

CUMBERLAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
DECEMBER 6, 2004, 9:00AM  
REGULAR MEETING

PRESENT: Outgoing Chairman Jeannette Council  
Commissioner John T. Henley  
Commissioner Talmage S. Baggett  
Commissioner J. Breeden Blackwell  
Commissioner Kenneth S. Edge  
Commissioner Billy R. King  
Outgoing Commissioner Edward G. Melvin, Jr.  
Commissioner Diane Wheatley  
James Martin, County Manager  
Juanita Pilgrim, Deputy County Manager  
Cliff Spiller, Asst. County Manager  
Amy Cannon, Asst. County Manager

INVOCATION Commissioner John Henley  
Minister: Rev. Dennis Sheppard, Hope Mills United Methodist Church

1. Comments of Outgoing Chairman

Outgoing Chair Jeannette Council thanked the citizens and staff for allowing her to serve as Chair during this past year. She said that when she took the Chair last year, the Board set some goals. She said there had been measurable progress and achievement for each. She gave high praise to Cumberland County employees who, she said "are beyond excellent." She stressed to the public that the County is in good hands. She thanked the staff for its help and support also during the past year. She noted that this Board works together very well and communication is the key to its success. She said that although Board members have different opinions on occasion, they know how to move on, work with each other and support a consensus.

2. Presentation of plaque to outgoing Commissioner Edward G. Melvin, Jr.

Commissioner Melvin said he had enjoyed serving on the Board. He thanked his wife for her support and the Democratic Executive Committee for appointing him to serve the unexpired term of Lee Warren. He thanked the staff and employees for their service.

Chairman Jeannette Council presented Commissioner Melvin a plaque thanking him for his service to the County.

3. Administration of Oath of Office:

- A. Administration of Oath of Office to Kenneth Edge by Resident Superior Court Judge Jim Ammons.
- B. Administration of Oath of Office to Dr. John Henley by Resident Superior Court Judge Jim Ammons.
- C. Administration of Oath of Office to Diane Wheatley by Resident Superior Court Judge Jim Ammons.

4. Election of Officers:

- A. Chairman

Commissioner King nominated Commissioner John Henley as Chairman.

**MOTION: Commissioner Blackwell moved that nominations be closed and that Commissioner Henley be voted in as chairman by acclamation.**

**SECOND: Commissioner King**

**VOTE: UNANIMOUS**

- B. Vice Chairman

Commissioner Blackwell nominated Billy King as Vice Chairman.

**MOTION: Commissioner Council moved that nominations be closed and that Commissioner King be appointed as vice chairman by acclamation.**

**SECOND: Commissioner Blackwell**

**VOTE: UNANIMOUS**

5. Presentation of Plaque to Outgoing Chairman Jeannette Council.

Chairman Henley presented a plaque to Jeannette Council thanking her for serving as Chairman of the Board of Commissioners this past year.

4. Comments of Incoming Chairman.

Chairman Henley thanked the Commissioners for their support in electing him Chairman for the coming year. He thanked his family and friends for their support as he serves the citizens of Cumberland County. Some goals and issues he would like to address during the next 12 months are:

- Countywide comprehensive planning
- Continued expansion of water-sewer infrastructure in the County
- Improvement of county services (investment in technology and fair compensation for employees)
- Investment in economic development
- Senior services (adequate funding of programs and then look at new facilities);
- Increased funding for public schools and FTCC;
- Protection of the designated buffer zones around Fort Bragg & Pope Air Force Base;
- Improvement in protective services for children;
- Mental Health reform
- Public transportation

5. Consent Agenda

**MOTION: Commissioner King moved to follow staff recommendations on the items on the Consent Agenda.**

**SECOND: Commissioner Council**

**VOTE: UNANIMOUS**

A. Approval of minutes for the November 15, 2004 regular meeting.

ACTION: Approve

B. Approval of Bonds for Public Officials.

ACTION: Approve the bonds.

<u>Name/Position</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Expires</u>	<u>Agent</u>	<u>Holder</u>
Finance Officer Amy Cannon	\$ 100,000	Indefinite	Marsh	Fidelity & Deposit of Maryland
Asst. Finance Officer Howard Abner	50,000	Indefinite	Marsh	Fidelity & Deposit of Maryland
Asst. Finance Officer Terry Gagnon	50,000	Indefinite	Marsh	Fidelity & Deposit of Maryland
Register of Deeds J. Lee Warren, Jr.	10,000	12/05/08	Highland	Peerless
Tax Administrator Aaron Donaldson	100,000	Indefinite	Marsh	Fidelity & Deposit of Maryland
Sheriff Earl Butler	25,000	12/07/06	Tomlinson	W. Surety
Sheriff's Office Cuyler Windham, Sr.	20,000	10/09/07	Tomlinson	W. Surety

Mental Health Hank Debnam	20,000	Indefinite	BB&T	W. Surety
Mental Health Densie Lucas	20,000	Indefinite	BB&T	W. Surety
DSS William Scarlett	20,000	Indefinite	BB&T	W. Surety
Civic Center Rick Reno	20,000	Indefinite	Tomlinson	W. Surety
Civic Center/Dep. Finance Lisa Foster	20,000	Indefinite	BB&T	W. Surety
Civic Center/Dep. Finance Jonathan Mitchell	20,000	Indefinite	BB&T	W. Surety

C. Approval of Schedule for 2005 Regular Board of Commissioners Meetings.

ACTION: Approve

#### REGULAR MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2005

January 3, 2005, 9:00AM  
January 18, 2005, 7:00PM  
February 7, 2005, 9:00AM  
February 22, 2005, 7:00PM  
March 7, 2005 – CANCELED (NACo Legislative Conference)  
March 21, 2005, 7:00PM  
April 4, 2005, 9:00AM  
April 18, 2005, 7:00PM  
May 2, 2005, 9:00AM  
May 16, 2005, 7:00PM  
June 6, 2005, 9:00AM  
June 20, 2005, 7:00PM  
July – No meetings in July  
August 1, 2005, 9:00AM  
August 15, 2005, 7:00PM  
September 6, 2005, 9:00AM  
September 19, 2005, 7:00PM  
October 3, 2005, 9:00AM  
October 17, 2005, 7:00PM  
November 7, 2005, 9:00AM  
November 21, 2005, 7:00PM  
December 5, 2005, 9:00AM  
December 19, 2005, 7:00PM

D. Approval of Proposed Additions to the State Secondary Road System

Labrador Lake Subdivision: Bramble Street  
Legion Park Subdivision: Empire Court

ACTION: Approve

E. Approval of Report on November 13, 2004 Vehicle Auction.

BACKGROUND: The vehicle auction was held on November 13, 2004.  
List of Vehicles Sold: Attachment A to these Minutes

Gross Proceeds*:	\$	34,319.38
Buyers' Premium:		2,394.38
Security:		832.50
Legal Advertisement:		203.94
Special Equipment Rent:		100.00
NET PROCEEDS TO GENERAL FUND:		30,788.56

- Includes 7 ½% Buyers Premium

ACTION: Approve

- F. Approval of Bids for Chairs for the Cumberland County Arena, Exposition Center and Expo/Hospitality Center.

BACKGROUND: Bids were received on November 17, 2004 for chairs for the Arena, Exposition Center and Expo/Hospitality Center. The bid from Clarin met all specifications. The low bidder, Corporate Interiors, did not meet specifications.

ACTION: Award the bid to Clarin for Model 4000 in the amount of \$286,327.

- G. Approval of Sale of Surplus County-Owned Real Property Acquired by Tax Foreclosure – 3 IMP 77-79 (Located on Sandy Valley Road off Southern Avenue) Rockfish Township; PIN 0426-70-8730.

BACKGROUND: The County acquired by tax foreclosure the above noted property. The amount currently owed including interest and costs is \$2,515.98. John H. and Ruth Williams have offered the highest bid, \$11,412.50, and have deposited \$1,141.25 in the Finance Office. The tax value of the property is \$11,933.00.

ACTION: Accept the offer in the amount of \$11,412.50 plus costs and authorize the Chairman to execute a deed upon receipt of the balance of the purchase price.

- H. Budget Revisions:

ACTION: Approve

- (1) Social Services Other - Revision in the amount of \$3,126,276 to recognize increase in child care funding from the Division of Child Development. (B05-194) **Funding Source – State and Federal**
- (2) General Government Other - Revision in the amount of \$286,327 to appropriate fund balance to purchase chairs for the Crown Coliseum. (B05-197) **Funding Source –Fund Balance Appropriated-Renovations**
- (3) Recreation
  - a. Revision in the amount of \$1,430,000 to appropriate fund balance to budget the Northeast Regional Recreation Center Capital Project which will serve the Eastover, Wade, Falcon and the Godwin areas. (B05-198) **Funding Source – Recreation Fund Balance Appropriated**
  - b. Revision in the amount of \$880,000 to appropriate fund balance for the Hope Mills Recreation Center Capital Project. (B05-199) **Funding Source – Recreation Fund Balance Appropriated**
- (4) 2004 Local School Bond Projects - Revision in the total amount of \$38,151,078 to budget the proceeds from the sale of General Obligation Refunding Bonds in the amount of \$35,505,000 and premium on bonds and interest of \$2,646,078 . (B05-201) **Funding Source – G.O. Bond Proceeds**
- (5) General Government Debt Service - Revision in the amount of \$28,233 to appropriate fund balance to fund debt service payment for the Old Advance Auto Building (B05-202) **Funding Source – Fund Balance Appropriated**
- (6) NORCRESS/General Government Other - Revision in the amount of \$1,250,000 to recognize proceeds from Bond Anticipation Notes and to reduce the transfer from the General Fund in the same amount. (B05-204 and B05-204A) **Funding Source – BANS**

#### ITEMS OF BUSINESS

6. Nominations to Boards and Committees
- A. Board of Health (2 Vacancies)

BACKGROUND: The Board of Health will have the following vacancies on 1/1/05:  
Optometrist representative: Dr. William Philbrick: Eligible for reappointment  
Engineer representative: Jeff Reitzel – Eligible for reappointment

Nominees: Dr. William Philbrick, Optometrist representative  
Jeff Reitzel, Engineer representative

B. Civic Center Commission (5 Vacancies)

BACKGROUND: The Civic Center will have the following vacancies on 1/1/05:

C. Bruce Armstrong: Eligible for reappointment  
Laurie Bondshu: Eligible for reappointment  
Larry Lancaster: Eligible for reappointment  
Jack P. Justice – Does not want to serve another term  
Bob Ray: Does not want to serve another term

Nominees: C. Bruce Armstrong  
Laurie Bondshu  
Larry Lancaster  
Richard Player  
John Elliott

C. Mental Health Board (4 Vacancies)

BACKGROUND: The Mental Health Board will have the following vacancies on 1/1/05:

Yvonne King – Professional Rep. (Psychology, Social Work, Nursing, Religion) – not eligible for reappointment  
Luis Collazo – Citizens Group Organization or Primary Consumer: Eligible for reappointment  
Albert Bleakley- Family Consumer: Eligible for reappointment  
Nathan Taylor – Alcoholism, Primary Consumer, Presently in Recovery: Eligible for reappointment

Nominees: Rev. Floyd Johnson – Professional representative (Religion)  
Luis Collazo – Citizens Group Organization/Primary Consumer  
Albert Bleakley – Family Consumer  
Nathan Taylor – Alcoholism, Primary Consumer, Presently in Recovery

D. Transportation Advisory Board (1 Vacancy)

Vacant Position: (City of Fayetteville): The City recommends Victor Sharpe

Nominee: Victor Sharpe

E. Wrecker Review Board (1 Vacancy)

BACKGROUND: Major Craig Hart, the Sheriff's appointee, has completed his second term. The Sheriff recommends the appointment of Captain Casper (Jack) Broadus.

Nominee: Captain Casper (Jack) Broadus

7. Appointments to Boards and Committees

A. Cape Fear Valley Health System Board of Trustees (2 Vacancies)

Nominees: Medical Doctor: Dr. Rakesh Gupta (Reappointment)

Dr. Rakesh Gupta – unanimous vote

At-Large: Dr. John Griffin  
Dr. Harold Godwin

Dr. John Griffin: Commissioners King, Baggett, Council, Henley, Blackwell  
Dr. Harold Godwin: Commissioners Edge and Wheatley

**MOTION: Commissioner Blackwell moved to adjourn.**  
**SECOND: Vice Chairman Billy King**  
**VOTE: UNANIMOUS**

**MEETING ADJOURNED: 9:45AM.**

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**Clerk**