

CUMBERLAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
FEBRUARY 3, 2003, 9:00AM  
REGULAR MEETING

PRESENT: Chairman Talmage S. Baggett, Jr.  
Vice Chairman Jeannette Council  
Commissioner J. Breeden Blackwell  
Commissioner Kenneth S. Edge  
Commissioner Billy R. King  
Commissioner John Henley, Jr.  
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 Lee Warren

Minister: Michael Fletcher, Senior Pastor, Manna Church

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

1. CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION: Commissioner Blackwell moved to follow staff recommendations on the items on the consent agenda.

SECOND: Commissioner King

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

A. Approval of minutes for the January 21, 2003 regular meeting.

ACTION: Approve

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

Sandy Pines West Subdivision: Feature Court

ACTION: Approve

C. Approval of the Report on Delinquent Taxes for Year 2002.

BACKGROUND: In accordance with NCGS 105-369, the Tax Administrator is reporting on the unpaid taxes for the current fiscal year that are liens on real property. The tax liens will be advertised by posting notice at the County Courthouse and by publishing each lien at least one time in one or more of the newspapers having general circulation in Cumberland County. The delinquent report is on display in the office of the Clerk to the Board.

ACTION: Accept the report and order the Tax Collector to advertise the liens in a newspaper of local circulation during April 2003.

D. Approval of Resolution to Allow the County to Participate in the Debt Setoff Collection Program.

BACKGROUND: NCGS 105A authorizes counties and cities to participate in a debt setoff program to submit any outstanding delinquent debt totaling \$50.00 or more through a local government clearinghouse to the NC Department of Revenue. The North Carolina Association of County Commissioners and the NC League of Municipalities initiated a joint Local Government Debt Setoff Clearinghouse program in 2002. Commencing January 2003 individual counties and cities may combine debts under a

single debtor's SSN to meet a \$50.00 minimum. Five Star Computing, Inc. of Columbia, South Carolina will administer the program. The Tax Administrator is interested in using this method of collection as one of the tools to increase the tax collection rate in Cumberland County. It also opens up opportunities for other county departments such as Solid Waste and the Public Library to more effectively collect delinquent debts. In addition, the County may collect on behalf of our municipalities.

ACTION: Adopt Resolution and enter into a Memorandum of Understanding and Rider, authorizing the County to participate in this collection program.

#### RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, NCGS 105A, Setoff Debt Collection Act, authorizes the NC Department of Revenue to cooperate in identifying debtors who owe money to local governments and who qualify for refunds from the Department of Revenue; and

WHEREAS, the law authorizes the setting off of certain debts owed to local governments against tax refunds; and

WHEREAS, the NC Association of County Commissioners and the NC League of Municipalities have jointly established a clearinghouse to submit debts on behalf of Cumberland County, as provided by law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Cumberland County Board of Commissioners that the County will participate in the debt setoff program and hereby designates the Cumberland County Tax Administrator, or designee, as the person to hold hearings and conduct necessary proceedings on behalf of the County.

The Board Chairman is hereby authorized to execute such documents and agreements as necessary or desirable to participate in the debt setoff program.

- E. Approval of Sole Source Purchases for Motorola 800 MHz Radios for the Sheriff's Department.

BACKGROUND: The Sheriff's Office has been leasing hand-held and vehicle 800MHz radios by Motorola for the last 4 ½ years. The Purchasing Department has confirmed that the purchase of 800MHz radios is within the guidelines to the Local Government Purchasing laws to permit sole source procurements when there are overriding issues of compatibility and standardization. This sole source falls within the guidelines to purchase the radios from Motorola and is much more cost-effective to the County taxpayers than to re-enter into a new lease agreement.

ACTION: Approve the sole source purchases for the Motorola 800 MHZ radios for the sheriff's Office.

- F. Minutes of Tourism Development Authority (TDA) - For Information.

BACKGROUND: TDA is supplying the Board with a copy of its minutes for its meetings held through January 11, 1002. The TDA Chairman will present a report to the Board of Commissioners at its meeting on April 7, 2003.

ACTION: Receive the minutes.

- G. Budget Revisions:

ACTION: Approve

- (1) Social Services

- a. Social Services - Revision in the amount of \$35,257 to budget for additional funding for energy assistance and crisis intervention programs. (B03-278) **Funding Source – Federal and State**
  - b. DSS Programs - Revision in the net amount of \$238,788 to adjust revenue and expenditures for Smart Start and Child Care to the revised state budget. (B03-270) **Funding Source – State**
- (2) Senior Aides  
  
Revision in the amount of \$960 to budget for Private Sector Initiative funds that will be used to provide on-the-job training. (B03-280) **Funding Source – Private Sector Initiative Funds**
- (3) Workforce Development - Adult  
  
Revision in the amount of \$70,000 to increase funds to cover unanticipated expenditures associated with training. (B03-279) **Funding Source – Fees**
- (4) Spring Lake/Manchester Fire Districts  
  
Revision in the amount of \$150 to increase revenue and expenditures to cover unanticipated refunds to taxpayers. (B03-271) **Funding Source – Taxes Current Year**
- (5) General Government – Other  
  
Revision in the amount of \$24,950 to reallocate budgeted expenditures to increase overtime for Animal Control due to shortage of personnel and an increase in demand of services, and to increase contracted services for temporary employees in Governing Body and Information Services due to employees on maternity leave. (B03-275) **Funding Source – Reallocation of Budgeted Expenditures**
- (6) Federal Forfeiture – Justice  
  
Revision in the amount of \$95,000 to appropriate fund balance to purchase self contained breathing apparatus and accessories (\$77,000) and bio-hazard and anti-terrorism equipment (\$18,000). (B03-277) **Funding Source – Federal Forfeiture Fund Balance Appropriated**

## REGULAR AGENDA

### 2. Nominations to Boards and Committees

#### A. Recreation Advisory Board (1 Vacancy)

BACKGROUND: Kathy Horne has resigned her position on the Recreation Advisory Board.

ACTION: Nominate to fill the vacancy.

Nominees: Hollis Freeman  
Alton Locklear, Jr.

### 3. Appointments to Boards and Committees

MOTION: Commissioner Blackwell moved to appoint the nominees in 3A-3F.  
SECOND: Commissioner King  
VOTE: UNANIMOUS

A. Adult Care Home Community Advisory Committee (4 Vacancies)

Nominees: Nina Davis (Reappointment)  
Darlease H. Wormack (Reappointment)  
Brenda P. Matthews  
Ellen McCrary

B. Juvenile Crime Prevention Council (1 Vacancy)

Nominee: Member of Business Community Position: Bill Hurley

C. Tourism Development Authority – Appointment of Chairman

TDA Nominee: William S. Wellons, Jr. (Reappointment)

D. Transportation Advisory Board (2 Vacancies)

Nominees: Sheltered Workshop Director or Designee: Suzanne Peper  
County Health Director or Designee: Shirley Mozingo

E. Wrecker Review Board (1 Vacancy)

Nominee: County Appointee: George Moyd (Reappointment)

F. Workforce Development Board (2 Vacancies)

Nominees:

Private Sector Representative: Wendall Troy (Reappointment)  
Community Based Organization Representative: Dr. Robin Jenkins

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

**MEETING ADJOURNED: 9:06**

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Clerk to the Board