
Minutes
Cumberland County Board of Commissioners
October 1, 2001, 9:00 a.m.
Regular Meeting
Cumberland County Courthouse, Room 118
Fayetteville, NC

PRESENT: Chairman J. Lee Warren, Jr.
Vice Chairman Breeden Blackwell
Commissioner Talmage Baggett
Commissioner Jeannette Council
Commissioner Kenneth Edge
Commissioner John Henley, Jr.
Commissioner Billy King
James Martin, County Manager
Juanita Pilgrim, Deputy County Manager
Amy Cannon, Asst. County Manager
Grainger Barrett, County Attorney
Marsha Fogle, Clerk to the Board

INVOCATION: Commissioner Billy King
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Amendments to Agenda:

Delete Item 11(5): Budget Revision: Register of Deeds

Add: Personnel Item to the Closed Session

1. CONSENT AGENDA

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

SECOND: Commissioner Baggett

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

A. Approval of Minutes: September 17, 2001

ACTION: Approve

B. Approval of additions to the State Secondary Road System

Cashwell Farms Subdivision: County Place Drive, Rolling Green Lane

ACTION: Approve

C. Approval of Veteran's Service Officer appointment

BACKGROUND: Mark Bergman was appointed Veteran's Service Officer effective September 24, 2001 with a starting salary of \$36,712 per annum.

ACTION: Ratify the appointment of Mr. Bergman as Veteran's Service Officer at salary noted above.

D. Approval of deputizing Aaron Donaldson and Eugene Hodges as Deputy Tax Collectors for the Tax Administration Department

BACKGROUND: NCGS 105-349(f) grants to the Board of Commissioners authority to appoint deputy collectors. A deputy collector has the authority to perform, under the general direction of the Tax Collector, any act the Tax Collector may perform unless the governing body limits the deputy's authority.

ACTION: Approve deputizing Aaron Donaldson and Eugene Hodges as deputy tax collectors.

E. Approval of a Proclamation proclaiming October 2001 as National Breast Cancer Awareness Month

BACKGROUND: HealthSouth, the Cumberland County Health Department and the American Cancer Society are partnering to promote Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

ACTION: Adopt Proclamation

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, breast cancer is the most commonly diagnosed cancer and the second leading cause of cancer deaths among women in the United States; and

WHEREAS, approximately 5,775 North Carolina women will be diagnosed with breast cancer and approximately 1,325 North Carolina women will die from the disease in 2001; and

WHEREAS, every woman is at risk for breast cancer even if she has no family history of the disease, but women over the age of 50 are at the greatest risk for being diagnosed with breast cancer; and

WHEREAS, a mammogram is the single most effective method of detecting breast

changes long before physical symptoms that may be cancer can be seen or felt; and

WHEREAS, October is designated as National Breast Cancer Awareness Month; and

WHEREAS, community organizations, churches, synagogues and other places of worship, and work sites can play a special role in educating their members or employees about breast cancer.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Commissioners of Cumberland County proclaims October 2001 as "National Breast Cancer Awareness Month", and

FURTHER, we encourage women to consult with their health care providers about regular screening and to promote early detection of breast cancer by having regular clinical breast examinations, getting regular mammograms, and practicing monthly breast self examination.

F. Approval of a Proclamation proclaiming October 23-31, 2001 as "2001 National Red Ribbon Week" in Cumberland County

BACKGROUND: C.A.R.E.S. has asked that the Board proclaim October 23-31, 2001 as "Red Ribbon Week" in Cumberland County.

ACTION: Adopt Proclamation

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, alcohol and other drug abuse has been identified as one of the greatest threats to the future of our nation, and the 15 to 24 year old age group is dying at an alarming rate; and it is crucial that visible, unified preventative education efforts by community members are established to reduce the demand and use of drugs; and

WHEREAS, the National Family Partnership, the Partnership for a Drug-free North Carolina and Cumberland County C.A.R.E.S. are sponsoring the National Red Ribbon Campaign offering citizens the opportunity to display their dedication to a drug free lifestyle; and the National Red Ribbon Campaign will be held in every community in America during "Red Ribbon Week"; and

WHEREAS, business, government law enforcement, schools, religious institutions, service organizations, youth, physicians, senior citizens, military, sports teams and individuals will pledge their faithfulness to a healthy drug free lifestyle; and Cumberland County commits its resources to ensure the success of the Red Ribbon Campaign.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Cumberland County Board of Commissioners does hereby proclaim October 23-31, 2001, "Red Ribbon Week" in Cumberland

County and encourages all citizens to participate in drug prevention education activities, as a visible statement that we are strongly committed to a drug free community.

G. Report on formal bid awards less than \$100,000 approved by Management

BACKGROUND: The following formal bids were awarded for the following departments:

Health Department	McKesson HBOC	\$16,719
Solid Waste Department	Carolina Environmental	\$94,723*
(\$1,000 reduction from previous bid of \$95,723)		
Sheriff's Office	Southern Public Safety	\$38,260

The following bids were received:

Health Department	Medical Supplies:	McKesson	\$16,719
		Tarheel Physician Supply	\$17,279
Solid Waste	Roll Off Container Truck	See Attachment A to these Minutes	
Sheriff's Office – Various Items		See Attachment B to these Minutes	

H. Approval of County Personnel Report & Recommendation regarding the FY2001-2002 Position Classification and Pay Plan

BACKGROUND: On September 13, 2001, the Personnel Committee approved the FY2001-02 Position Classification and Pay Plan. The Plan includes all changes resulting from action that have been approved either by the Board of Commissioners or the Office of State Personnel since approval of the Plan last year.

ACTION: Approve the Plan as recommended by the Personnel Committee, effective July 1, 2001. (A copy of the Plan is on file in the County Human Resources Department).

I. Budget Revisions

(1) Health – Dental Clinic: Revision in the amount of \$123,688 to budget for the Kate B. Reynolds Charitable Trust Grant for the replacement of dental equipment (B02-154)
Funding Source – K.B. Reynolds Charitable Trust

(2) Juvenile Crime Prevention: Increase in revenue/ expenditures in the amount of \$4,985 to adjust the JCP county budget to approved state program agreements (B02-147)
Funding Source – State

(3) Education – FTCC: Revision in the amount of \$625,191 to roll forward capital outlay funds budgeted in the prior fiscal year but not expended (B02-161) Funding Source – Prior Year Fund Balance Appropriated

(4) School Law Enforcement/Sheriff's Office: Revisions in the amount of \$168,796 to transfer costs of 4 positions from School Law Enforcement to Sheriff's Office (B02-162&162A) Funding Source – Reallocation of Budgeted Expenditures

(5) Register of Deeds: THIS ITEM DELETED

(6) Library

a. Foreign Language Center: Increase in revenue/ expenditures in the amount of \$10,371 to rebudget unexpended funds from the Foreign Language Center (B02-165) Funding Source – Prior Year Subscriptions

b. Gates Grant: Increase in revenue/expenditures in the amount of \$5,947 to rebudget unexpended funds from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation grant (B02-160) Funding Source – Prior Year Grant

c. Library Grants: Revision in the amount of \$162,801 to establish a budget for Library Grants (B02-158) Funding Source – Grants

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

2. Appointments to Boards/Committees:

MOTION: Commissioner Blackwell moved to appoint the nominees in Items 2A & 2B.

SECOND: Commissioner Council
VOTE: UNANIMOUS

A. Minimum Housing Appeals Board (2 vacancies)

Nominees: Willie McKoy (reappointment)
Susan Mills (reappointment)

B. Nursing Home Advisory Board (1 vacancy)

Nominee: Robert Pringle (reappointment)

C. Workforce Development Board (2 vacancies, Private Sector)

Nominees: Barry Bullock
Bob Dickerson
Leesa Jensen

VOTING: Barry Bullock: Commissioners Blackwell, Council, King
Bob Dickerson: Commisisoners Henley, Edge, Warren, Baggett, King
Leesa Jensen: Commissioners Henley, Edge, Blackwell, Warren, Baggett
&
Council

3. Consideration of School Crossing Guard issue

BACKGROUND: At the September 17, 2001 meeting the Board directed that management and the Sheriff's Office work to see if money could be found in the Sheriff's budget to re-employ 16 crossing guards. The Board discussed utilizing School Resource Officers to fill in as school crossing guards. The Board also offered to fund half of the cost of the 16 crossing guards if the Sheriff could find half in his budget.

Sheriff Butler told the Board at the meeting today, that he has found money in his budget to fund the 16 crossing guards at a cost of \$63,720.

MOTION: Commissioner King moved to approve the budget revision associated with this matter.

SECOND: Commissioner Edge

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

4. Presentation of the FY2001 Annual Report for the Public Library

Jerry Thrasher, Director of the Cumberland County Library System, gave a brief overview of the FY2001 Annual Report for the public library.

Statistical Information:

Total number of items loaned: 2,115,599
(books, videos, DVD's, sound recordings, magazines, etc)

Programming Attendance 184,292

62.6% of the citizens of Cumberland County have library cards

Highlights & achievements includes the following:

Received over \$180,000 from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation – computers, establish a computer lab and use computer microwave technology at 3 branches;

Won national Leonard Wertheimer Award in July 2000 for the cooperative Foreign

Language Center

Won four awards at the annual NC Public Library Directors Association meeting:

Library Trustee of the Year – Kim Martin Shaffer

Outstanding Children's Program – Sister Library Project

Outstanding Adult Program Award "Asian Cultures Alive & Well in

Cumberland

County

Intellectual Freedom Award – Jerry Thrasher

Commissioner Breeden Blackwell, liaison to the Library Board, noted the outstanding work of the Library Board of Trustees and the excellent library program in Cumberland County.

5. Consideration of Southeastern Economic Development Commission membership

BACKGROUND: The Board of Commissioners, discussed this issue at the September 4, 2001 meeting. At that time it had some questions that Ms. Ellen Gause, SEDC Executive Director, could not answer. The answers to those questions have been received. The commission has been successful in securing 25 projects in the last ten years. Some 18 projects have been approved in the last five years totaling \$13,777,773. SEDC has voted to allow Cumberland County to rejoin; however, the County must pay two years of back dues plus the current year of dues. The by-laws of SEDC allow four members from each member county to serve on its Board and SEDC does not anticipate amending the bylaws to allow Cumberland County to have more members, even though it will be paying the larger portion of the operating costs. The Fiscal Year 02 budget is \$180,271. The cost to rejoin SEDC which includes two years back dues plus the current years dues is \$127,245. If the Board of Commissioners decides to rejoin, the money will come from the Industrial Inducement Fund.

The County Manager suggested that rejoining SEDC will be an investment in the future of our county and that in the long term the county will get back more than what we pay in. He noted the projects submitted to SEDC must be ones that bring jobs into the county.

Commissioner Baggett said that even though he had some concerns, he felt that it would be worthwhile to rejoin the SEDC.

MOTION: Commissioner Baggett moved that Cumberland County rejoin SEDC and that the County pay 2 years of back dues amounting to \$84,830, plus the current year dues in the amount of \$42,415, and that the associated budget revision be approved (B02-119).

SECOND: Commissioner Henley

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

James Martin, County Manager, noted the Board will be making four

appointments at a later date to SEDC and one of those appointments will be on the Executive Committee. Mr. Martin recommended that Juanita Pilgrim be one of the four appointments and that she be designated for the Executive Committee. Mr. Martin said that Ms. Pilgrim has a good working relationship with Ellen Gause, Executive Director of SEDC.

6. CLOSED SESSION: Attorney Client Privilege Matter and Personnel Matters

MOTION: Commissioner Blackwell moved to go into Closed Session for attorney client privilege and personnel matters.

SECOND: Commissioner King

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

MOTION: Commissioner King moved to go back into open session.

SECOND: Commissioner Council

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

MOTION: Commissioner Edge moved to adjourn.

SECOND: Commissioner King

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

MEETING ADJOURNED: 10:30PM

Clerk to the Board