

CUMBERLAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
AND  
CUMBERLAND COUNTY LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION  
SEPTEMBER 18, 2012 - 7:30 AM  
ROOM 119, 117 DICK STREET, FAYETTEVILLE, NC  
SPECIAL MEETING  
MINUTES

PRESENT: Commissioner Marshall Faircloth, Chairman  
Commissioner Jimmy Keefe, Vice Chairman  
Commissioner Kenneth Edge  
Commissioner Charles Evans (left at 9:00 a.m.)  
Commissioner Jeannette Council  
Commissioner Billy King (arrived at 8:25 a.m.)  
Commissioner Ed Melvin (left at 9:00 a.m.)  
James Martin, County Manager  
Amy Cannon, Deputy County Manager  
James Lawson, Assistant County Manager (arrived at 8:00 a.m.)  
Rick Moorefield, County Attorney  
Sally Shutt, Chief Public Information Officer  
Jon Soles, Public Information Specialist  
Hank Debnam, Mental Health Director  
David Winslow, Consultant for the Museum of the Cape Fear Historical Complex  
Foundation  
Members of the Museum of the Cape Fear Historical Complex Foundation  
Candice H. White, Clerk to the Board  
Kellie Beam, Deputy Clerk to the Board  
Press

LEGISLATIVE MEMBERS

PRESENT: Representative Elmer Floyd, 43<sup>rd</sup> District  
Representative Diane Parfitt, 44<sup>th</sup> District  
Representative Rick Glazier, 45<sup>th</sup> District  
Senator-Elect Ben Clark, 21<sup>st</sup> District (left at 8:40 a.m.)  
Senator Wesley Meredith, 19<sup>th</sup> District (left at 8:40 a.m.)

LEGISLATIVE MEMBERS

ABSENT: Representative Marvin W. Lucas, 42<sup>nd</sup> District  
Representative William Brisson, 22<sup>nd</sup> District

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Chairman Faircloth called the meeting to order and thanked members of the legislative delegation for attending.

2. UPDATE ON CIVIL WAR MUSEUM – PRESENTED BY DAVID WINSLOW,  
CONSULTANT FOR THE MUSEUM OF THE CAPE FEAR HISTORICAL  
COMPLEX FOUNDATION

Commissioner Council introduced David Winslow, Consultant for the Museum of the Cape Fear Historical Complex Foundation, and Museum board members that accompanied him. Mr. Winslow presented a brief update on plans to transform the regionally focused Museum of the Cape Fear into the nation's first state-supported museum that will interpret the Civil War and its aftermath. Mr. Winslow stated staff have been working on and planning the transformation of the Museum for over four years, and an architectural team and design team are on board working on the Museum's transformation. Mr. Winslow stated the Museum plans to attract between 100,000-125,000 visitors a year and he hopes the Museum will break ground sometime around March of 2015.

3. UPDATE ON I-95

Commissioner Keefe requested an update on the tolling of I-95. Representative Floyd stated there was a technical amendment in the long session not to toll I-95 until it came back to the General Assembly for consideration. Representative Floyd stated there is a study committee in place to look at the effect it would have and he would like to see county board of commissioners across the state voice their opposition to the tolling of I-95 until it comes back to the General Assembly.

Commissioner Evans asked where the Senate stands on the tolling of I-95. Senator Meredith stated the technical amendment did not pass in the Senate. Senator-Elect Clark stated he is against the tolling of I-95.

4. UPDATE ON MENTAL HEALTH FUNDING

Representative Glazier discussed cuts in mental health funding and stated last year there was a reduction of 350 million dollars in Medicaid funding. Representative Glazier stated funds were taken from local reserves to fill other state needs. Representative Parfitt stated she received a report on the managed care firm that handles mental health and from that report she is concerned that they are not meeting expectations on the number of clients served, the ease of serving the clients, timeliness, and responsiveness to client's needs.

Hank Debnam, Mental Health Director, discussed some of the problems mental health is facing due to lack of funding. Mr. Debnam stated mental health funding is decreasing while at the same time the demand for mental health services is increasing.

Commissioner Edge asked if the Managed Care Organization (MCO) board had been established. Mr. Debnam stated the MCO board has not been established at this time. Commissioner Edge stated he would like to see a representative from the Cumberland County Board of Commissioners serve on the MCO board.

Representative Parfitt stated she feels mental health agencies are expected to do an incredible amount of work with limited funding and for her measures of success in patient services are less hospitalization, increased usage of medication, and/or less time in jail.

Representative Glazier stated he feels the core issue is to find out what is causing the dramatic increase in the need for mental health services.

Due the lateness of the hour, Chairman Faircloth asked that Item 5. through Item 8. be continued at a future joint meeting. Chairman Faircloth called for open discussion under Item 9.

5. UPDATE ON CUMBERLAND COUNTY'S LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION'S PROPOSALS THROUGH THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF PRIVATE SECTOR JOBS COMING TO OUR REGION

6. DISCUSSION OF CUMBERLAND COUNTY'S CLASSIFICATION AS AN URBAN COUNTY VERSUS A RURAL AND URBAN COUNTY FOR PURPOSES OF FUNDING SOURCES/GRANTS FOR COUNTY-WIDE WATER

7. DISCUSSION OF SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING/SUBSIDIES TO OFF SET THE HIGH COSTS INVOLVED WITH HOUSING CONVICTED INDIVIDUALS AT THE COUNTY DETENTION CENTER

8. DISCUSSION OF A STANDARDIZED PROGRAM TO CARE FOR PERSONS WITH DOCUMENTED MENTAL HEALTH DISORDERS TO PREVENT OVERFLOW AT COUNTY DETENTION CENTERS AND HOSPITALS

9. OPEN DISCUSSION

Representative Glazier stated the General Assembly's regular or long session will start on January 10, 2012, which is earlier than usual, and it is helpful for House and Senate members to be aware of the state association's and local agendas as early as possible. Representative Glazier stated he does not anticipate additional revenue moving down to the county level from the state level. Representative Glazier also reported on ongoing transportation issues due to lack of funding.

Commissioner Keefe requested input on how future joint meetings could be structured to provide more time for discussion. Representative Glazier stated a full meeting does not always have to be scheduled and most of the members of the legislative delegation are available individually to discuss issues. Representative Glazier stated another possibility is to establish a monthly meeting with a one hour time frame.

Chairman Faircloth provided closing remarks and thanked everyone for attending.

Representative Floyd stated although there is always good discussion during joint meetings, he wants positive outcomes to result from the meetings.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 9:10 AM

Respectfully submitted,

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Kellie Beam  
Deputy Clerk to the Board