

CUMBERLAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MONDAY, APRIL 4, 2016 – 9:00 AM
117 DICK STREET, 1ST FLOOR, ROOM 118
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

PRESENT: Commissioner Marshall Faircloth, Chairman
Commissioner Glenn Adams, Vice Chairman
Commissioner Jeannette Council
Commissioner Kenneth Edge
Commissioner Jimmy Keefe
Commissioner Larry Lancaster
Amy Cannon, County Manager
Melissa Cardinali, Assistant County Manager
Tracy Jackson, Assistant County Manager
Rick Moorefield, County Attorney
Sally Shutt, Governmental Affairs Officer
Vicki Evans, Finance Director
Joe Utley, Tax Administrator
Jeffrey Brown, Engineering and Infrastructure Director
Brenda Jackson, Social Services Director
Austin Keating, Child Support Director
Lee Warren, Register of Deeds
Candice H. White, Clerk to the Board
Kellie Beam, Deputy Clerk to the Board
Press

ABSENT: Commissioner Charles Evans

Chairman Faircloth called the meeting to order.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Commissioner Keefe provided the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

Recognition of Retired County Employees:

Myrtle Aswell - Cumberland County Department of Social Services
Janine Breeden-Wilson - Cumberland County Department of Social Services
Julia Stancil - Cumberland County Department of Social Services

On behalf of the Board of Commissioners, Vice Chairman Adams recognized Janine Breeden-Wilson and Julia Stancil with plaques honoring their years of service with the Cumberland County Department of Social Services. Myrtle Aswell was unable to be present and Brenda Jackson, Social Services Director, and a former supervisor accepted the plaque on her behalf.

Theresa Renzi - Cumberland County Department of Public Health
Peggy Spencer - Cumberland County Detention Center
Pamela Stultz - Cumberland County Register of Deeds

On behalf of the Board of Commissioners, Commissioner Keefe recognized Peggy Spencer with a plaque honoring her years of service with the Cumberland County Detention Center and Pamela Stultz with a plaque honoring her years of service with the Cumberland County Register of Deeds. Theresa Renzi was unable to be present.

Recognition of Cooperative Extension Director Lisa Childers for receiving the Carol Birkhead Outstanding County Extension Director Award in recognition of her leadership, citizenship and contributions to the County.

Chairman Faircloth stated Cumberland County Cooperative Extension Director Lisa Childers received the Carol Birkhead Outstanding County Extension Director Award in recognition of her leadership, citizenship and contributions to the County. Chairman Faircloth stated the statewide award was presented to Ms.

Childers recently at the N.C. Cooperative Extension Annual Conference after she was nominated by her staff, peers, volunteers and County administration.

Chairman Faircloth stated the award was created in memory of former Hoke County Extension Director Carol Birckhead to honor directors for outstanding service and achievement. Chairman Faircloth stated in 2006, Childers received the Lois Brit Outstanding Extension Agent award while working as a family and consumer sciences agent in Harnett County.

Recognition of Cooperative Extension Livestock Agent Liz Lahti for receiving the Grange Search for Excellence Award for efforts to support the North Carolina Farm School and Military Farm School. Ms. Lahti was one of nine agents in the Cooperative Extension Services South Central District to receive this award.

Chairman Faircloth stated Cooperative Extension Livestock Agent Liz Lahti was one of nine agents in the Cooperative Extension Services South Central District to receive the Grange Search for Excellence Award for their efforts to support the N.C. Farm School and Military Farm School. Chairman Faircloth stated the Search for Excellence Award promotes and identifies professional excellence within all facets of the N.C. Cooperative Extension Service. Chairman Faircloth stated the N.C. Farm School is an outreach program for farmers or prospective farmers to teach them about farming, marketing and the business of farms. Chairman Faircloth stated the program also helps military veterans or those who are about to separate from military duty to enter agriculture.

1. Approval of Agenda

MOTION: Commissioner Edge moved to approve the agenda.
SECOND: Commissioner Adams
VOTE: UNANIMOUS (6-0)

2. Consent Agenda

- A. Approval of minutes of the March 21, 2016 regular meeting
- B. Approval of Health Department Delinquent Accounts to be Turned Over to the North Carolina Debt Set-Of Program

BACKGROUND:
At the Board of Health meeting on March 15, 2016, the Board approved writing off a total of \$44,121.46 as bad debts. The bad debt accounts with balances of \$50.00 or higher will be processed through the North Carolina Debt Set-Off Program. This program can attach a debtor’s State Income Tax refund for payment of bad debts. The accounts with balances under \$50.00 will continue to be worked for collection through in-house collection efforts. This write-off of bad debts is in compliance with the Board of Health’s recommendation to write-off bad debts every quarter.

RECOMMENDATION/PROPOSED ACTION:
Approve write off of \$44,121.46 bad debts to the North Carolina Debt Set-Off Program.

CUMBERLAND COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH DELINQUENT ACCOUNTS TO BE TURNED OVER FOR COLLECTION BAD DEBT WRITE OFF #45 December 31, 2015	
PROGRAM	AMOUNT
ADULT HEALTH	\$17,133.65
BCCCP	\$167.00
CHILD HEALTH	\$8,129.66
DENTAL	\$1,492.99
EXPRESS CARE	\$7,492.11

FAMILY PLANNING	\$3,075.97
MATERNITY	\$5,671.88
POST PARTUM	\$958.20
TOTAL	\$44,121.46

All bad debt accounts with balances of \$50.00 or higher, will be sent to the North Carolina Debt Set-Off Program, which can attach a debtor's State Income Tax Refund for payment of bad debts.
The above accounts are 90 days old or older as of 12/31/2015

- C. Approval of a Resolution to Support Cape Fear Valley Health System’s Effort to Secure Funding for the Establishment of a Residency Program for Up to 300 Residents

RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT CAPE FEAR VALLEY HEALTH SYSTEM’S EFFORT TO SECURE FUNDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A RESIDENCY PROGRAM FOR UP TO 300 RESIDENTS

WHEREAS, Cape Fear Valley Health System desires to establish a residency program and to train new physicians; and

WHEREAS, the goal of the residency program is to train more primary care physicians who will eventually practice in rural areas; and

WHEREAS, Cumberland County and the counties surrounding are significantly medically underserved; and

WHEREAS, attracting more physicians to rural areas not only benefits patients by providing citizens more access to medical care, but also local economies; and

WHEREAS, statistics show for every new primary care physician, six to seven new jobs are created; and

WHEREAS, those jobs generate \$300,000 in local, state and federal tax revenue each year.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cumberland County Board of Commissioners supports Cape Fear Valley Health System in its efforts to secure funding for the Residency Program at Cape Fear Valley Health Systems facilities.

Adopted this 4th day of April, 2016.

- D. Approval of a Proclamation Proclaiming April 2016 as “National County Government Month”

COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND NORTH CAROLINA

PROCLAMATION
National County Government Month - April 2016
“Safe and Secure Counties”

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, Cumberland County and all counties take pride in our responsibility to protect and enhance the health, well-being and safety of our residents in efficient and cost-effective ways; and

WHEREAS, through National Association of Counties (NACo) President Sallie Clark’s “Safe and Secure Counties” initiative, NACo is encouraging counties to focus on strengthening the safety and security of their communities; and

WHEREAS, in order to remain healthy, vibrant, safe, and economically competitive, America's counties provide public health, justice, emergency management and economic services that play a key role in everything from residents' daily health to disaster response; and

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

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners of Cumberland County do hereby proclaim April 2016 as National County Government Month and encourage all county officials, employees, schools and residents to participate in county government celebration activities.

Adopted this 4th day of April, 2016.

E. Approval of a Proclamation Recognizing April as "Fair Housing Month

BACKGROUND:

Enacted in 1968, the Fair Housing Act prohibits housing discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, sex and national origin. The Act was amended in 1988 to include familial status, families with children, and persons with disabilities.

April is National Fair Housing Month and the Cumberland County Community Development Department wants to make sure residents of Cumberland County are aware of and educated on the Fair Housing Law. Community Development's goal is that all citizens will receive fair treatment when looking for a home and to make housing choice a reality through fair housing planning.

To further promote Fair Housing Month, Community Development, in partnership with other agencies, will be presenting a free workshop to discuss tenants with disabilities. The workshop will be held on April 26, 2016 from 9:30 am – 12 pm at the Department of Social Services in Meeting Room C. This workshop is open to the public.

RECOMMENDATION AND PROPOSED ACTION:

Community Development recommends that the Board of Commissioners recognize April as Fair Housing Month in Cumberland County.

COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND

NORTH CAROLINA

**PROCLAMATION
FAIR HOUSING MONTH
April 2016**

WHEREAS, April 2016 marks the 48th anniversary of the passage of the Fair Housing Act of 1968 as amended; and

WHEREAS, this law, which sought to eliminate discrimination in housing opportunities and to affirmatively further housing choices for all Americans that housing throughout the United States, should be made available to all without regard to race, color, religion, gender, familial status, disability or national origin; and

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina is substantially equivalent to the Federal Fair Housing Law, and has enforcement powers to prosecute violators of said Law; and

WHEREAS, Cumberland County supports the efforts of local governments, fair housing organizations, concerned citizens and the housing industry to combat discrimination and illegal barriers to equal opportunity in housing, no matter how subtle; and strive to promote fair housing choice in Cumberland County, and promote understanding of the State and Federal Fair Housing Acts.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that in the pursuit of the shared goal, cooperation, commitment and responsibility of providing equal housing opportunities for all citizens, The Cumberland County Board of Commissioners does hereby join in the

national celebration by proclaiming April 2016 to be Fair Housing Month and encourages all agencies public and private, institutions and individuals, in Cumberland County, North Carolina to abide by the letter and the spirit of the Fair Housing Law for all people throughout the year.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of Cumberland County, North Carolina to be affixed this 4th day of April, 2016.

- F. Approval of a Proclamation Recognizing April 10-16, 2016 as “National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week in Cumberland County

COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND

NORTH CAROLINA

PROCLAMATION
National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week
April 10-16, 2016

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

WHEREAS, when an emergency occurs, the prompt response of law enforcement officers, firefighters and medical services personnel is critical to the protection of life and preservation of property; and

WHEREAS, the safety of our law enforcement officers and firefighters is dependent upon the quality and accuracy of information obtained from citizens who telephone the Cumberland County 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 law enforcement 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 Communications Center 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 Cumberland County Board of Commissioners declares the week of April 10-16, 2016 to be “NATIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY TELECOMMUNICATORS WEEK” in Cumberland County in honor of the men and women whose diligence and professionalism keep our County and citizens safe.

Adopted this 4th day of April, 2016.

- G. Budget Revisions:

(1) Child Support

Revision in the amount of \$6,180 to hire part-time person for the remainder of the fiscal year for document imaging due to the software conversion with Laserfische. Money is within their operating budget. (B16-223) Funding Source- Reallocation of Budgeted Expenditures

(2) Library – Raising a Reader

Revision in the amount of \$16,294 to increase budget due to additional funds from the state. Also adjusting salary and benefits

to reflect the correct budget with the pay periods. (B16-226)
Funding Source- State

(3) Engineering/Solid Waste

Revision in the amount of \$37,190 to reallocate salary and benefits from Engineering to Solid Waste to reflect additional area of responsibility. (B16-227 and B16-227A) Funding Source- Reallocation of Expenditures

MOTION: Commissioner Council moved to approve consent agenda items 2.A. – 2.G.(3).
SECOND: Commissioner Edge
VOTE: UNANIMOUS (6-0)

ITEMS OF BUSINESS

3. Nominations to Boards and Committees

A. Adult Care Home Community Advisory Committee (6 Vacancies)

Commissioner Council nominated Laura Hardy, Eva Moore, Gary Blackwell, Monica Russell, Dawn O'Donnell, and Lillie White.

B. Joint Senior Citizens Advisory Commission (2 Vacancies)

Commissioner Adams nominated Edna Cogdell and Willie F. Wright.

4. Appointments to Boards and Committees

A. Cumberland County Workforce Development Board (3 Vacancies)

Nominees:

Representative of Business: John Jones (Reappointment)

Representative of Workforce: Charlene Cross (Reappointment)

Representative of Education/Training: Pamela Gibson (Reappointment)

B. Equalization and Review Board (4 Vacancies)

Nominees:

Appraiser Position: Douglas Stephens III (Reappointment)

At-Large Position: Curtis Alexander
Harvey Raynor III (Reappointment)

Industrialist Position: William Holland (Reappointment)

C. Mid Carolina Aging Advisory Committee (1 Vacancy)

Nominee:

Veterans Hospital Representative: Synavia George

There being an equal number of vacancies and nominees,

MOTION: Commissioner Adams moved to appoint all nominees to their respective positions.
SECOND: Commissioner Edge
VOTE: UNANIMOUS (6-0)

MOTION: Commissioner Adams moved to adjourn.
SECOND: Commissioner Council
VOTE: UNANIMOUS (6-0)

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:21 a.m.

Approved with/without revision:

Respectfully submitted,

Candice H. White
Clerk to the Board