

CUMBERLAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
DECEMBER 3, 2007, 9:00AM  
REGULAR MEETING

PRESENT: Chairman Kenneth Edge  
Incoming Chairman Breeden Blackwell  
Commissioner Jeannette Council, Vice Chair  
Commissioner John T. Henley, Jr.  
Commissioner Billy R. King  
Commissioner Ed Melvin  
Commissioner Diane Wheatley  
James Martin, County Manager  
Juanita Pilgrim, Deputy County Manager  
Cliff Spiller, Asst. County Manager  
Amy Cannon, Asst. County Manager for Finance  
Grainger Barrett, County Attorney  
Harvey Raynor, Deputy County Attorney  
Marsha Fogle, Clerk  
Marie Colgan, Deputy Clerk

INVOCATION        Commissioner Diane Wheatley

Minister:        Dr. John Hedgepeth - Northwood Temple

Pledge of Allegiance

Recognition of Retired County Employee:    Marie Covington, Buildings & Grounds/Maintenance

Recognition of Outgoing Board Member:    Densie Lucas, Transportation Advisory Board  
Sharon Stanley, Transportation Advisory Board

Chairman Kenneth Edge thanked the Board members and staff for their support during his tenure as Chairman of the Board. He reflected on his year as Chairman, and on the history of our County. He noted the importance of the county government's role in the lives of our citizens. He recounted some of the accomplishments over the past year in county government:

- continued the funding agreement with the school system;
- concluded the year in excellent financial condition;
- developed a plan to provide additional schools/classrooms, a new library, and public health building;
- DSS recognized for winning a state-wide award for the outstanding County Program, "Reaching Out to Fight Hunger", awarded by the NCACC;
- inaugurated the "Cumberland County Cares" award for individuals/citizens/agencies doing good things in the county;
- initiated a county-wide discussion on government consolidation;
- partnered with community agencies in the inauguration of the Channel 5 Education Channel;

- celebrated Commissioner King's ascension to the Board of Directors of the National Association of Counties;
- recognized that two commissioners, Edge and Blackwell, were appointed to the Board of Directors of the NC Association of County Commissioners;
- celebrated the Town of Eastover becoming the ninth municipality within the County;
- approved plans for the courthouse plaza renovations and parking lot improvements at the Courthouse;
- agreed to contribute financially to the City of Fayetteville's Hope VI grant application;
- continued to effectively and efficiently employ a workforce of more than 2300 people in conducting county business;
- commissioners have spoken to people and groups throughout the community and mounted an intensive effort to acquaint the public with the facts about the recent sales tax proposal;
- opened a new state-of-the-art animal control facility and Sheriff's training center;
- continued and continues to support the American Heart Association, the United Way of Cumberland County and the Christmas food drive.

Chairman Edge noted he could best characterize Cumberland County today, as "challenges balanced with opportunity". He noted that "we face our own future knowing that nothing remains static; we here in Cumberland County must change, too, and continue the development and progress that has brought us to the 21<sup>st</sup> century." He also stated "it will take all of us – local leaders and citizens from every walk of life – working together to make the choices that will lead us to greatness or mire us in mediocrity." He challenged everyone to be on the team that aspires to greatness.

1. Election of Officers:

A. Chairman

Commissioner King nominated Commissioner J. Breeden Blackwell as Chairman. There were no further nominations and Commissioner Blackwell was elected Chairman by a unanimous vote of the Board.

B. Vice Chairman

Commissioner Edge nominated Commissioner Jeannette Council as Vice Chair. There were no further nominations and Commissioner Council was elected Vice Chair by a unanimous vote of the Board.

2. Presentation of Plaque to Outgoing Chairman.

Chairman Breeden Blackwell presented the outgoing Chairman, Kenneth Edge, a gavel plaque and thanked him for his service as Chairman of the Board of Commissioners.

Newly elected Chairman Breeden Blackwell reviewed with the Board some goals for the new year:

- ask each municipality if it would meet with the Board of Commissioners in joint session annually;
- meet with the school system at least twice a year to receive an update on improvements and future needs;
- staff would provide quarterly BRAC reports to the Board;
- encourage employees to participate in the Employee Incentive Program”;
- continue the “Cumberland County Cares” initiative;
- meet with the leadership at Ft. Bragg and perhaps form a Civilian Military Council or become more active in the CCBC Military Affairs Council; and
- recognize excellence in job performance among our county employees.

### 3. Consent Agenda

Commissioner King pulled Item 3b for discussion.

MOTION: Commissioner Council moved to approve the items on the Consent Agenda as recommended, except for Item 3b.

SECOND: Commissioner Melvin

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

A. Approval of Minutes for the November 19, 2007 regular meeting.

ACTION: Approve

B. Approval of Bonds for Public Officials.

BACKGROUND: Pursuant to the General Statutes, the Board must approve bonds for selected officials at its first meeting in December.

ACTION: Approve the following 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	Ohio Casualty Ins.
Asst. Finance Off. Howard Abner	\$ 50,000	Indefinite	Marsh	Ohio Casualty Ins.
Asst. Finance Off. Terry Gagnon	\$ 50,000	Indefinite	Marsh	Ohio Casualty Ins.
Register of Deeds J. Lee Warren, Jr.	\$ 10,000	Auto Renew	Highland	Peerless

Tax Administrator Aaron Donaldson	\$200,000	Indefinite	Marsh	Ohio Casualty Ins.
Sheriff Earl Butler	\$ 25,000	12/07/08	Tomlinson	Western Surety
Sheriff's Office Cuyler Windham, Sr.	\$ 20,000	10/09/11	Tomlinson	Western Surety
Mental Health Hank Debnam	\$ 20,000	Indefinite	BB&T	Western Surety
Mental Health Densie Lucas	\$ 20,000	Indefinite	BB&T	Western Surety
Social Services Rosemary Zimmerman	\$ 20,000	Indefinite	BB&T	Western Surety
Civic Center Lisa Foster	\$ 20,000	6/21/09	BB&T	Western Surety
Civic Center Paul Beard	\$ 20,000	11/13/09	BB&T	Western Surety
Civic Center Peter Dembowski	\$ 20,000	6/15/10	BB&T	Western Surety

Commissioner King inquired as to how selections of bonding companies were made for bonding of county employees. The Manager will check on this and respond in a timely manner.

MOTION: Commissioner King moved to approve the bonds as noted above.  
 SECOND: Commissioner Melvin  
 VOTE: UNANIMOUS

C. Approval of Adoption of 2008 Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting Dates.

ACTION: Adopt Schedule

#### 2008 Commissioners' Meeting Dates

January 7, 2008	9:00AM
January 22, 2008	NO MEETING – HOSPITAL CONFERENCE
February 4, 2008	9:00AM
February 19, 2008 (Tues.)	6:45PM
March 3, 2008	NO MEETING – NACO LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE

March 17, 2008	6:45PM
April 7, 2008	9:00AM
April 21, 2008	6:45PM
May 5, 2008	9:00AM
May 19, 2008	6:45 PM
June 2, 2008	9:00AM
June 16, 2008	6:45PM
July	<b>NO MEETINGS</b>
August 4, 2008	9:00AM
August 18, 2008	6:45PM
September 2, 2008 (Tues.)	9:00AM
September 15, 2008	6:45PM
October 6, 2008	9:00AM
October 20, 2008	6:45PM
November 3, 2008	9:00AM
November 17, 2008	6:45PM
December 1, 2008	9:00AM
December 15, 2008	6:45PM

D. Budget Revisions:

ACTION: Approve

(1) Eastover Sewer Project

Revision in the amount of \$27,454 to reallocate budgeted expenditures to fund cost of well closures and to approve the associated capital project ordinance.  
(B08-150) **Funding Source – Reallocation of Budgeted Expenditures**

(2) Federal Forfeiture - Justice

Revision in the amount of \$231,388 to fund five Deputy I Cadet positions and to purchase Tasers. (B08-152) **Funding Source - Federal**

(3) General Government

Revision in the amount of \$187,784 to appropriate fund balance to fund higher than usual unemployment claims. (B08-153) **Funding Source – General Fund Fund Balance**

(4) Emergency Service Grants

Revision in the amount of \$12,000 to budget two new Department of Homeland Security grants for equipment and training for the Response Team and Citizen Corp Council. (B08-154) **Funding Source – Federal Grant**

(5) Community Transportation Grant/General Government Other

Revision in the amount of \$1,500 to recognize a grant of \$1,350 and to appropriate \$150 for required County match to purchase a computer. (B08-161) **Funding Source – Grant and General Fund Fund Balance**

(6) Social Services

Revision in the amount of \$215,384 to establish six new positions, establish off-site storage and to off-set over spending in Adult Day Care using State funds of \$100,644 and fund balance appropriated of \$114,740. (B08-162) **Funding Source – State and General Fund Fund Balance**

## ITEMS OF BUSINESS

4. Consideration of Adding M.J. Soffe Company to the Air Quality Stakeholders' Committee.

**BACKGROUND:** The Air Quality Stakeholders' Committee requests that the M.J. Soffe Company become a part of its Committee.

**ACTION:** Approve

5. Nominations to Boards and Committees

A. Air Quality Stakeholders' Committee (1 Vacancy)

Recommended nominee: Scott Reynolds

Nominee: Scott Reynolds

B. Board of Health (2 Vacancies)

The Board of Health will have the following vacancies as of December 31, 2007:

Optometrist (Dr. William Philbrick): Completed second term – not eligible for reappointment. The Board of Health recommends Barbara Ciampa to fill the vacancy.

Engineer (Jeff Reitzel): Completed second term – not eligible for reappointment. The Board of Health recommends Jimmy Kizer to fill the vacancy.

Nominees: Barbara Ciampa – Optometrist  
Jimmy Kizer - Engineer

6. Appointments to Boards and Committees

MOTION: Commissioner Council moved to approve the nominees by acclamation, excepting Laurie Bondshu (not eligible under Board policy at this time for additional term).

SECOND: Commissioner Melvin .

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

A. Cape Fear Valley Hospital Board of Trustees (1 Vacancy)

Nominee: General Public: Dr. John Griffin, Jr. (Reappointment)

B. Civic Center Commission (4 Vacancies)

Nominees: Laurie Bondshu (**See Note**)  
John Elliott (Reappointment)  
Richard Player, III (Reappointment)  
Ralph Spivey (Reappointment)

**Note:** Laurie Bondshu is not eligible for reappointment, as she has served two terms (majority of previous incumbent's term plus one full additional term). Nominations will be received for this position at the next meeting.

C. Cumberland County Home & Community Care Block Grant Committee  
(2 Vacancies)

Nominees: Older Consumer: Ethel Hennessee (Reappointment)  
Aging Service Provider: Toney McCray (Reappointment)

D. Fayetteville Area Convention & Visitors Bureau (2 Vacancies)

Nominees:

Hotels/Motels Under 100 Rooms Representative: John Keefe (Reappointment)

Hotels/Motels Over 100 Rooms Representative: Charles R. Wellons, II  
(Reappointment)

E. Mental Health Board (1 Vacancy)

Nominee:

Drug Abuse Rep (Family Consumer: William McDougal (Reappointment)

F. Minimum Housing Appeals (1 Vacancy)

Nominee: Alternate Member: Deborah Ann Dantzler (Reappointment)

G. Nursing Home Advisory Board (1 Vacancy)

Nominee: Edgar F. Merritt (Reappointment)

MOTION: Commissioner King moved to adjourn.

SECOND: Commissioner Council

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

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Clerk to the Board