

CUMBERLAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MONDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2016 – 7:00 PM
FTCC TONY RAND STUDENT CENTER-2201 HULL ROAD
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

PRESENT: Commissioner Marshall Faircloth, Chairman
Commissioner Glenn Adams, Vice Chairman
Commissioner Jeannette Council
Commissioner Kenneth Edge
Commissioner Charles Evans
Commissioner Jimmy Keefe
Commissioner Larry Lancaster
Commissioner-Elect Michael Boose
Amy Cannon, County Manager
Melissa Cardinali, Assistant County Manager
Tracy Jackson, Assistant County Manager
Rick Moorefield, County Attorney
Candice H. White, Clerk to the Board
Kellie Beam, Deputy Clerk to the Board
Press

Chairman Faircloth called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone in attendance. Chairman Faircloth recognized elected officials in attendance.

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

1. Presentation to Outgoing Commissioner Kenneth S. Edge (16 Years of Service)

Chairman Faircloth presented a plaque to Commissioner Edge in recognition of his outstanding service to the citizens of Cumberland County as a member of the Board of Commissioners from December 4, 2000 to December 5, 2016. Chairman Faircloth highlighted his service as follows:

- First elected as a District 2 representative in 2000 and has been elected every four years since.
- Served three terms as the board’s chairman and vice chairman.
- In 2011, Mr. Edge was elected as president of the N. C. Association of County Commissioners.
- He also served on the National Association of Counties’ Health and Human Services Steering Committee and is a member of the National Association of Counties’ Finance Committee.
- He served on the Cumberland County Board of Education from 1994-2000 and was its chairman in 1996.
- He has served on the Alliance Behavioral Healthcare Board since the merger in 2013.

Chairman Faircloth stated Commissioner Edge also received the following awards:

- Inducted into the NCACC Hall of Fame in August 2016
- Received the Order of the Long Leaf Pine in 2015
- Received the M.H. “Jack” Brock Memorial Award in 2012 from the Mid-Carolina Council of Governments

Chairman Faircloth stated during Commissioner Edge’s sixteen year tenure, the following capital projects were either started or completed:

- Department of Social Services
- Animal Control
- Public Health Center
- Detention Center and the Expansion

And, the following interlocal agreements were developed:

- School Funding
- Sales Tax Distribution

Commissioner Edge recognized members of his family and thanked the citizens of Cumberland County for electing him to serve in the capacities in which he served over the years. Commissioner Edge also thanked the Board of Commissioners for helping him with his tenure on the National Association of Counties (NACo) and the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners (NCACC). Commissioner Edge stated serving the community and the County has been an honor and a privilege, and those he served with will always have a special place in his heart. Commissioner Edge thanked them for their support, patience, kindness and memories that that will be shared. Commissioner Edge stated he would like to especially thank his wife, Brenda Edge, and his family for their support throughout the years, and the many friends who helped him put out signs over the years. Commissioner Edge stated he treasures the relationships he has built over the years with those in elected office and the employees who work and have worked in the County. Commissioner Edge stated public service will continue to be a part of his life and he looks forward to the next adventure. Commissioner Edge stated he is proud to call everyone his friend and hopes God will bless all.

2. Chairman's Remarks

Chairman Faircloth stated it is traditional that the outgoing Chairman provides remarks about accomplishments during his tenure. Chairman Faircloth highlighted the Board of Commissioners' and County staff's accomplishments in 2016:

County Operations

- Interlocal agreement for the Sales Tax Distribution method was extended through June 30, 2019 between the County and the nine municipalities.
- Our outstanding Information Services Department was honored this year. The Center for Digital Government and the National Association of Counties recognized Cumberland County as one of the most technologically innovative counties in the nation. Cumberland County ranked fifth in the 250,000-499,999 population category.
- The Information Services Department is leading the Business Intelligence reviews for the county and also completed the Financial, Human Resources and Payroll software conversions.

Infrastructure

- Linden Little River Park Dedicated in August
- Southeast Cumberland Land Use Plan Approved in September
- Overhills Sewer Project

Health and Public Safety

- Hurricane Matthew Response and Recovery
- Joint 911 Committee is considering a location based on consultant's recommendation. The plan is to apply for state 911 grant.
- Misdemeanor Diversion Program kicked off in September.
- Cumberland and Hoke Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan adopted in June.
- Intergovernmental Support Agreement between the County and Fort Bragg for Animal Control Services was approved in February.

Economic Development

- Fayetteville Cumberland Economic Development Corporation CEDC was established and received a \$250,000 grant from the North Carolina General Assembly to boost entrepreneurship, create jobs and connect the region through a broadband network.
- Baseball Stadium – the County will be a contributor to this project.
- Cape Fear Valley Residency Program for up to 300 residents

Chairman Faircloth stated these accomplishments demonstrate that the Board of Commissioners and County staff have worked hard and will continue to work hard for the citizens of Cumberland County.

3. Administration of Oath of Office to:

A. Michael C. Boose by District Court Judge Lou Olivera

Commissioner-Elect Michael C. Boose was joined by his family as he took the oath of office administered by District Court Judge Lou Olivera.

B. W. Marshall Faircloth by Register of Deeds J. Lee Warren, Jr.

Commissioner-Elect W. Marshall Faircloth was joined by his family as he took the oath of office administered by Register of Deeds J. Lee Warren, Jr.

C. Jimmy Keefe by Superior Court Judge Claire Hill

Commissioner-Elect Jimmy Keefe was joined by his family as he took the oath of office administered by Superior Court Judge Claire Hill.

4. Election of Officers:

A. Chairman

MOTION: Commissioner Council moved to nominate Commissioner Adams as Chairman for 2017 and elect him by acclamation.

SECOND: Commissioner Evans

VOTE: UNANIMOUS (7-0)

B. Vice Chairman

MOTION: Commissioner Faircloth moved to nominate and appoint Commissioner Evans as Vice Chairman for 2017.

SECOND: Commissioner Council

MOTION: Commissioner Lancaster moved to nominate and appoint Commissioner Keefe as Vice Chairman for 2017.

SECOND: Commissioner Boose

VOTE FOR EVANS: PASSED (4-3) (Commissioners Faircloth, Adams, Council and Evans voted in favor; Commissioners Keefe, Lancaster and Boose voted in opposition)

VOTE FOR KEEFE: FAILED (3-4) (Commissioners Keefe, Lancaster and Boose voted in favor; Commissioners Faircloth, Adams, Council and Evans voted in opposition)

Chairman Adams congratulated Commissioner Evans on his election as Vice Chairman for 2017.

5. Presentation of Plaque to Outgoing Chairman

Chairman Adams presented a plaque to outgoing Chairman Faircloth in grateful appreciation of his leadership as Chairman of the Cumberland County Board of Commissioners from December 5, 2011 to December 3, 2012 and from December 7, 2015 to December 5, 2016. Chairman Adams also presented a gift to Commissioner Edge and his wife, Brenda Edge.

Chairman Adams thanked his fellow commissioners for entrusting him with the important position of chairman and stated he will serve the Board with dignity and integrity as it moves forward. Chairman Adams recognized the Fayetteville-Cumberland County Youth Council, an organization that was founded in order to connect the youth with their city and county officials in order to create an impactful change in the community, and stated they had been invited to serve as hosts for the evening. Chairman Adams also recognized Crystal Glover, advisor to the Fayetteville-Cumberland County Youth Council, and outlined some of the Council's accomplishments over the past two and one-half years to include being chartered as a North Carolina State Youth Council, attending several state level conferences through the Student Youth Council, hosting the first annual FCYC Glow-Run "A Race for the Change" and holding a "Kindness Matters" week in many of the public and private high schools in Fayetteville. Chairman Adams stated the FCYC will also host the State Youth Council Team Building and Leadership conference in Fayetteville and is the future of this community.

Chairman Adams recognized his pastor and church family. Chairman Adams introduced his wife, Superior Court Judge Gale Adams, and stated he would not be able to do what he does without her. Chairman Adams recognized other members of his family who were present.

Chairman Adams highlighted items on the Board of Commissioners' agenda for the upcoming year to include working with municipalities on a joint 911 center; completing Hurricane Matthew recovery; conducting a fair and transparent revaluation process; and selecting a Cumberland County Sheriff. Chairman Adams stated the Board of Commissioners will together, without doubt, make the best decisions for the community.

Chairman Adams stated the Board implemented a new Misdemeanor Diversion Program for youth and shall continue efforts to keep individuals out of the criminal justice system. Chairman Adams stated Cumberland County has demonstrated a strong commitment to diverting individuals with mental illness from the Detention Center to treatments through a range of initiatives to include specialty courts, a Crisis Intervention Team and a Structured Post-Booking Diversion program.

Chairman Adams stated much work remains to be done; last year the Board of Commissioners passed a resolution supporting the Stepping-Up initiative which is a campaign sponsored by the National Association of Counties (NACo) and others that is designed to keep individuals with mental illness out of jails throughout the U. S. Chairman Adams stated Cumberland County has formed a Stepping-Up Taskforce and in the coming months will explore avenues to decrease the number of persons with mental illness in the County's Detention Center. Chairman Adams stated he is looking forward to serving as chairman of the local taskforce and participating in the statewide Stepping-Up conference planned for May in Raleigh. Chairman Adams stated this is a lot to accomplish but he knows the Board of Commissioners and County staff will be successful in doing so.

Chairman Adams referenced a series of articles written about poverty in the community and stated his challenge to the Board and this community is to discuss and bring action to the issue of poverty because poverty involves everyone's lives. Chairman Adams stated it seeps into schools where children are unable to learn to their full potential; it seeps into the Department of Social Services with 800 to 1,000 children in foster care; it seeps into the Health Department with high rates of child death and child abuse, STDs, mental health and health issues; it seeps into the jails where huge numbers continue to be seen; and it seeps into the community with homelessness. Chairman Adams stated if we allow it to continue to seep, it will seep into our very souls. Chairman Adams stated the time is now; this has to stop. Chairman Adams stated this issue must be addressed head-on in the next year; we cannot and will not be afraid to be a great community.

Chairman Adams stated as the issue of poverty is discussed, the issue of the murder rate in our community must also be addressed. Chairman Adams stated 87 individuals sit in the County jail today charged with murder and a large number of those are black men killing black men. Chairman Adams stated we cannot put our heads in the sand and act like this is not a problem, and we must look beyond sex, race, political parties, poor, rich, young or old because this is our community and our home. Chairman Adams stated we will demand more, we will have great expectations, we will support a taskforce to address these issues and seek and find the answers as a community. Chairman Adams stated the solution will not occur during his time as chairman and will take a long time to accomplish. Chairman Adams extended an invitation to take a risk, join the taskforce and shift the atmosphere of Cumberland County.

6. Approval of Agenda

MOTION: Commissioner Lancaster moved to approve the agenda.
SECOND: Commissioner Council
VOTE: UNANIMOUS (7-0)

7. Consent Agenda

- A. Approval of Minutes for the November 7, 2016 and the November 21, 2016 Regular Meeting

B. Approval of Health Department Delinquent Accounts to be Turned Over to the N.C. Debt Set-Off Program

BACKGROUND:

At the Board of Health meeting on November 8, 2016, the Board approved writing off a total of \$17,300.89 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 our 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 \$17,300.89 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 #48
September 30, 2016

PROGRAM	AMOUNT
ADULT HEALTH CLINIC	\$6,731.41
CHILD HEALTH CLINIC	\$2,287.85
DENTAL HEALTH CLINIC	\$1,531.20
FAMILY PLANNING CLINIC	\$3,871.54
IMMUNIZATIONS	\$1,948.28
MATERNAL HEALTH CLINIC	\$930.61
TOTAL	\$17,300.89

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 06/30/2016

C. Approval of Public Official Bonds

BACKGROUND:

Pursuant to North Carolina General Statutes, the Board of Commissioners must approve bonds for selected officials at its first meeting in December.

RECOMMENDATION/PROPOSED ACTION:

Approve the bonds listed below.

<u>Name/Position</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Expires</u>	<u>Broker</u>	<u>Carrier</u>
Finance Officer (Vicki Evans – County of Cumberland)	\$100,000	Indefinite	Marsh	Ohio Casualty Ins. Co.
Finance Officer (Vicki Evans – Eastover Sanitary District)	\$ 50,000	Indefinite	Marsh	Ohio Casualty Ins. Co.
Finance Officer (Vicki Evans – Norcross Water and Sewer District)	\$ 50,000	Indefinite	Marsh	Ohio Casualty Ins. Co.
Finance Director (Vicki Evans – Tourism Development Authority)	\$ 50,000	Indefinite	Marsh	Ohio Casualty Ins. Co.

Accounting Supervisor (Robert Tucker – County of Cumberland)	\$ 50,000	Indefinite	Marsh	Ohio Casualty Ins. Co.
Deputy Finance Officer (Robert Tucker – Eastover Sanitary District)	\$ 20,000	Indefinite	Marsh	Ohio Casualty Ins. Co.
Register of Deeds (J. Lee Warren, Jr.)	\$ 25,000	Indefinite	Marsh	Ohio Casualty Ins. Co.
Tax Administrator (Joe Utley)	\$200,000	Indefinite	Marsh	Ohio Casualty Ins. Co.
Sheriff (Earl Butler)	\$ 25,000	12-03-18	Marsh	Ohio Casualty Ins. Co.
Sheriff’s Office (Chief Deputy Ennis Wright)	\$ 20,000	Indefinite	Marsh	Ohio Casualty Ins. Co.
Social Services (Brenda Reid Jackson)	\$ 20,000	Indefinite	Marsh	Ohio Casualty Ins. Co.
Community Development (Sylvia McLean)	\$ 20,000	Indefinite	Marsh	Ohio Casualty Ins. Co.

8. Budget Revisions:

General Fund 101

- 1) Public Health - Budget Ordinance Amendment B170633 to increase salary and benefits in the amount of \$4,025

The Board is requested to approve Budget Ordinance Amendment B170633 in the amount of \$4,025. The current employee in position 118002510 has met experience requirements as a fully qualified Public Health Nurse II. Based on current personnel policy the employee is entitled to a salary increase. This increase will be funded by through the contract with Cumberland County Schools. This contract currently funds the cost of ten Nurse II positions for 35 hours per week.

Please note this amendment requires no additional county funds.

- 2) Public Health - Budget Ordinance Amendment B170808 to recognize \$26,446 to purchase a vehicle

The Board is requested to approve Budget Ordinance Amendment B170808 in the amount of \$26,446. These funds will be used to purchase a replacement vehicle. The existing vehicle will be reassigned to Cooperative Extension.

Please note this amendment requires the use of Public Health fund balance.

NC Elderly Fund 277

- 3) Transportation - Budget Ordinance Amendment B170467 to recognize grant funds in the amount of \$150,000 from NC Department of Transportation

The Board is requested to approve Budget Ordinance Amendment B170467 in the amount of \$150,000 from the NC Department of Transportation. The grant will be used for a special a Comprehensive Multi-Modal Congestion Management Plan that will focus on the Town of Hope Mills.

Please note this amendment requires no additional county funds.

MOTION: Commissioner Evans moved to approve consent agenda items 7.A. – 7.C and budget revisions 8.1) – 8.3).
SECOND: Commissioner Council
VOTE: UNANIMOUS (7-0)

MOTION: Commissioner Council moved to adjourn.
SECOND: Commissioner Evans
VOTE: UNANIMOUS (7-0)

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Approved with/without revision:

Respectfully submitted,

Candice H. White
Clerk to the Board