

CUMBERLAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MONDAY, APRIL 7, 2014 – 9:00 AM
117 DICK STREET, 1ST FLOOR, ROOM 118
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES

PRESENT: Commissioner Jeannette Council, Chair
Commissioner Kenneth Edge, Vice Chair
Commissioner Charles Evans
Commissioner Marshall Faircloth
Commissioner Jimmy Keefe
Commissioner Ed Melvin
Amy Cannon, Interim County Manager
James Lawson, Assistant County Manager
Quentin McPhatter, Assistant County Manager
Rick Moorefield, County Attorney
Melissa Cardinali, Finance Director
Sally Shutt, Public Information Director
Earl “Moose” Butler, Cumberland County Sheriff
Ronnie Mitchell, Sheriff’s Office Attorney
Fred Starling, Human Resources Consultant
Tom Lloyd, Planning and Inspections Director
Cecil Combs, Planning and Inspections Deputy Director
Ken Sykes, Code Enforcement Manager
Chris Fulton, Code Enforcement Officer and Staff
Sergeant 440th Air Lift Wing, US Air Force
Reserve, Pope Airfield
Russ Rogerson, Economic Development Alliance of Fayetteville
and Cumberland County Executive Vice President
Chris Bostock, Economic Development Alliance Board
Chair
Candice H. White, Clerk to the Board
Kellie Beam, Deputy Clerk to the Board
Press

ABSENT: Commissioner Billy King

Chairman Council called the meeting to order and announced Commissioner King was unable to attend the meeting.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Chairman Council called on Reverend Phyllis Jones, Associate Pastor at Lewis Chapel Missionary Baptist Church, who provided the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

Recognition of National Award to Sheriff Earl Butler on Receiving the Egon Bittner Award from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA):

On behalf of the full board, Chairman Council recognized Sheriff Earl “Moose” Butler for having received the prestigious and coveted Egon Bittner Award from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. Chairman Council congratulated Sheriff Butler on becoming the first law enforcement officer from North Carolina to receive the Bittner award.

Chairman Council provided the following information regarding the award: “The Egon Bittner Award is presented to Chief Executive Officers who have commanded a CALEA Accredited agency for fifteen or more continuous years. It was created to recognize these leaders for their significant contributions to the public safety profession and to CALEA. The Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc., (CALEA) is the world recognized credentialing authority established and maintained through the joint efforts of law enforcement's major executive associations, and responsible for maintaining the highest standards for law

enforcement agency operations throughout the United States through its accreditation process. The purpose of CALEA's Accreditation Programs is to improve the delivery of public safety services, primarily by: maintaining a body of standards, developed by public safety practitioners, covering a wide range of up-to-date public safety initiatives; establishing and administering an accreditation process; and recognizing professional excellence."

Recognition of Planning Department Employees Receiving Patriot Awards:

Tom Lloyd, Planning and Inspections Director
Cecil Combs, Planning and Inspections Deputy Director
Ken Sykes, Code Enforcement Manager

Commissioner Edge stated three Cumberland County Planning and Inspections Department employees recently received Patriot Awards from the Secretary of Defense for their support of an Air Force reservist who works as a code enforcement officer with the department.

Commissioner Edge recognized Planning Director Tom Lloyd, Deputy Director Cecil Combs and Code Enforcement Manager Ken Sykes for their support of Christopher Fulton, an Air Force Reserve staff sergeant who has been employed by Cumberland County Government for three years and has been a Planning and Inspections code enforcement officer for a year. Commissioner Edge stated Mr. Fulton is assigned to the 440th Airlift Wing based at Pope Army Airfield and has served in Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

Commissioner Edge stated the award acknowledges employers' efforts to support "Citizen Warriors" through such measures as flexible schedules, time off prior to and after deployment, care for families and leaves of absence if needed.

Chairman Council announced Amy Cannon was beginning her seventh day as the Interim County Manager and expressed her appreciation and thanks on behalf of the entire County of Cumberland.

Amy Cannon, Interim County Manager, requested an addition to the consent agenda as Item 2.L. Consideration of Amendment to Transportation Enhancement Grant for Transportation Museum at Averasboro Battlefield.

Rick Moorefield stated one of the closed session items had been misidentified and requested the addition of a closed session for Confidential Matter(s) Pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11(a)(1) for a matter confidential by another statute for which confidentiality must be preserved.

1. Approval of Agenda

MOTION: Commissioner Keefe moved to approve the agenda with the additions as requested.
SECOND: Commissioner Melvin
VOTE: UNANIMOUS (6-0)

2. Consent Agenda

- A. Approval of minutes for the March 17, 2014 regular meeting, March 18, 2014 Special Meeting with the Board of Education and the March 25, 2014 Special Meeting with the Cumberland County Legislative Delegation and Minutes of the Special Meeting of March 11, 2014 with The Mercer Group.
- B. Approval of Revision to Minutes of the December 16, 2013 Board of Commissioners Meeting

BACKGROUND:

On January 6, 2014, the Board of Commissioners approved draft minutes of its December 16, 2013 meeting. Consent agenda Item 3.D. as recorded in the December 16, 2013 minutes needs to be revised to identify for the record the surplus properties purchased by the City of Fayetteville.

The following is an excerpt from the December 16, 2013 minutes. The requested revisions have been bolded.

D. Approval of Sale of Surplus Property to the City of Fayetteville

BACKGROUND:

*On or about September 29, 2009, the County acquired the ~~above~~ properties **listed below** by tax foreclosure. The City of Fayetteville has expressed an interest in acquiring the properties due to their location within the Murchison Road Redevelopment Area and they are needed to promote economic development. The City of Fayetteville has agreed to pay the unpaid taxes for which the County acquired for both properties at foreclosure in the amount of \$5,252.95.*

***RES 501 GREENSBORO ST (located on Bruner & Greensboro St);
PIN: 0437-47-0769***

***0.18 AC BRUNER ST (located on Bruner St);
PIN: 0437-37-9799***

This property is surplus to the needs of the County and, according to N.C.G.S. §160A-274, the County may transfer property by sale, lease or exchange to another governmental unit by private sale on such terms as the Board deems wise, with or without consideration.

RECOMMENDATION/PROPOSED ACTION:

That the Board of Commissioners consider whether to accept the offer of City of Fayetteville to purchase the above properties for the sum of \$5,252.95 pursuant to N.C.G.S. §160A-274 and authorize the Chairman to execute a deed conveying the properties upon receipt of the balance of the purchase price.

RECOMMENDATION/PROPOSED ACTION:

Approve revisions to the Board of Commissioners' December 16, 2013 meeting minutes as requested.

C. Approval of Declaration of Surplus Equipment for the Cumberland County Sheriff's Office and Authorization to Trade Surplus Equipment as Authorized Under NCGS 153A-176

BACKGROUND:

The Sheriff's Office wishes to procure 12 Springfield XDS45ACP compact pistols from Shooter's Supply in Fayetteville, NC. Including all needed accessories and taxes, the cost of these weapons total \$18,386.35.

The Sheriff's Office has 67 weapons in inventory that are no longer needed for official purposes. A listing of the 67 weapons is recorded below. These were acquired by court ordered confiscation and are either old, damaged, or no longer in use and can be used as credit for the new weapons. Bids were received from three firearms dealers. Proposal is for a tentative trade agreement with Shooter's Supply, as they were the highest bid of \$18,400. The trade would be pursuant to NCGS 160A-271. Approving the trade will offset the entire cost of the weapons purchase, clear out the weapons that can no longer be utilized, and allow new, more useful weapons and equipment to be acquired thus greatly benefiting the operations of the Sheriff's Office.

Cumberland County Sheriff's Office
Weapons Trade 2014

1.	Smith & Wesson	411	VCH2816	.40
2.	Ruger	Redhawk	500-15566	.44 Mag
3.	Springfield	1911-A1	NM-184678	.45
4.	Smith & Wesson	915	VCH3315	9mm
5.	Smith & Wesson	SW9VE	PDX-1234	9mm
6.	Taurus	PT145	NYL64374	.45 ACP
7.	Taurus	66	NC920056	.357 Mag

8.	Kimber	Eclipse Pro II	KR56302	.45
9.	Smith & Wesson	586	AEL 8881	.357
10.	Smith & Wesson	10	456659	38
11.	Smith & Wesson	10-6	D45871	38
12.	Taurus Mill	PT140 Pro	SZ 102733	.40
13.	Ruger	P94	341-08176	.40
14.	Ruger	P345-D	664-23340	.45
15.	Smith & Wesson	SW9V	PAV6374	9mm
16.	Smith & Wesson	SW40E	PBE 5210	.40
17.	Smith & Wesson	M&P 45	MPR 2927	.45
18.	Springfield	XD9	US 916389	9mm
19.	Springfield	XD9	US 933077	9mm
20.	Sig Sauer	P226	U406910	9mm
21.	Taurus	PT92AF	THB16269	9mm
22.	Taurus	PT945	NQA51628	.45
23.	Ruger	LCP	370-38387	.380
24.	Taurus	357 3191	RE652975	.357
25.	Smith & Wesson	19-3	3K47923	.357 Mag
26.	Taurus	Raging Bull 4410	TL857762	
27.	Ruger	Mini 14	18477493	
28.	Ruger	Mini 14	196-67093	
29.	Remington	Model 4	A4025424	W/Scope
30.	Colt	M1991A1	CP12917	.45
31.	Taurus	PT111PRO	TAX84911	9mm
32.	Smith & Wesson	Shorty 45 MK2	SFF1093	.45
33.	Springfield Arms	XD-9 Sub Compact	US802989	.9mm
34.	Colt	Detective Special	874152	.38
35.	Colt	MKIV	CG03559	.45
36.	Smith & Wesson	SW9VE	PDL5700	9mm
37.	Smith & Wesson	SW40V	PAN6481	.40
38.	Smith & Wesson	39-2	A480872	9mm
39.	Smith & Wesson	SW406GVE	PDC6219	.40
40.	Smith & Wesson	4006	TVR6289	.40
41.	Smith & Wesson	19-4	57K4015	.357 Mag
42.	Colt	MK IV	48311	.45
43.	US Carbine	M1 Carbine	63254	
44.	Ruger	GP100	173-47649	.357
45.	Ruger	Blackhawk	32 54085	.357
46.	Ruger	Mini 14	182-47450	.223
47.	Smith & Wesson	686-4	BRD9953	.357
48.	IMI	Desert Eagle	33308376	.40
49.	Bersa	Thunder 380	485954	.380
50.	Springfield	XD9	US996488	9mm
51.	EAA Corp	SAIGA-20	H00300846	20 ga
52.	Smith & Wesson	SW40VE	PBD6894	.40
53.	Ruger	Super BLK Hawk	86-33659	44 mag
54.	Sig Sauer	P220	G195255	.45
55.	Smith & Wesson	Mod 1000	FS00289	12ga?
56.	Rossi	S411200410	SR151758	.410
57.	Benelli	Nova	V485461	12?
58.	Mossberg	500	T775691	20ga
59.	Tarus	PT145 Pro	NZK42695	.45 ACP
60.	Browning Arms		245NZ65083	9mm
61.	Sig Sauer	P226	U728625	9mm
62.	Browning Arms		69C24679	9mm
63.	Smith & Wesson	442-1 (Airweight)	CAS8137	
64.	Smith & Wesson	36	42445	.38
65.	US Carbine	M1 Carbine	82722	
66.	Sig Sauer	P226	U822192	9mm
67.	Remington	870 Express	X038475M	12 Ga

RECOMMENDATION/PROPOSED ACTION:

Recommendation is to declare 67 weapons surplus and allow the weapons to be traded for the 12 Springfield XDS45ACP compact pistols and other related items.

- D. Approval of Payment of Past Year Invoice for Children Services Rendered to Cumberland County by Southern Regional AHEC

BACKGROUND:

The Cumberland County Department of Social Services has requested approval to pay a FY2013 invoice in the amount of \$7,259.56 for children services provided by Southern Regional AHEC. Procedures have been put in place to minimize the chance of reoccurrence.

RECOMMENDATION:

Recommend approval to pay the above invoice in the amount of \$7,259.56 and approval of the attached budget revision.

- E. Approval of a Resolution to Oppose the Deactivation of the Air Force 440th Airlift Wing Housed at Fort Bragg, North Carolina

CUMBERLAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

RESOLUTION TO OPPOSE THE DEACTIVATION
OF THE AIR FORCE 440TH AIRLIFT WING
HOUSED AT FORT BRAGG, NORTH CAROLINA

WHEREAS, Fort Bragg is the proud home of more than 57,000 military personnel and 23,000 family members; and

WHEREAS, the Cumberland County Board of Commissioners stands strong in unified support of our military soldiers and airmen and the mission readiness of Fort Bragg and Pope Army Airfield; and

WHEREAS, the United States Army and Air Force work together at Pope Army Airfield on Fort Bragg in a variety of joint ventures; and

WHEREAS, the Air Force 440th Airlift Wing is housed at Fort Bragg, along with its 10 C-130H Hercules aircraft; and

WHEREAS, those aircraft have been slated to be decommissioned as part of the Air Force's 2015 budget proposal submitted in early March; and

WHEREAS, the decommissioning would also lead to the deactivation of the 440th Airlift Wing, impacting some 1,600 jobs in our community; and

WHEREAS, the 440th is a critical component in the high level training and timely deployment of our Airborne and Special Operations forces; and

WHEREAS, the placement of the C-130H at Fort Bragg has proven to be a critical asset to mission essential parameters of rapid response, global reach of the forces and critical training of the forces; and

WHEREAS, the C-130J has been brought into service as a newer and faster model of the C-130, but none have been delivered to Fort Bragg, and plans to do so were delayed; and

WHEREAS, with those delays, the 440th has not trained fully to bring the C-130J into service at Fort Bragg, impacting their future skills should they need to transfer; and

WHEREAS, some \$77.8 million could be removed from our local economy through the loss of the 440th and the C-130H.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that as a unified community in collaboration with Fayetteville Regional Chamber and local governments, the

Cumberland County Board of Commissioners hereby opposes the deactivation of the 440th Airlift Wing.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Cumberland County Board of Commissioners does hereby petition Congress and requests that the Air Force's budget request be modified to protect the mission-critical impact of the 440th.

Adopted this 7th day of April, 2014.

- F. Approval of a Proclamation Proclaiming April 2014 as "National County Government Month"

COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND

NORTH CAROLINA

PROCLAMATION

National County Government Month - April 2014

"Ready and Resilient Counties: Prepare. Respond. Thrive."

WHEREAS, the nation's 3,069 counties serving more than 300 million Americans provide essential services to create healthy, safe, vibrant and economically resilient communities; and

WHEREAS, counties build infrastructure, maintain roads and bridges, provide health care, administer justice, keep communities safe, run elections, manage solid waste, keep records and much more; and

WHEREAS, Cumberland County and all counties take pride in their responsibility to protect and enhance the health, welfare and safety of its residents in sensible and cost-effective ways; and

WHEREAS, in order to remain healthy, vibrant, safe, and economically competitive, America's counties must be able to anticipate and adapt to all types of change; and

WHEREAS, through National Association of Counties President Linda Langston's Resilient Counties initiative, NACo is encouraging counties to focus on how they prepare and respond to natural disasters and emergencies or any situation that the counties may face, such as economic recovery or public health and safety challenges; and

WHEREAS, each year since 1991 the National Association of Counties has encouraged counties across the country to actively promote their own programs and services to the public they serve; and

WHEREAS, during the month of April 2014, Cumberland County will conduct public awareness events to educate citizens about the role and functions county government performs and will recognize its veteran county employees for their years of service.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT We, the Board of County Commissioners of Cumberland County, do hereby proclaim April 2014 as National County Government Month and encourage all county officials, employees, schools and residents to participate in county government celebration activities.

Presented this 7th day of April, 2014.

- G. Approval of a Proclamation Proclaiming the Week of April 14-20, 2014 as "National Public Safety Telecommunications Week" in Cumberland County

COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND

NORTH CAROLINA

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, emergencies can occur at anytime that require police, fire or emergency medical services; and

WHEREAS, when an emergency occurs the prompt response of police officers, firefighters and paramedics is critical to the protection of life and the preservation of property; and

WHEREAS, the safety of our police officers and firefighters is dependent upon the quality and accuracy of information obtained from citizens who telephone the Cumberland County Emergency Communications Center; and

WHEREAS, Public Safety Telecommunicators are the first and most critical contact our citizens have with emergency services; and

WHEREAS, Public Safety Telecommunicators are the single vital link for our police officers and firefighters by monitoring their activities by radio, providing them information and insuring their safety; and

WHEREAS, Public Safety Telecommunicators of the Cumberland County Emergency Services have contributed substantially to the apprehension of criminals, suppression of fires and treatment of patients; and

WHEREAS, dispatchers have exhibited compassion, understanding and professionalism during the performance of their jobs over the past year.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of Cumberland County hereby declares the week of April 14 - 20, 2014 to be "NATIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY TELECOMMUNICATIONS WEEK" in Cumberland County in honor of the men and women whose diligence and professionalism keep our county and citizens safe.

Adopted this 7th day of April, 2014.

- H. Approval of a Proclamation Proclaiming the Week of April 21-25, 2014 as "Arbor Week" and Wednesday, April 23, 2014 as "Arbor Day" in Cumberland County

COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND

NORTH CAROLINA

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the County of Cumberland recognizes the importance of trees to the economic, aesthetic, and ecological well-being of our community; AND

WHEREAS, it is recognized that planting and maintaining healthy trees in our ever-changing society are both desirable and necessary; AND

WHEREAS, Arbor Day is a long-standing American tradition that represents an important element of our national heritage; AND

WHEREAS, the Cape Fear Botanical Garden is a leader in the encouragement of environmental stewardship and is assisting with the planting of trees by the students of our schools; AND

WHEREAS, Cumberland County-Cooperative Extension is a community partner with the Cape Fear Botanical Garden in the effort to restore our trees; AND

WHEREAS, individuals can act in this county to improve the environment by planting trees and ensuring that these trees are protected and receive proper maintenance in the years ahead.

NOW, THEREFORE, We, the Board of Commissioners, Cumberland County, North Carolina, do hereby proclaim the week of April 21 to 25, 2014 as Arbor Week and Wednesday, April 23, 2014 to be

ARBOR DAY IN CUMBERLAND COUNTY

AND urge our citizens to take an active part to ensure our community has a better quality of life by providing a clean environment with more trees.

Presented this 7th day of April, 2014.

I. Approval of a Proclamation Recognizing April as “Fair Housing Month”

Fair Housing Month
Proclamation

Whereas, April 2014 marks the 46th anniversary of the Federal Fair Housing Act of 1968 and the 31th anniversary of the State Fair Housing Act; and

Whereas, the State Fair Housing Act of 1983 and the Federal Fair Housing Act of 1968 prohibit discrimination in housing because of “race, color, religion, sex, national origin, disability, and familial status”; and

Whereas, an important concern for Cumberland County individuals and families is the availability of decent and affordable housing; and

Whereas, Cumberland County supports the efforts of local governments, fair housing organizations, concerned citizens, and the housing industry to strive toward promoting broader housing choice in Cumberland County and promoting understanding of the State and Federal Fair Housing Acts.

Now, Therefore We Proclaim That, Cumberland County will adhere to the fundamental right of all citizens having equal access to housing, and housing related transactions.

Now, The Cumberland County Board of Commissioners proclaims:

April, 2014 as Fair Housing Month

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of Cumberland County, North Carolina to be affixed this 7th day of April, 2014.

J. Approval of a Proclamation Proclaiming April 21-26, 2014 as “Community Development Week” in Cumberland County

Community Development Week
Proclamation

Whereas, the week of April 21 – 26, 2014 has been designated as National Community Development Week by the National Community Development Association to celebrate the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and the HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) Program; and

Whereas, the CDBG Program provides funding to communities to provide decent, safe and sanitary housing, a suitable living environment; and has had a significant impact on our local economy through job creation and retention, physical redevelopment and improved local tax bases; and

Whereas, the HOME Program provides funding to communities to create decent, safe and affordable housing opportunities to low income persons; and nationally, over one million units of affordable housing have been completed using HOME funds; and

Whereas, Cumberland County, North Carolina and other local governments have clearly demonstrated the capacity to administer and customize the CDBG and HOME Programs to identify, prioritize and resolve local issues such as the

provision of decent, affordable housing; neighborhood and human service needs; job creation and retention; and physical redevelopment.

Now, The Cumberland County Board of Commissioners, do hereby proclaim:

The week of April 21 – April 26, 2014 as Community Development Week

And in Cumberland County, we urge all citizens to join us in recognizing the Community Development Block Grant Program and HOME Investment Partnerships Program and the important role it plays in our community.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of Cumberland County, North Carolina to be affixed this 7th day of April, 2014.

K. Budget Revisions:

(1) Sheriff/LEO Special Separation Allowance

Revisions in the amount of \$32,721 to appropriate fund balance to increase Sheriff's contribution to the Law Enforcement Officers' Separation Allowance Fund to reflect the most recent actuarial estimate. (B14-309 and B14-309A) Funding Source – General Fund Fund Balance

(2) Soil and Water

Revision in the amount of \$5,904 to appropriate fund balance (\$1,960) to roll forward the net profit from fundraiser activities for FY2013 and to recognize FY2014 fundraiser revenues (\$3,944) received to date. (B14-311) Funding Source – Fundraisers

(3) Social Services/General Government Other

Revision in the amount of \$28,748 to reallocate budgeted expenditures in the amount of \$14,516 and budget additional state revenue in the amount of \$14,232 to implement the Income Maintenance Study for Social Services with the May 4, 2014 pay period. (B14-319 and B14-319A) Funding Source – Reallocation of Budgeted Expenditures and State

(4) Mental Health Other

Revision in the amount of \$25,000 to appropriate Mental Health Fund Balance to hire temporary staff to complete project of identifying client records formerly under Mental Health that have met the retention requirements for proper disposition. (B14-317) Funding Source – Mental Health Fund Balance

L. Consideration of Amendment to Transportation Enhancement Grant for Transportation Museum at Averasboro Battlefield

BACKGROUND:

On May 1, 2000, the Board of Commissioners approved the County's participation in a grant agreement among the County, the Averasboro Battlefield Commission, Inc., and NCDOT for the restoration or preservation of historic elements of the Battlefield. The Battlefield Commission agreed to provide matching funds and manage the project. The County obligated to assure that all grant requirements were met. Budget revisions B05-267 and B05-267A were approved on February 7, 2005 to establish a separate fund for the grant funds received for this project in prior years. In the fall of 2013, the Battlefield Commission reported that it could not complete the project. The County, the Battlefield Commission, NCDOT and the Federal Highway Administration have engaged in discussions since that time to resolve the issues created by non-completion.

The Supplemental Agreement was negotiated by the parties. The Supplemental Agreement changes the scope of the project from developing a transportation museum to developing a scenic byway through the Battlefield Site. The Battlefield Commission is obligated to sell the William Smith House through The Historic Preservation Foundation of North Carolina. The County is obligated to move the historic markers and prepare a driveway and parking site for the relocation of the markers. Bobby Howard has inspected the site and has determined that his crew can do this work. The County will remain obligated to maintain the marker site. If the terms of the Supplemental Agreement are met, the County will be relieved of any liability for the repayment of the grant funds.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION/PROPOSED ACTION:

County Manager and County Attorney recommend approval of the Supplemental Agreement.

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

Finance Committee voted to approve the amendment at its meeting held April 3, 2014.

MOTION: Commissioner Keefe moved to approve consent Items 2.A. – 2.L.
SECOND: Commissioner Edge
VOTE: UNANIMOUS (6-0)

ITEMS OF BUSINESS

3. Report on County Participation in Regional Transit Efforts

BACKGROUND:

Officials from the City of Fayetteville, Cumberland County, Hoke County, Harnett County, Hope Mills, Spring Lake and Fort Bragg have held meetings on January 8th, February 27th, and March 18th to discuss transit and the need for coordination of transportation services within Cumberland County and the region. The initial meeting in January led to the development of a task force consisting of staff members from the entities listed earlier. The meeting noted the need to review the current transit structure in our region and examine various means/methods for improvement in our current system.

The February meeting discussed the transit services already provided to residents in the region, the multiple providers of transit services, the menu of modes/services, and the funding trends in North Carolina at the federal and state level for transit services.

At the most recent meeting held in mid-March, the elected officials from various entities and staff members met with Mr. Dan Boyle from Dan Boyle and Associates, Inc. based in San Diego, California. Mr. Boyle has been hired by City of Fayetteville-FAST to assist in the review of the current transit system. The scope of Mr. Boyle's work includes providing a residential transit orientation index (RTOI) analysis, identifying transit options, and the costing of transit options.

The Board of Commissioners will receive a future update on this matter once we receive the results from Dan Boyle and Associates, Inc.

RECOMMENDATION/PROPOSED ACTION:

None at this time. This memorandum serves an update on the participation of Cumberland County in transit efforts.

Ms. Cannon recalled a press release on March 27th that discussed regional transit efforts and stated Chairman Council and county staff have been a part of these efforts. Ms. Cannon called on Quentin McPhatter, Assistant County Manager, who reviewed the background information as recorded above as an update on the county's participation in transit efforts.

Ms. Cannon explained step one is to look at other ways to better coordinate the different transportation services and better the delivery of services, and stated the county is currently involved in step one. Ms. Cannon stated the consultant Dan Boyle from Dan Boyle and Associates, Inc., will make a recommendation to the committee and the recommendation will be brought back to the full board as additional information.

4. Report on City/County Liaison Committee Items

BACKGROUND:

On March 20, 2014, City and County staff presented a Strategic Comparison report to the Fayetteville-Cumberland Liaison Committee on commonalities found between the City and County Strategic Plans. The study’s intent was to discover similarities in the two organizations’ stated goals in an effort to identify partnerships and strengthen relationships.

The Fayetteville-Cumberland Liaison Committee voted to bring the Strategic Comparison forward to the full boards as an informational item. The comparison report is recorded below.

RECOMMENDATION:

Materials are provided for informational purposes.

STRATEGIC COMPARISONS

MISSION	
<p>City of Fayetteville: The City government provides municipal services that enhance the quality of life and make Fayetteville a better place for all.</p> <p>The City Government is financially sound and provides a full range of quality municipal services that are valued by our customers and delivered by a dedicated workforce in a cost effective manner focused on customer service.</p> <p>The City strives for well-designed and well-maintained infrastructure and facilities.</p> <p>The City engages its residents and is recognized as a state and regional leader.</p>	<p>Cumberland County: To provide quality services to our citizens while being fiscally responsible.</p>
<p>Comparison:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quality services to citizens • Fiscal responsibility 	
VISION	
<p>City of Fayetteville: The City of Fayetteville is a great place to live with a choice of desirable, safe neighborhoods, a regional shopping destination, leisure opportunities for all and beauty by design.</p> <p>Our City has a vibrant downtown and major corridors, the Cape Fear River to enjoy, diverse cultures with a rich heritage, a strong local economy and beneficial military presence.</p> <p>Our City has unity of purpose and partners with engaged residents who have confidence in their local government.</p>	<p>Cumberland County: To grow as a regional destination for employment, economic development, commerce and cultural pursuits.</p>

<p>This creates a sustainable community with opportunities for individuals and families to thrive.</p>	
<p>Comparison:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional destination • Economic Development • Cultural Pursuits 	
<p>CORE VALUES</p>	
<p>City of Fayetteville: We, the Mayor, City Council, Managers, Supervisors and Employees serve with RESPECT R esponsibility E thics S tewardship P rofessionalism E ntrepreneurial Spirit C ommitment T eamwork to safeguard and enhance the public trust in City Government.</p>	<p>Cumberland County: Serving Cumberland County citizens with PRIDE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • P rofessionalism • R espect • I ntegrity with accountability • D iversity • E xcellent Customer Service <p>Recognizing that all people are different, we treat everyone with dignity and serve our diverse population with professionalism, respect, integrity, diversity and excellent customer service (PRIDE).</p>
<p>Comparison:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Both encompass attributes we want to see in our workforce and leaders: Respect, professionalism, integrity/ethics, responsibility/accountability, commitment/excellent customer service. 	
<p>SAFETY</p>	
<p>City of Fayetteville: The City of Fayetteville will be a safe and secure community.</p>	<p>Cumberland County: Ensure a safe and healthy community by providing needed services to our citizens in a timely manner.</p>
<p>Comparison:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Crime reduction; improve emergency and fire response (911), emergency management, court-related issues (pre-trial release, post-arrest, specialty courts). • Examples of collaboration - Participation in Safe Streets summit on April 11; studying red light camera program; discussing E911 consolidation. • County’s goal includes health initiatives 	
<p>ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT</p>	
<p>City of Fayetteville: The City of Fayetteville will have a strong, diverse and viable local economy.</p>	<p>Cumberland County: Promote economic development by creating and retaining jobs, and providing career opportunities, quality education, cultural and recreational services.</p>
<p>Comparison:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Corridors – Coliseum Overlay District for both City and County; Murchison Road for City • Economic development strategies • Partnerships with Alliance and organizations for job creation and retention • Homelessness - Community of Development/Continuum of Care (For County, this falls under healthy community goal) • Local Foods/Farmers Market • NOTE – County’s plan includes cultural and recreational services here 	
<p>INFRASTRUCTURE/BUILT ENVIRONMENT</p>	

<p>City of Fayetteville: The City of Fayetteville will be designed to include vibrant focal points, unique neighborhoods and high quality, effective infrastructure.</p>	<p>Cumberland County: Provide adequate infrastructure consistent with orderly growth of a dynamic county.</p>
<p>Comparison:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Effective zoning, land use, codes and inspections • Gateway and beautification efforts for corridors; blight • For the City, this also includes streets, sidewalks, storm water • For the County, this includes assessing the County’s space needs and developing a maintenance plan. 	
<p>COMMUNICATIONS</p>	
<p>City of Fayetteville: The City of Fayetteville will develop and maintain strong community connections.</p>	<p>Cumberland County: Educate, inform and engage employees, citizens, elected and appointed officials through effective and efficient communications.</p>
<p>Comparison:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Citizen Engagement • Communications Plans • Collaboration between governmental units – Joint City-County Committee • Citizens’ Academies • State Legislative Delegation meetings • Federal Advocacy Program (Note: For City, this falls under sustainable capacity goal.) 	
<p>ORGANIZATIONAL</p>	
<p>City of Fayetteville: The City of Fayetteville will have unity of purpose in its leadership and sustainable capacity within the organization.</p>	<p>Cumberland County: Employ motivated, professional and well-trained personnel who offer excellent customer service with PRIDE – Professionalism, Respect, Integrity with accountability, Diversity and Excellent Customer Service.</p>
<p>Comparison:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Excellent customer service • Human Resources • Technology, automation, service delivery • Citizen feedback on services, employee surveys • Service optimization and efficiencies • Strategic planning, organizational benchmarking and performance management • Federal Advocacy Program 	
<p>DESIRABLE PLACE TO LIVE, WORK AND RECREATE</p>	
<p>City of Fayetteville: The City of Fayetteville will be a highly desirable place to live, work and recreate with thriving neighborhoods and high quality of life for all residents.</p>	<p>Cumberland County: The City has six goals; the County has five. Quality of life issues fall under the following two goals. Promote economic development by creating and retaining jobs, and providing career opportunities, quality education, cultural and recreational services. Ensure a safe and healthy community by providing needed services to our citizens in a timely manner.</p>
<p>Comparison:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fayetteville-Cumberland Parks & Recreation, leisure and cultural • Solid waste, recycling, airport, transit • Leverage Cape Fear River 	

Sally Shutt, Public Information Director, reviewed the background information as recorded above and provided a brief overview of the Comparison Report.

5. Nominations to Boards and Committees
 - A. Adult Care Home Community Advisory Committee (1 Vacancy)
Commissioner Melvin nominated Donna Atkins.

6. Appointments to Boards and Committees
 - A. Cumberland County Workforce Development Board (1 Vacancy)
Private Sector Nominee: Rodney Anderson
 - B. Tourism Development Authority (1 Vacancy)
Hotel/Motel Over 100 Rooms Representative:
Nominee: Manish Mehta (Reappointment)

There being an equal number of vacancies and nominees,

MOTION: Commissioner Edge moved to appoint by acclamation the nominees to their respective positions.

SECOND: Commissioner Faircloth

VOTE: UNANIMOUS (6-0)

7. Closed Session
 - A. Confidential Matter(s)
Pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11(a)(1)
 - B. Attorney Client Matter(s) Pursuant to
NCGS 143-318.11(a)(3)
 - C. Economic Development Matters
Pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11(a)(4)
 - D. Personnel Matters Pursuant to
NCGS 143-318.11(a)(6)

MOTION: Commissioner Faircloth moved to go into closed session for Confidential Matter(s) Pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11(a)(1), Attorney/Client Matter(s) pursuant to NCGS §143-318.11(a)(3), Economic Development Matter(s) pursuant to NCGS §143-318.11(a)(4) and Personnel Matter(s) pursuant to NCGS §143-318.11(a)(6).

SECOND: Commissioner Keefe

VOTE: UNANIMOUS (6-0)

MOTION: Commissioner Keefe moved to reconvene in open session.

SECOND: Commissioner Melvin

VOTE: UNANIMOUS (6-0)

MOTION: Commissioner Keefe moved to adjourn.

SECOND: Commissioner Faircloth

VOTE: UNANIMOUS (6-0)

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:35 a.m.

Approved with/without revision:

Respectfully submitted,

Candice H. White
Clerk to the Board