

CUMBERLAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
NOVEMBER 4, 2002, 9:00AM
REGULAR MEETING

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

INVOCATION: Commissioner Billy R. King
Dr. James A. Brice, Jr., Senior Pastor – Covenant Love Family Church

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Addition to the Agenda: Closed Session – Economic Development Matter

MOTION: Commissioner King moved to add a Closed Session for an Economic
Development matter to the agenda.
SECOND: Commissioner Council
VOTE: UNANIMOUS

1. Public Hearings

A. Cumberland County Work First Plan for October 1-2003-September 30, 2005

BACKGROUND: The public must be given an opportunity comment on the Plan prior to approval by the Board of Commissioners.

SPEAKERS: None

ACTION: Approve the County Work First Plan.

MOTION: Commissioner Council moved to approve.
SECOND: Commissioner Henley
VOTE: UNANIMOUS

B. Proposed 2003 Schedule of Values – Tax Department

BACKGROUND: Prior to adoption of the 2003 Proposed Schedule of Values, the public must be given an opportunity to comment.

SPEAKERS: None

No action needed.

2. CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION: Commissioner Edge moved to follow staff recommendations on the items on the
Consent Agenda.
SECOND: Commissioner King
VOTE: UNANIMOUS

A. Approval of Minutes: October 21, 2002

ACTION: Approve

B. Approval of Health Department Immunization Administration Fee increase

BACKGROUND: The Board of Health approved the fee increase to \$20.00.

ACTION: Approve

C. Approval of Leath Commons permanent housing program

BACKGROUND: Cumberland County has been awarded a \$404,788 Supportive Housing Program (SHP) grant from the US Department of Housing & Urban Development for the Leath Commons housing program. Cumberland Interfaith Hospitality Network, a local non-profit, will be responsible for the day to day operation of the program. The program will provide five units of permanent housing and supportive services for disabled homeless families. As a condition of the funding, Cumberland County and the sponsor must execute a Declaration of Restrictive Covenants for the property. The covenants bind the property improved with SHP funds to be used for homeless families for a 20-year period.

ACTION: Approve acceptance of the \$404,788 grant and approve associated budget revisions (B03-175-175A).

- D. Approval of establishment of a Trust Fund at NC State University for the optional payroll send-in process for Cooperative Extension employees

BACKGROUND: Currently the County has six Cooperative Extension agents who are both County and NC State University employees. The County pays approximately 40% of salary and fringe benefits, with the University paying the remaining 60%. The University has created an Optional Retirement Program for State employees as an option to the Teachers and State Employees' Retirement System. In order to participate in the ORP, an extension employee must be a total state employee. To facilitate this for our partially county-paid extension employees, the University has created a payroll "send-in" process for any employee who elects to be paid by the State. Under this process, the County would send our share of the salary and fringe costs monthly to a trust fund account. At this time there is no interest from currently employed agents to participate in this new program.

ACTION: Approve a Memorandum of Agreement between the County and NC Cooperative Extension Service of NC State University.

- E. Approval of a request to form the Linden Water and Sewer District

BACKGROUND: The Board of Commissioners has received a request from the Town of Linden to form the Linden Water & Sewer District. Tentatively, representatives of the Town asked that the territory of the proposed district include Linden's municipal limits together with a specified area in the Linden vicinity. (A water & sewer district may serve areas outside its boundaries and may set a different schedule of charges for those customers).

ACTION: Set December 16, 2002, 7:00PM as the date and time for a public hearing on this issue. Note: The Board may adopt a resolution creating the district following the public hearing, if it so chooses.

- F. Approval of initiating a procedure to form the Vander Water and Sewer District

BACKGROUND: Management recommends that the Board of Commissioners initiate the statutory process (Chapter 162A, Article 6) to form the Vander Water & Sewer District. Legal notice of a public hearing must be published once a week for three weeks, the first time to be not less than 20 days before the hearing and must also be posted in three public places in the proposed district. The notice shall state the date, hour and place of the hearing, its subject, and a description of the territory to be included in the district.

ACTION: Set December 16, 2002, 7:00PM as date and time for public hearing to consider the proposal to form NORCRESS, with a territory to include the areas as follows: BEING all that territory as of the date hereof forming the Vander Voting Precinct as shown on the records of the Cumberland County Board of Elections.

- G. Budget Revisions

- (1) Education – FTCC (B03-170): Amount: \$764,409. To appropriate fund balance to rebudget unexpended capital outlay from prior year. Funding Source – Appropriate Fund Balance
- (2) Welfare to Work 70% (B03-178): Amount: \$50,000. Rebudget unexpended welfare to work funding from prior fiscal year. Funding Source – State
- (3) Welfare to Work 30% (B03-179): Amount: \$14,000. Rebudget unexpended welfare to work funding from prior fiscal year. Funding Source – State
- (4) JCP Programs (B03-180): Amount \$25,902. Adjust County's budget to adopted State budget. Funding Source – State
- (5) Emergency Services (B03-181): Amount: \$732. Budget contributions received from United Way & Sam's Club to purchase

scroll lights for a marquee at the Emergency Operations Center.
Funding Source – Contributions

- (6) Industrial Development (B03-182): Amount: \$87,612. Budget the City of Fayetteville's share of the Cingular Wireless inducement package. Funding Source – Intergovernmental
- (7) NORCRESS Project (B03-176) Amount: \$75,000. Reallocate funding sources between the NORCRESS Project & the Eastover Approach Main Project and approve associated capital project ordinance. Funding Source: Reallocation of budgeted revenue.

ACTION: Approve

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

3. Presentation by Matthew M. Smith, Jr., on the 2002 Rotary Christmas Parade

Matthew Smith told the Board the Christmas parade will be held on December 14, 2002. The grand marshals of the parade are Daffy Duck, Sylvester and Bugs Bunny. He invited the Board and the County Manager to sit in the reviewing stand.

Mr. Smith noted the elementary schools in the county have been asked to name one student to ride on the grand marshal floats in the parade.

Commissioner Baggett suggested that the Falcon Children's Home be given a special invitation to come to the parade also.

4. Presentation by Rick Heicksen on the Outer Loop Murchison Road update

Rick Heicksen updated the commissioners on the Spring Lake Loop and Murchison Road widening. He told the Board that the Federal government withheld \$100 million from the State of North Carolina for transportation projects. Each area will have to take a cut because of the lack of funding. The Transportation Advisory Committee has recommended that money from the Legion Road/Camden Road project be moved to the Murchison Road project (\$16.6 million) in order to accelerate completion of the Force Protection Plan. Fort Bragg has requested that the project to transfer through traffic from Bragg Boulevard to Murchison Road coincide with the construction of the Outer Loop Segment X3-B between Murchison Road and Bragg Boulevard.

Commissioner Henley noted his concern that money is being moved from a planned and funded project to do another project. He said he hoped we would be able to get some federal money to put towards the Murchison Road project so money designated for Legion Road/Camden Road can be put back into place. He said he was glad to hear that Bragg Boulevard will not be closed until the completion of the construction from Hwy 401 to Yadkin Road.

MOTION: Commissioner Henley moved to send a letter to our three congressman, our two senators and our new US Senator elect regarding the need to find additional funding for the Murchison Road project and not impact other projects, i.e., Camden/Legion Road which were already planned and funded.

SECOND: Commissioner Baggett

DISCUSSION: Commissioner Edge noted he is on the TAC and supports the action it took to move the funds. Commissioner Edge said he also supports this motion to seek federal funding for the Murchison Road project.

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VOTE: UNANIMOUS

5. Nominations to Boards/Committees

A. Emergency Planning Committee (3 vacancies)

BACKGROUND: The Emergency Services Department offers the following recommendations for vacancies:

Fire Fighting Representative: Captain Benjamin Major (to fill Ben Nichols slot)

Operators of Facilities Representative: Rayford Hunt, Jr. (to fill George Connors slot)

Law Enforcement Representative: Lt. Gary S. Searce (to fill Lt. David Pulliam's slot)

Nominees: Captain Benjamin Major – Fire fighting representative
Rayford Hunt, Jr. – Operators of Facilities representative
Lt. Gary S. Searce – Law Enforcement representative

B. Senior Citizens Advisory Board (1 vacancy)

BACKGROUND: Jack Harnsberger has resigned his position on this Board (term to expire 9/30/03)

Nominees: Dr. Thomas R. Miller

6. Appointments to Boards/Committees

MOTION: Commissioner King moved to appoint the nominees in 6A-6E.
SECOND: Commissioner Council
VOTE: UNANIMOUS

A. Adult Care Home Community Advisory Committee (2 vacancies)

Nominees: Pam Griffin
Thomas E. Jones (reappointment)

B. Area Mental Health Board (1 vacancy)

Nominee: Dr. Melvin L. Henderson

C. Minimum Housing Appeals Board (1 vacancy – Alternate Member)

Nominee: J. Carl Manning

D. Storm Water Advisory Board (2 vacancy)

Nominee: Curtis Dowd

E. Wrecker Review Board (1 vacancy)

Nominee: Captain Craig Hart (Sheriff's appointee)

MEETING RECESSED FOR TWO MINUTES.

The Chairman reconvened the meeting.

7. Closed Session – Economic Development

MOTION: Commissioner Council moved to go into Closed Session for an Economic Development matter.
SECOND: Commissioner King
VOTE: UNANIMOUS

MOTION: Commissioner Warren moved to go back into Open Session.
SECOND: Commissioner Council
VOTE: UNANIMOUS

MOTION: Commissioner King moved to adjourn.
SECOND: Commissioner Council
VOTE: UNANIMOUS

MEETING ADJOURNED: 10:10AM.

Clerk to the Board