

CUMBERLAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
JUNE 8, 2009, 7:00PM  
PUBLIC HEARING ON THE RECOMMENDED FY2009-10 BUDGET

PRESENT:   Chairman Jeannette Council  
              Vice Chairman Billy R. King  
              Commissioner Breeden Blackwell  
              Commissioner Kenneth Edge  
              Commissioner Marshall Faircloth  
              Commissioner Jimmy Keefe  
              Commissioner Ed Melvin  
              James Martin, County Manager  
              Juanita Pilgrim, Deputy County Manager  
              Amy Cannon, Asst. County Manager  
              Grainger Barrett, County Attorney  
              Harvey Raynor, Deputy County Attorney  
              Sally Shutt, Communications Manager  
              Marie Colgan, Deputy Clerk  
              Marsha Fogle, Clerk

The Chairman called the meeting to order and opened the public hearing.

SPEAKERS

1.     Phyllis Owens, Economic Development: Ms. Owens noted that she had neglected to request funding for the Women's Center, which is generally funded by the County through the Chamber of Commerce. She asked that the County consider the funding request of \$10,625 for the Women's Center. She apologized for her error in not including the funding request for the Women's Center in the Chamber's funding request.
2.     Sylvia Ray – Women's Center: Ms. Ray asked the Board to consider the request for funding in the amount of \$10,625 for the Women's Center. Ms. Ray noted the county funding is usually used as a match for SBA funds that benefit the community.
3.     Maxine McCoy, Chairman, Library Board of Trustees: Ms. McCoy noted she is usually asking for restored hours at the library; and while the need is still there to restore the hours, she is now just requesting that there be no cuts in the Library's budget.
4.     Jennifer Sullivan, Botanical Gardens: Ms. Sullivan thanked the Board for its support and informed the Board that construction on the Pavilion Complex will begin in July. She noted RBC Centura Bank has loaned the money to fund construction of the complex, because pledges come over a five year period.

5. Jill Biemdiek, President, Friends of the Library: Asked the Board not to make any cuts in the Library budget.
6. David Griffin, Second Harvest Food Bank: Mr. Griffin asked the Board to consider funding in the amount of \$35,000 for the Second Harvest Food Bank. He said this service is a staple of the community. He said the Food Bank has had a 35% increase in service requests. The County has funded this agency in the past.

The Chairman closed the Public Hearing portion of the meeting and recessed the meeting to room 119.

The Board resumed its meeting in room 119 of the courthouse.

The Board discussed the requests for funding from the Women's Center in the amount \$10,625 and from the Second Harvest Food Bank in the amount of \$35,000.

The consensus of the Board was to approve the \$10,625 funding for the Women's Center and delay action on the request from the Second Harvest Food Bank until September.

Commissioner Blackwell told the Board he would be unable to attend the June 15, 2009 meetings. He may be able to participate via telephone.

The Board decided to cancel its Special Meetings scheduled for June 9, 2009 at 5:30PM and June 10, 2009 at 5:30PM.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 7:50PM.

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Marsha Fogle, Clerk