 2. This ordinance is effective upon its adoption.
- 9. CLOSED SESSION: Economic Development Matter

MOTION: Commissioner King moved to go into Closed Session for an

Economic Development Matter.

SECOND: Commissioner Tyson

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

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

SECOND: Commissioner Tyson

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

MEETING ADJOURNED: 9:15PM

Marsha Fogle, Clerk to the Board
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