

CUMBERLAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
FEBRUARY 4, 2014 – 6:00 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
Commissioner Jeannette Council, Chairman
James Lawson, Assistant County Manager
Quentin McPhatter, Assistant County Manager
Sally Shutt, Public Information Director
Jon Soles, Public Information Specialist
Brenda Jackson, Department of Social Services Director
Candice H. White, Clerk to the Board

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

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Commissioner Keefe called the meeting to order and thanked everyone for coming to the session. Commissioner Keefe reviewed the agenda for the meeting.

Commissioner Keefe introduced Chairman Council and asked all attendees to introduce themselves and indicate the board or commission on which they served.

2. IMPORTANCE OF APPOINTED BOARDS

Commissioner Keefe thanked board and commission members for serving their county government and being a voice for their fellow citizens. Commissioner Keefe provided the following list of county appointed boards and commissions. Commissioner Keefe stated there are 37 commissioner-appointed boards and commissions with more than 280 positions to fill:

- 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

Commissioner Keefe reviewed the county government organization chart and asked board and commission members to locate their board and note where it fit within the overall county government structure.

Commissioner 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. Commissioner 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. Commissioner 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.

Commissioner 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

Commissioner 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. UPDATE ON COUNTY INITIATIVES

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

- Detention Center Expansion was dedicated on February 3rd
- Mental Health Services
 - Community Mental Health Center at Cape Fear Valley
 - moved to 1742 Roxie Avenue
 - Crisis Evaluation Service to open there soon
- Department of Social Services
 - Dealing with the State's new NCFASST system and changes under the Affordable Care Act
 - County department has been training and preparing for this transition
- Cooperative Extension conducting a Farmers Market Study. Attendees can participate in an online survey.
- Job Fairs
 - March 12 – Headquarters Library
 - March 27 – Crown Expo Center

- CodeRED – free emergency notification service
- Board of Commissioners meetings are now streamed live

Brenda Jackson, Department of Social Services Director, provided a brief overview of NC FAST, the food and nutrition program formerly known as food stamps, challenges associated with implementing the new system and efforts underway to meet the USDA deadline.

4. STAYING CONNECTED

Sally Shutt, Public Information Director, summarized the handout of the 2013-2014 Strategic Plan as approved by the board of commissioners at its April 15, 2013 meeting. Ms. Shutt familiarized attendees with the county's website to include the location for the posting of news releases and departmental web pages. Ms. Shutt also provided an overview of how citizens can stay connected through Facebook, Twitter, YouTube and the county's television shows "Cumberland Matters" and "Cumberland Conversations".

5. QUESTION AND ANSWER PERIOD

Commissioner Keefe and Ms. Shutt responded to questions.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 7:30 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Candice H. White
Clerk to the Board