

CUMBERLAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
AUGUST 13, 2013 – 6:30 PM
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES, CONFERENCE ROOM B
1225 RAMSEY STREET, FAYETTEVILLE, NC
WELCOME AND INFORMATION SESSION
FOR COUNTY APPOINTED BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS
SPECIAL MEETING
MINUTES

PRESENT: Commissioner Jimmy Keefe, Chairman
Commissioner Jeannette Council, Vice Chair
Commissioner Charles Evans (departed at 6:50)
Amy Cannon, Deputy County Manager
James Lawson, Assistant County Manager
Sally Shutt, Public Information Director
Jon Soles, Public Information Specialist
Candice H. White, Clerk to the Board

ABSENT: Commissioner Kenneth Edge
Commissioner Marshall Faircloth
Commissioner Billy King
Commissioner Ed Melvin

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Chairman Keefe called the meeting to order and introduced Commissioners Council and Evans. Chairman Keefe thanked everyone for coming to the session and reviewed the agenda for the meeting.

2. IMPORTANCE OF APPOINTED BOARDS

Chairman Keefe thanked board and commission members for serving their county government and being a voice for their fellow citizens. Chairman Keefe provided the following list of county appointed boards and commissions. Chairman Keefe stated there are 37 commissioner-appointed boards and commissions with more than 280 positions to fill. Chairman Keefe reviewed a copy of the county government organization chart and asked board and commission members to locate their board and see where it fit within the overall county government structure.

- ABC Board
- Adult Care Home Community Advisory Committee
- Air Quality Stakeholders Committee
- Alliance Behavioral Healthcare Board of Trustees (Cumberland County Seats)
- Animal Control Board
- Board of Adjustment
- Board of Health
- Cape Fear Valley Health System Board of Trustees

- Child Homicide Identification and Prevention (CHIP) Council
- Civic Center Commission
- Cumberland Cemetery Commission
- Community Child Protection/Fatality Prevention Team
- Finance Corporation
- Home & Community Care Block Grant Committee
- Industrial Facilities & Pollution Control Financing Authority
- Cumberland County Juvenile Crime Prevention Council
- Cumberland County Local Emergency Planning Committee
- Cumberland County Workforce Development Board
- Equalization and Review Board
- Farm Advisory Committee
- Fayetteville Area Convention and Visitors Bureau Board of Directors
- Fayetteville Technical Community College (FTCC) Board of Trustees
- Human Relations Commission
- Joint Appearance Commission
- Joint Planning Board
- Jury Commission
- Library Board of Trustees
- Mid-Carolina Aging Advisory Committee
- Minimum Housing Appeals Board
- Nursing Home Advisory Board
- Parks & Recreation Advisory Board
- Senior Citizens Advisory Commission
- Social Services Board
- Southeastern Economic Development Commission
- Tourism Development Authority
- Transportation Advisory Board
- Wrecker Review Board

Chairman Keefe advised there are various types of boards such as the Social Services Board, the Board of Health and the Library Board of Trustees that hire and evaluate their director. Chairman Keefe also advised there are joint city and county boards, and boards that function in a quasi-judicial capacity with powers resembling those of a court of law or judge. Chairman Keefe stated these boards, such as the Board of Adjustment, the Joint Planning Board, and the Minimum Housing Appeals Board make legal interpretations of statutes, ordinances and other local regulations and conditions.

Chairman Keefe reviewed what is expected of county board and commission members once they are appointed:

- Attend the meetings
 - Make the time commitment
- Be informed and prepared
 - Read your agenda, visit the site, speak with those involved
- Give careful consideration to what is being brought before you
 - Every decision is going to affect someone
- Ask questions!!!!
 - It is your responsibility as a board member.

- Make the best recommendation possible

Chairman Keefe pointed out that should a board member realize he or she is not the right fit for a particular board or commission after being appointed, they will not be disqualified from additional appointments if they resign.

3. COUNTY'S STRATEGIC PLAN

Sally Shutt, Public Information Director, provided a brief overview of the goals and objectives of the 2013-2014 Strategic Plan as approved by the board of commissioners at its April 15, 2013 meeting. Ms. Shutt noted that the Welcome and Information Session came under GOAL 4: Educate, inform and engage employees, citizens, elected and appointed officials through effective and efficient communications; OBJECTIVE 4: Enhance collaboration between county government and other boards, committees and commissions; and ACTION STEP: Establish and hold board member welcome and information sessions for existing and new board members for county's advisory boards and committees. Provide a general overview of county government during the information session.

4. UPDATE ON COUNTY INITIATIVES

Chairman Keefe provided a brief update of the following county initiatives:

- Department of Public Health Accreditation through 2017
15 smoke-free county campuses effective January 1, 2014
Phase 1
Smoking cessation classes for employees
- Department of Social Services
Transitioning to new service model
Electronic filing, one point of entry
NCFast, Affordable Care Act
State is working on the glitches in the system
Department has been training and preparing for this transition
- Mental Health Services
Alliance Behavioral Healthcare Public Meeting Wednesday, August 14th
Community Mental Health Center at Cape Fear Valley located at 109 Bradford
Avenue for now but expected to move by December to Roxie Center
- Detention Center Expansion
Expected to open in November
- Crisis Intervention Center at Roxie Center will help reduce visits to ER and Detention Center
- Animal Control
Revised Ordinance approved
- CodeRED
Free alert service; sign up online
- Veterans Services has a new home
- Crown Center may be under private management in a few months
- Library System's workforce development program is growing; job fair on August 14 at Headquarters Library

5. QUESTION AND ANSWER PERIOD

Chairman Keefe and Commissioner Council responded to questions.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 8:00 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Candice H. White
Clerk to the Board