

CUMBERLAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
JUNE 10, 2003, 5:30PM  
SPECIAL MEETING – BUDGET WORKSHOP

PRESENT: Chairman Talmage S. Baggett, Jr.  
Vice Chairman Jeannette Council  
Commissioner Kenneth S. Edge  
Commissioner J. Breeden Blackwell  
Commissioner John Henley, Jr.  
Commissioner Billy R. King  
Commissioner Edward G. Melvin, Jr.  
James Martin, County Manager  
Juanita Pilgrim, Deputy County Manager  
Cliff Spiller, Asst. County Manager  
Amy Cannon, Asst. County Manager  
Grainger Barrett, County Attorney  
Budget Staff  
Mitzi Champion, Public Information Officer  
Marsha Fogle, Clerk to the Board

INVOCATION: Commissioner Billy R. King

Chairman Baggett called the meeting to order noting the purpose is to discuss and consider the proposed budget for FY04.

The Board discussed and made some amendments to the proposed budget.

ADOPTION OF THE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2004.

MOTION: Commissioner Blackwell moved to adopt the budget ordinance as follows.

SECOND: Commissioner Edge

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

CUMBERLAND COUNTY BUDGET ORDINANCE  
FISCAL YEAR 2003-04

The Board of Commissioners hereby adopts and enacts the proposed 2003-04 fiscal year budget as recommended by the County Manager with amendments incorporated herein as the County of Cumberland's budget for FY2003-04, under the following terms and conditions:

1. The budget ordinance shall govern only total dollar department appropriations as shown subject to the resolution of September 7, 1982, after any additional personnel costs are factored into each department's appropriation.
2. The amendments to the County Manager's recommended budget as approved by the Board of Commissioners are attached (Attachment A). Attachment A includes all adjustments approved by the Board of Commissioners from May 27, 2003 through adoption of the budget on June 10, 2003 and any subsequent adjustments approved through June 30, 2003 by the Board.
3. The county-wide ad valorem tax rate and levy of 88.0 cents per \$100 valuation is hereby adopted.
4. The special recreation tax rate and levy of 5 cents per \$100 valuation is hereby adopted.
5. The fire tax district rates as shown below are hereby adopted and taxes levied:

	Approved Tax Rate <u>Per \$100 Valuation</u>
Beaver Dam Fire District	10 cents
Bethany Fire District	10 cents
Bonnie Doone Fire District	10 cents
Cotton Fire District	10 cents

Cumberland Road Fire District	10 cents
Eastover Fire District	10 cents
Godwin-Falcon Fire District	10 cents
Grays Creek Fire District	10 cents
Lafayette Village Fire District	10 cents
Lake Rim Fire District	10 cents
Manchester Fire District	10 cents
Pearces Mill Fire District	10 cents
Stedman Fire District	10 cents
Stoney Point Fire District	10 cents
Vander Fire District	10 cents
Wade Fire District	10 cents
Westarea Fire District	10 cents
Special Fire Service Fire District	½ cent

6. The Cumberland County Board of Education's current expense appropriation is hereby adopted at \$58,775,000.
7. The County Pay Plan for FY03-04 includes a 3 ½ COLA increase, with a floor of \$750 for all permanent employees effective July 13, 2003. The floor will not apply to county commissioners.
8. Encumbrances outstanding in the prior fiscal year will be included in the coming year (FY04) budget.
9. Any shortfalls in revenues created by the above adopted budget shall be adjusted by a like amount appropriation from the fund balance of the County of Cumberland so that the 2003-04 fiscal year budget of the County of Cumberland is balanced pursuant to Chapter 159 of the NC General Statutes.
10. Storm Water Utility Fee: The monthly service charge per equivalent service unit under the Storm Water Public Enterprise Ordinance shall be one dollar (\$1.00), effective July 1, 1995, and shall remain in effective until subsequently amended by appropriate act of the governing body.
11. Solid Waste Management fee is hereby adopted at \$48.00 per household.

#### OTHER MATTERS

The Board directed that the Personnel Department meet with the Health Department and the Department of Social Services to ascertain if the nurses and environmental specialists in the Health Department and the social workers in the Child Protective Services Unit at DSS need salary adjustments. Commissioner Henley and Commissioner Council noted these positions are very hard to recruit and maintain. The County Manager will set aside \$100,000 to fund any increases as a result of the study that will be done. A report will come back to the Personnel Committee in August.

Commissioner Edge noted that the Parks and Recreation Department had turned in a request to management for salary adjustments for its employees. Mr. Martin, County Manager, noted he has the request and it is under consideration. He said money is included in Parks and Recreation Department for salary adjustments.

Manager James Martin reported that he is setting up a separate Public Utilities Department. Tom Cooney will be moved from the Engineering Department to run this new department. An engineering tech position will replace Mr. Cooney's position in the County Engineering Department, which will save the County money. Projected Cost for the Utility Department is \$137,287, which includes salaries for two people and operating costs and capital outlay.

The Board approved an additional position in the Sheriff's Office, a detective in the Narcotics Division at a cost of \$38,994.

Commissioner Blackwell asked the Chairman to write a letter to our Congressmen and Senators thanking them for the additional Medicaid money.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 7:25PM.

