CUMBERLAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2017 – 6:45 PM 117 DICK STREET, 1ST FLOOR, ROOM 118 REGULAR/REZONING MEETING MINUTES

PRESENT: Commissioner Glenn Adams, Chairman Commissioner Charles Evans, Vice Chairman **Commissioner Michael Boose Commissioner Jeannette Council Commissioner Marshall Faircloth Commissioner Jimmy Keefe** Commissioner Larry Lancaster Amy Cannon, County Manager Melissa Cardinali, Assistant County Manager Rick Moorefield, County Attorney Sally Shutt, Governmental Affairs Officer Vicki Evans, Finance Director Joe Utley, Tax Administrator Tom Lloyd, Planning and Inspections Director Patti Speicher, Planning and Inspections Department Scott Walters, Code Enforcement Manager Buck Wilson, Public Health Department Director Randy Beeman, Emergency Services Director Candice H. White, Clerk to the Board Kellie Beam, Deputy Clerk Press

Chairman Adams called the meeting to order and recognized Fayetteville City Council Member Kathy Jensen who was attending the meeting.

INVOCATION / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Faircloth provided the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag.

Chairman Adams introduced Fayetteville-Cumberland Youth Council members Josh Priebus, student at Cross Creek Early College; Josh Jensen, student at Pine Forest High School; and Louis Artis, student at Fayetteville Technical Community College.

Recognition of Cumberland County Indoor Track State Champions:

• Janay Hall, South View High School - Indoor Track State Champion – 1000-Meter Run

Chairman Adams recognized Janay Hall stating Janay is a senior at South View High School where she is in the International Baccalaureate Program. She is an active member of the National Honor Society and the Academy of Scholars. Over the summer, Janay volunteered at the Walker-Spivey Recreation Center. Janay's GPA is 5.0385. Janay has been doing cross country and track since her freshman year. She was All Conference and All 4A East Region in Cross Country during her sophomore, junior and senior campaigns. Janay has also earned All Conference in her freshman, sophomore and junior years of track and field. She garnered All Region status in track and field in her sophomore and junior years and looks forward to the opportunity to earn those awards one more time this spring. During the indoor track and field season of 2015, Janay earned All State honors for her part on the South View 3200 Meter Relay Team. Janay has had a great senior year, winning the individual title for Cross Country in the Mid-South Conference, being the 4A East Regional runner-up and is now the new 1000 meter 4A state champ for indoor track. Janay has signed her national letter of intent to run for North Carolina State University. Janay's parents are Dr. Andre Hall and Attorney Beth Hall. She is coached by Jesse Autry and Andre Hall.

• Jade Jordan, Pine Forest High School - Indoor Track State Champion - Long Jump

Chairman Adams recognized Jade Jordan by stating Jade came to Pine Forest High School as a freshman eager to perform well in track and field. As a freshman, she ran track for Southview High School and did very well. Jade has been very active in athletics, honors and volunteer services throughout her high school career. She is enrolled in honors chorus ACERS and in honors drama. She is also a member of Diamond Butterfly which supports at risk teenagers, breast cancer awareness and local community projects.

In her 9th grade year, Jade won the 300 Meter Hurdles at NCHSAA 4A East Regional. The same year she finished 2nd in the Long Jump with a jump of 17-36. Jade went on to New Balance Outdoor Nationals and won 1st place with a jump of 17-7. In her 10th grade year, Jade won the Mid-South Conference Track and Field Championships in the Long Jump. In her 11th grade year, Jade won Mid-South Conference, NCHSAA 4A East Regional and NCHSAA 4A State Championship in the Long Jump with a jump of 18-7.25. Now in her final year of high school, Jade is working even harder. She had elected to do Indoor Track alone while playing basketball. Jade finished 1st at the NCHSAA 4A Indoor State Championship Meet where she jumped 18-4.

Jade's additional accomplishments include Most Valuable Player 2014 and 2016 and All Conference 2014 in Track, and Most Valuable Player 2015 and 2016 in soccer. Jade has the support of both of her parents Mr. and Ms. Jordan, and Jade's Aunt Lenora McQuillan is one of her biggest supporters. Jade currently holds and has maintained a 3.5 gpa all four years of high school.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD (6:45 PM - 7:00 PM)

Amy Cannon, County Manager, read the public comment policy. Chairman Adams recognized the clerk to the board who called the following speakers:

Charles Matthews – Mr. Matthews thank county staff for looking at issues involved in the flooding of Big Cross Creek and stated the solution is to control the flow of water with the placement of a dam across the lake. Mr. Matthews stated prior to Hurricane Hugo, there was a dam across Rosa Lake. Mr. Matthews asked the Board to talk with the Fayetteville City Council at their next joint meeting and ask PWC to replace the dam that it breached. Mr. Matthews stated Rosa Lake could once again become a reservoir and provide a home for geese, and the headquarters library would not flood again.

Jerry Reinoehl – Mr. Reinoehl expressed concern for the possible forced annexation of Shaw Heights into the City of Fayetteville stating there has been no redevelopment plan drawn up or shown to the public to address the area annexation, to his knowledge none of the residents requested annexation, the 505 registered voters in the area will not be given an opportunity to vote on the annexation which will occur in 2018, annexation in 2018 will protect politicians at the county and state level who voted for the annexation and keep them safe from ballot box repudiation, property owners will be shocked when the \$5,000 sewer assessment letters arrive and when combined with the higher city and county tax rate, Shaw Heights residents may not want to become part of Fayetteville. Mr. Reinoehl recommended than any legislative action be deferred until citizens and taxpayers have seen and approved a detailed annexation plan because they have a right to be involved in their future.

1. Approval of Agenda

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

Chairman Adams called on Commissioner Boose who presented a proclamation to Phil Harris, Executive Director of the American Red Cross of Eastern North Carolina, recognizing March 2017 as American Red Cross Month in Cumberland County in celebration of its 100th year serving Cumberland County.

- 2. Consent Agenda
 - A. Approval of Minutes of the January 30, 2017 Special Meeting and the February 6, 2017 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 January 17, 2017, the Board approved writing off a total of \$28,894.02 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 \$28,894.02 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 #49 December 31, 2016

| PROGRAM | AMOUNT |
|------------------------|-------------|
| ADULT HEALTH CLINIC | \$8,518.32 |
| CHILD HEALTH CLINIC | \$8,884.45 |
| DENTAL HEALTH CLINIC | \$3,164.20 |
| FAMILY PLANNING CLINIC | \$4,656.70 |
| IMMUNIZATIONS | \$2,289.77 |
| MATERNAL HEALTH CLINIC | \$1,380.58 |
| TOTAL | \$28,894.02 |

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 09/30/2016

C. Approval of Reappointment of Tax Administrator

BACKGROUND:

On March 16, 2015, the County of Cumberland Board of Commissioners appointed Joe R. Utley, Jr. to the position of Tax Administrator effective April 1, 2015 through March 31, 2017.

At that time, Mr. Utley was required to obtain all certifications as outlined in the N.C. General Statutes for County Assessor within his first two years of appointment. Mr. Utley became a certified County Assessor effective April 7, 2016 fulfilling this obligation.

According to N.C. General Statute105-294(a), the Tax Administrator must be appointed for a term of no less than two years and no more than four years. Based on Mr. Utley's twenty years of experience with the County in the appraisal area and his leadership as Tax Administrator the past two years, it is recommended that Mr. Utley be reappointed to a four-year term.

RECOMMENDATION/PROPOSED ACTION:

Reappoint Mr. Joseph R. Utley, Jr. to the position of Tax Administrator for the period of April 1, 2017 through March 31, 2021.

D. Approval of Reclassification of a Cooperative Extension Service Administrative Position from a State "Send-In" Classification to its Original County Position Classification and Budget Ordinance Amendment B1790291

BACKGROUND:

Cooperative Extension Director Lisa Childers is requesting an existing Office Support Assistant V position currently classified as "send-in" to the State be reclassified as a full County position. This position was recently left vacant due to a retirement and Ms. Childers believes this is a good opportunity to reclassify the position from the State to the County. The "send-in" classification means that 100% of the position's salary and benefits are paid to the State by the County. Prior to 2011, this position was a County and not a State position, and it is the only remaining office support staff position that is not classified as a County position at Cooperative Extension. Ms. Childers believes that returning this position to the County classification will re-establish equity among the remaining Cooperative Extension positions and employees.

RECOMMENDATION/PROPOSED ACTION:

The Board is requested to approve Budget Amendment B170291 in the amount of \$15,628 to transfer funds from Contracted Services to Salaries. There are no additional funds required as the State previously drafted funding for this position for the Contracted Services Extension Agent expense line item.

E. Approval of Ordinance Assessing Property for the Cost of Demolition:

| 1) | Case Number: | MH 1391-2016 |
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| | Property Owner: | Linda Enlow Jackson |
| | Property Location: | 2519 Penny Drive, Fayetteville, NC |
| | Parcel Identification Number: | 0415-27-4122 |
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ORDINANCE ASSESSING PROPERTY FOR THE COSTS OF DEMOLITION OF A STRUCTURE PURSUANT TO THE MINIMUM HOUSING CODE OF CUMBERLAND COUNTY CASE NUMBER: MH 1391-2016 PROPERTY OWNER: Linda Enlow Jackson

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Cumberland County, North Carolina, on September 19, 2016, enacted an ordinance directing the demolition by the owner of the structure Linda Enlow Jackson, located at 2519 Penny Drive, Fayetteville NC, PIN: 0415-27-4122, said ordinance being recorded in Book 9957, page 339 of the Cumberland County Registry of Deeds;

WHEREAS, the time within which said demolition was to be performed has expired and the owner(s) failed to comply with the ordinance within such period; and

WHEREAS, the said ordinance further directed the Minimum Housing Inspector to effect the demolition of the structure(s) in the event the owner(s) failed to do so;

WHEREAS, the Minimum Housing Inspector has reported to this Board that:

(1) Said work had been accomplished.

(2) The cost of such work was $\frac{3,245.00}{2}$.

(3) There were no salable materials resulting from said work.

NOW THEREFORE, the above report coming on to be considered and the Board of County Commissioners find it to be a true and accurate accounting, the said Board hereby ORDAINS: (1) That the real property on which the work was performed be, and it hereby is, assessed in the amount of \$3,245.00, said sum being the unpaid balance of the cost of the work set forth in the Inspector's Report;

(2) That as provided in the Ordinance of Cumberland County dated <u>September 19, 2016</u> and in Section 153A-372 of the General Statutes of North Carolina, the amount of the foregoing assessment be, and hereby does constitute, a lien against the real property upon which such costs were incurred, such property being more particularly described as follows:

The structure and premises located at <u>2519 Penny Drive Fayetteville, NC</u>, as described in Deed Book <u>2708</u>, page <u>371</u>, of the Cumberland County Registry and identified in County tax records as PIN <u>0415-27-4122</u>

(3) That as further provided in Section 160A-443(6) of the General Statutes of North Carolina, such lien shall be filed, have the same priority, and be collected as the lien for special assessment provided in Article 10 of Chapter 160A of said General Statutes;

(4) That one copy of this resolution be filed in the minutes of this Board of County Commissioners and another copy certified and delivered by the Clerk as a charge to the Tax Collector, who shall thereupon enter the amount of the assessment set forth above upon the Tax Books of the County as a special assessment against the above described property.

F. Approval of a Resolution in Support of Funding to Meet the Mental Health, Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Use Disorder Service Needs of the Citizens of Cumberland County

Resolution in Support of Funding to Meet the Mental Health, Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities and Substance Use Disorder Service Needs of the Citizens of Cumberland County

WHEREAS, Cumberland County recognizes that with appropriate services and supports, individuals and families dealing with mental illness and substance use disorders can achieve recovery and that those with intellectual/developmental disabilities can live productive lives in our communities; and

WHEREAS, the resources needed for such services and supports is increasing due to North Carolina's increasing population; and

WHEREAS, Cumberland County is a member of Alliance Behavioral Healthcare, a public LME/MCO responsible for approximately 471,000 Medicaid covered and uninsured North Carolinians in need of services across four counties; and

WHEREAS, consistent with the expectations of the North Carolina General Assembly and the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services, Alliance's Board of Directors has developed and is implementing a comprehensive reinvestment plan benefiting the citizens of Cumberland County with service enhancements including housing initiatives and new evidenced-based and crisis services as part of a focused effort to reduce unnecessary emergency department admissions and to divert people from our criminal justice system; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina General Assembly has reduced State funding for behavioral health services by \$252 million, including \$26 million in funding to Alliance, over the past two years while requiring the LME/MCOs to continue providing the same level of services; and

WHEREAS, despite these significant budget reductions Alliance has continued serving the uninsured and underinsured using the remaining State funds and its savings intended to be used for its reinvestment plan; and

WHEREAS, such budget reductions over the past two years have had a substantial impact on Alliance and further reductions will restrict Alliance from improving or expanding services, such as rate increases for providers, establishment of new crisis

response facilities, and treatment for individuals with opioid use disorders, and will jeopardize services to uninsured and underinsured Cumberland County citizens; and

WHEREAS, Cumberland County has continued to fund Alliance with County dollars to supplement services to our residents, but we are concerned that additional reductions in behavioral health funding by the State may increase the need for the local allocation and place additional strain on other County services such as EMS, jails, and other social service resources.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that we, the Cumberland County Board of Commissioners, do hereby request that the North Carolina General Assembly:

- Restore Alliance Behavioral Healthcare's State single stream funding to at least the 2015 level for mental health, developmental disabilities and substance abuse services, without further reductions; and
- Allow Alliance Behavioral Healthcare to continue to utilize its savings to reinvest in enhanced, innovative services in our communities rather than mandating that such funds be used to replace previously reduced State funding.

Adopted this 20th day of February, 2017.

G. Approval of Proclamation Proclaiming March 2017 as "American Red Cross Month" in Cumberland County

COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND

NORTH CAROLINA

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, The American Red Cross Sandhills Chapter was established on April 26, 1917 in response to call from President Woodrow Wilson after the start of World War I to assist and comfort communities stricken by disasters large and small, and to help the able-bodied and disabled veterans and civilians overseas; AND

WHEREAS, The American Red Cross Sandhills Chapter provides services to local military personnel and their families, including 24-7 emergency messaging, assisting military members and their families through pre-deployment and postdeployment briefings and seminars ; AND

WHEREAS, The American Red Cross Sandhills Chapter continues to partner with city and county government and civic agencies to help ensure our communities are more ready and resilient in the face of future disasters: AND

WHEREAS, Each year the American Red Cross Sandhills Chapter provides shelter, clothing, food and counsel to hundreds of area families who experience a home fire or other disasters such as tornadoes and floods; AND

WHEREAS, The American Red Cross plays a vital role in relief operations by deploying volunteers to rebuild communities hit by disaster and by providing critical support and resources at home and across the Nation; AND

WHEREAS, Each year the American Red Cross Sandhills Chapter trains thousands of local citizens to lead safer and healthier lives through life-saving skills from swimming and life guarding to first aid, CPR and AED; AND

WHEREAS, Each year the American Red Cross Sandhills Chapter helps to collect, test and distribute thousands of life saying units of blood and blood products; AND

WHEREAS, Our County's leadership relies upon our citizens who are motivated to act by our common humanity. This month, let us come together to celebrate Cumberland County's spirit of generosity, and the dedicated individuals and organizations who keep that spirit alive. NOW THEREFORE, LET IT RESOLVED, that the Cumberland County Board of Commissioners hereby proclaims March 2017 as AMERICAN RED CROSS MONTH in Cumberland County and encourages all citizens to join in the observance.

Adopted this 20th day of February, 2017.

H. Approval of Proclamation Recognizing May 20, 2017 as the 100th Anniversary of the Beth Israel Congregation

COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND

NORTH CAROLINA

PROCLAMATION

100th ANNIVERSARY OF BETH ISRAEL CONGREGATION 1917 - 2017

WHEREAS, Beth Israel Congregation was founded and incorporated on May 11, 1917 in Fayetteville, North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, there has been a Jewish presence in Cumberland County for over 150 years; and

WHEREAS, the participation of Jewish citizens in every aspect of life in Cumberland County has enriched our culture immeasurable; and

WHEREAS, the many contributions of the Jewish community to our way of life in Cumberland County are recognized and deeply appreciated; and

WHEREAS, Beth Israel Congregation is celebrating the 100th anniversary of the Synagogue on May 20, 2017.

NOW, THEREFORE, We, the Cumberland County Board of Commissioners, do hereby recognize May 20, 2017 as the 100th anniversary of the BETH ISRAEL CONGREGATION in Cumberland County, North Carolina and extend best wishes to members of the congregation past and present who have generously contributed their time and talent to reach this landmark occasion.

Adopted this 20th day of February, 2017.

- I. Approval of the Cumberland County Finance Committee Report and Recommendations (for Information Purposes Only)
- J. Budget Revisions:

General Fund 101

1) Social Services - Budget Ordinance Amendment B170011 to recognize grant funds in the amount of \$25,000 from Casey Family Programs (CFP) for research and data analysis regarding foster children.

The Board is requested to approve Budget Ordinance Amendment B170011 in the amount of \$25,000 awarded by CFP, a nationally accredited non-profit corporation that engages states and counties involved in child welfare initiatives. These funds will be used to identify and analyze administrative data in order to understand why children come into care and to identify opportunities to prevent care or reduce the length of care.

Please note this amendment requires no additional county funds.

2) Public Health - Budget Ordinance Amendment B170240 to recognize grant funds in the amount of \$26,942 from the U.S. Department of

Agriculture (USDA), Food and Nutrition Services to be used for Women Infants and Children (WIC) programs.

The Board is requested to approve Budget Ordinance Amendment B170240 in the amount of \$26,942 awarded by the USDA Food and Nutrition Services. These funds will be used primarily for medical and educational supplies for the WIC – Client Services program.

Please note this amendment requires no additional county funds.

3) Public Health - Budget Ordinance Amendment B170236 to recognize state funds in the amount of \$193,806 to support the delivery of Public Health services.

The Board is requested to approve Budget Ordinance Amendment B170236 in the amount of \$193,806 received from the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services – Division of Public Health. These funds will be used to purchase medications, provide laboratory services and provide medical care to the citizens of Cumberland County.

Please note this amendment requires no additional county funds.

4) Public Health - Budget Ordinance Amendment B170199 to recognize Medicaid Cost Settlement funds of \$120,626 to upgrade the Health Department's Information Technology Infrastructure.

The Board is requested to approve Budget Ordinance Amendment B170199 in the amount of \$120,626 from Medicaid Cost Settlement funds received from NC Department of Health and Human Services – Division of Medical Assistance. These funds will be used to purchase additional computer hardware and software to increase storage capacity and operating efficiency of the Electronic Health Records software and Document Management System. Funds will also be used towards the implementation of the system improvements.

Please note this amendment requires no additional county funds.

5) Contingency Funds Report

There was no usage of contingency funds to report this period.

- K. Approval of the Endorsement of Legislation to Annex Shaw Heights into the City of Fayetteville and for a Resolution of Support to be Brought Back to the Board
- MOTION: Commissioner Lancaster moved to approve the consent agenda.
- SECOND: Commissioner Boose
- DISCUSSION: Commissioner Adams asked to add to the consent agenda a resolution in support of the delegation's annexation of Shaw Height's into the City of Fayetteville. Commissioner Keefe inquired regarding the resolution. Chairman Adams stated the resolution was to be drafted. Commissioner Keefe asked whether the addition to the consent agenda at this time was to endorse the idea of annexation. Chairman Adams concurred and stated the resolution would be brought back to the Board.
- AMENDED MOTION: Commissioner Lancaster move to approve the consent agenda with the addition of the endorsement of legislation to annex Shaw Heights into the City of Fayetteville with a resolution of support to be brought back to the Board.
- SECOND: Commissioner Boose

VOTE ON AMENDED MOTION: UNANIMOUS (7-0)

3. Public Hearings

Ms. Cannon asked to have public hearing Item 3.A. Case P17-06 changed to a contested rezoning case because an opponent signed up to speak, and to have public hearing Item 3.C. Case P17-05 changed to a uncontested rezoning case because no opponents signed up to speak. Consensus followed.

Ms. Cannon explained the Board of Commissioners' procedures for public hearings.

Contested Rezoning Case

A. Case P17-06: Rezoning of 43.23+/- acres from A1 Agricultural & CD Conservancy District to R30 Residential or to a more restrictive zoning district, located at 1440 Canady Pond Road, submitted by Charles T. Gardner (owner).

Planning Board Action:Approve the staff recommendation.Staff Recommendation:1st motion for Case P17-06: Move to find the
request for rezoning not consistent with the 2030
Growth Vision Plan or any other applicable land use
plan, but R40 and CD would be consistent and
reasonable and in the public interest for the reasons
stated in the recommendations of the Planning Staff.2nd motion for Case P17-06: Move to deny the

2nd motion for Case P17-06: Move to deny the rezoning for R30 Residential district and approve R40 & CD Conservancy for the SFHA.

Tom Lloyd, Planning and Inspections Director, stated the rezoning request was originally from A1 to R30 and the petitioner accepted the recommendation of R40. Mr. Lloyd showed vicinity maps and aerial views of the subject property, and provided overviews of the current land uses, current zonings, and surrounding land uses and zonings. Mr. Lloyd stated the soil is hydric and well and septic are available, and it is in a special hazard flood area and follows the CD line. Mr. Lloyd stated A1 allows 18 units and there will be a change in density under R40 to 40 lots or units, and the CD line should remain unchanged. Mr. Lloyd stated the Planning Board also considered the difference in uses allowed; A1 allows an amalgam of uses including single and double-wide manufactured homes and R40 allows only stick built homes with much fewer uses allowed under A1.

Chairman Adams opened the public hearing for Case P17-06.

The clerk to the board called the following speakers:

Charlie Gardner – Mr. Gardner appeared in favor as the petitioner/property owner's son and attorney and stated the plan for the property is high quality residential construction. Mr. Gardner stated R40 meets the area's needs, the petitioner's desire for the property, is consistent with the land use plan for the area and conservancy district. Mr. Gardner stated the plan is to install a single entrance to the proposed neighborhood off of Canady Pond Road so all access to individual lots will be served internally within the subdivision; it will have no impact on the highway or transportation improvement plans and internal access is a safer alternative than lots facing Canady Pond Road. Mr. Gardner stated the intent is to attract builders interested in constructing detached single family dwelling with a fair market value from \$250,000 to \$325,000 or more as the market dictates.

Charles T. Gardner – Mr. C.T. Gardner appeared in favor as the petitioner and stated construction will be fitting with the neighborhood emerging in the Gray's Creek area, a lot of people want to live there and it will increase the tax base for the county. Mr. Gardner stated growth is happening in that area which is natural in many communities, and in

speaking with many of the property owners, they feel the proposed construction will be fitting for the area.

Melvin Wilkins – Mr. Wilkins appeared in opposition and stated he lives on Canady Pond Road and his goal upon retiring from the military was to live somewhere away from the hustle and bustle. Mr. Wilkins stated it was quiet and a wooded area when he moved there and constructing 40 units on a small country road is not in harmony with the small community. Mr. Wilkins expressed concern for additional wells and septic in the area and the availability of water in ten years.

Chairman Adams closed the public hearing for Case P17-06.

Questions followed. Mr. Lloyd stated the growth plan calls for rural and conservation at this location and the property as currently zoned A1 would allow a mobile home subdivision and two acre lots. Chairman Adams stated during the hurricane, single access created problems for communities and asked that consideration be given to including a second similar access. Mr. Lloyd confirmed there was no opposition to this case at the meeting of the Planning Board.

- MOTION: Commissioner Council moved in Case P17-06 to find the request for rezoning not consistent with the 2030 Growth Vision Plan or any other applicable land use plan, but R40 and CD would be consistent and reasonable and in the public interest for the reasons stated in the recommendations of the Planning Staff.
- SECOND: Commissioner Lancaster
 VOTE: PASSED (6-1) (Commissioners Faircloth, Evans, Adams, Council, Lancaster and Boose voted in favor; Commissioner Keefe voted in opposition.)
- MOTION: Commissioner Council moved in Case P17-06 to deny the rezoning for R30 Residential district and approve R40 & CD Conservancy for the SFHA.
- SECOND: Commissioner Faircloth
- VOTE: UNANIMOUS (7-0)
- B. Case P17-04: Rezoning of 2.80+/- acres from R6A Residential to C(P) Planned Commercial, or to a more restrictive zoning district; located at the southwest quadrant of the NC HWY 295 Murchison Road off-ramp and NC HWY 210 (Murchison Road), north of Bernadine Street; submitted by Lateon Still (owner) and Lori Epler & Ralph Huff (agents).
 - Planning Board Action: 1st motion for Case P17-04: Move to find the request for rezoning consistent with the 2030 Growth Vision Plan, and any other applicable land use plan; however, the request is not reasonable or in the public interest considering all uses allowed within the C(P) district now that Murchison Road is a major gateway; amended staff recommendation of C2(P) is reasonable.

 2^{nd} motion for Case P17-04: Deny the staff recommendation for C(P) Planned Commercial and approve rezoning to C2(P) Planned Commercial.

3rd motion for Case P17-04: Send a strong recommendation that sewer be extended to make it economically feasible as a gateway community.

Staff Recommendation:

1st motion for Case P17-04: Move to find the request for rezoning consistent with the 2030 Growth Vision Plan, and any other applicable land use plan, reasonable and in the public interest for the reasons stated in the recommendations of the Planning Staff.

 2^{nd} motion for Case P17-04: Move to approve the rezoning for C(P) Planned Commercial district.

Mr. Lloyd showed vicinity maps and aerial views of the subject property, and provided overviews of the current land uses, current zonings, and surrounding land uses and zonings. Mr. Lloyd stated under the ordinance the extension of sewer is required if it is within 300 feet but in this case, sewer is 1,900 feet away and no extension will be required. Mr. Lloyd stated the property will be served by septic and water will be PWC. Mr. Lloyd stated planning staff originally recommended approval of C(P) but at the meeting of the Planning Board there was opposition to some of the uses such as bars and adult entertainment. Mr. Lloyd stated planning staff and the Planning Board subsequently recommended C2(P) to eliminate those uses and the petitioner agreed.

Chairman Adams opened the public hearing for Case P17-04.

The clerk to the board called the following speaker:

Ralph Huff – Mr. Huff appeared in favor and stated the location of the property off of 295 will be well suited for a hotel, he agreed to purchase the property conditioned on its being rezoned and he is fine with the recommendation for C2(P). Mr. Huff stated he had to consider uses that could be served by septic because the cost to bring sewer is \$200,000 plus \$400,000 for a lift station. Mr. Huff stated if the property is ultimately annexed into the city and PWC brings water and sewer to the site, he will pay the assessment. Mr. Huff stated there are eight substandard Section 8 units on the property and he will give the current owner as long as needed to relocate those individuals prior to closing on the property, clearing the property and grass and seeding it. Mr. Huff stated his hope is to help redevelopment of the Murchison Road corridor and therefore the city.

Chairman Adams closed the public hearing for Case P17-04.

- MOTION: Commissioner Keefe moved in Case P17-04 to find the request is consistent with the adopted comprehensive plan designated as the 2030 Growth Vision Plan which calls for urban development at this location, the request is also generally consistent with the Shaw Heights Land Use Plan which calls for commercial and open space development, and to further find that the rezoning is reasonable and in the public interest because the district requested for the subject property generally meets or exceeds the location criteria of the adopted Land Use Policies Plan in that public water required, PWC water is available, should have minimum direct access to a collector street, NC Hwy. 210 is a principal arterial street, may be collocated with light industrial/manufacturing uses and must be located on a sufficient site that provides adequate area for buffering, screening and landscaping.
- SECOND: Commissioner Boose
- DISCUSSION: Chairman Adams stated should there be annexation of the property into the City of Fayetteville, his hope is that there a plan for development to include water and sewer.
- VOTE: UNANIMOUS (7-0)

| MOTION: | Commissioner | Keefe | moved | in | Case | P17-04 | to | deny | the | staff |
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| | recommendation | n for C | (P) Plann | ed (| Comme | ercial and | app | prove r | ezoni | ng to |
| | C2(P) Planned (| Commei | cial. | | | | | | | |
| SECOND: | Commissioner (| Council | | | | | | | | |
| VOTE: | UNANIMOUS | (7-0) | | | | | | | | |

Uncontested Rezoning Case

C. Case P17-05: Rezoning of 74.46+/- acres from A1 Agricultural & CD Conservancy District to A1 Agricultural, or to a more restrictive zoning district, located at 1237 Joe Hall Road, submitted by Dick McInnis individually and on behalf of Ann McInnis and Josie Parnell (owners) and Tim Evans (agent).

Planning Board Action: Follow the staff recommendation.

Staff Recommendation: 1st motion for Case P17-05: Move to find the request for rezoning consistent with the 2030 Growth Vision Plan, and any other applicable land use plan, reasonable and in the public interest for the reasons stated in the recommendations of the Planning Staff.

2nd motion for Case P17-05: Move to approve the rezoning for A1 Agricultural except that area located within the SFHA should be rezoned to CD Conservancy District.

Mr. Lloyd stated there is no opposition to the request to rezone from A1 and CD to A1 and an adjustment to the CD line. Mr. Lloyd stated the adjustment will not allow any more units but will allow all units to be used towards density.

Chairman Adams opened the public hearing for Case P17-05.

The clerk to the board advised there were no speakers for Case P17-05.

Chairman Adams closed the public hearing for Case P17-05.

| MOTION: | Commissioner Faircloth moved in Case P17-05 to find the request for rezoning consistent with the 2030 Growth Vision Plan, and any other applicable land use plan, reasonable and in the public interest for the reasons stated in the recommendations of the Planning Staff. |
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| SECOND: VOTE: | Commissioner Boose UNANIMOUS (7-0) |
| VOIE. | ONANIMOUS(7-0) |
| MOTION: | Commissioner Faircloth moved in Case P17-05 to approve the rezoning for A1 Agricultural except that area located within the SFHA should be rezoned to CD Conservancy District. |
| SECOND: VOTE: | Commissioner Boose UNANIMOUS (7-0) |

<u>Minimum Housing Code Enforcement</u> The clerk to the board administered an oath to Scott Walters, Code Enforcement Manager.

| D. | Case Number: | MH 1467-2016 |
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| | Property Owner: | Mary L. Cockrell |
| | Property Location: | 1230 Shaw Road, Fayetteville, NC |
| | Parcel Identification Number: | 0419-84-3046 |

AFFIDAVIT OF THE HOUSING INSPECTOR'S REPORT BEFORE THE BOARD OF CUMBERLAND COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

I, George Hatcher, Inspector for the County of Cumberland Inspection Department, acting in my official capacity, being duly sworn, depose and say:

BACKGROUND: That the following is a report on case number MH 1467-2016.

Property Owner: Mary L. Cockrell Home Owner: Mary L. Cockrell Property Address: 1230 Shaw Road, Fayetteville, NC Tax Parcel Identification Number: 0419-84-3046

SYNOPSIS: This property was inspected on 6/14/2016. The property owner and parties of interest were legally served with the Notice of Violations and were afforded a Hearing on 7/21/2016. Mary Cockrell attended the Hearing. It was ordered that the structure be repaired to a minimum standard for human habitation, or be demolished and the debris removed from the premises no later than 08/21/2016. The property owner and parties of interest were notified of the appeal procedures when they were served with the Findings of Fact and Order. No Appeal was filed. Upon my visit to the property on 02/08/2017, the required corrective action has not been made to the structure. The structure is presently vacant and unsecured. In its present state, this structure constitutes a fire, health, and safety hazard. The estimated cost to repair this structure to a minimum standard for human habitation is \$80,556.00. The Assessor for Cumberland County has this structure presently valued at \$0.00.

RECOMMENDATION: IT IS THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE PLANNING & INSPECTION DEPARTMENT THAT THE STRUCTURE BE DEMOLISHED, AND THE DEBRIS REMOVED FROM THE LOT.

Mr. Walters stated the structure is dilapidated, there is debris around the structure although the property owner has made some progress removing the debris, the structure has been vandalized and electrical and plumbing have been removed from the structure. Mr. Walters stated an order for demolition is being sought.

This is the duly advertised/noticed public hearing set for this date and time.

Chairman Adams opened the public hearing.

The clerk to the board called the following speaker:

Mary L. Cockrell – Ms. Cockrell appeared in opposition and after being sworn in, stated when she received the first letter last year, her older sister had received word that her cancer was terminal and she passed away the first of June, and at the same time her son who helped her with rental property was sick and hospitalized. Ms. Cockrell stated she was working to clean up the outside of the property but did not comprehend that she also had to work on the inside as well. Ms. Cockrell stated she became ill while cleaning up the outside of the property and was taken to the hospital by ambulance. Ms. Cockrell stated he son passed away October 1 and in December she returned to the hospital because of all the stress. Ms. Cockrell stated she thought the City of Fayetteville and Ft. Bragg were going to buy up all of Shaw Heights as appeared in the paper and she was hoping to sell all of her rental property. Ms. Cockrell stated she called Mr. Hatcher on Thursday to let him know the yards had been cleaned up and asked him to come out, but Mr. Hatcher stated it was too late because recommendation was to demolish the structure. Ms. Cockrell stated she was in shock and asked why, and was told it was too late. Ms. Cockrell stated she received a card in the mail and has someone to buy the house "as is", but she does not know whether she wants to sell or fix up the inside because she does not know how much it will cost. Ms. Cockrell stated she would like extra time to find how it will cost to repair or sell as is.

Chairman Adams closed the public hearing.

Commissioner Boose asked Mr. Walters how much time Ms. Cockrell asked for. Mr. Walters stated this was the first time he has had a conversation with Ms. Cockrell and he did not know. Mr. Walters stated time is given to people if it is known they are working on the property, but Ms. Cockrell did not give him a timeline when he asked her. Commissioner Boose asked Ms. Cockrell about a timeline and she stated she would like three to six months to see if she can sell the property or fix it up if that is what she decides to do. Commissioner Keefe offered his sympathy to Ms. Cockrell and asked Ms. Cockrell whether she was aware the cost to bring the house up to code would be about \$80,000. Commissioner Keefe also asked Ms. Cockrell whether she had taken into consideration that the property may have more value without a structure on it as opposed to trying to rehabilitate at a cost of \$80,000. Ms. Cockrell stated she did not realize it would be that expensive and she has been through so much this past year, she has not had time to think. Ms. Cockrell stated she never dreamed anyone would tear her house down and she really never really thought about it. Commissioner Keefe stated the Board is very compassionate but she may not get what she wants if she tries to sell the property in sixty days with repairs at \$80,000 or tries to sell the property for someone to tear down the structure. Ms. Cockrell stated she did not think the outside was that bad, but it would have to have the plumbing and electric replaced. Ms. Cockrell stated she has workers that can do painting but not electric work. Ms. Cockrell stated she does not know if she wants to go that route because she hasn't had time to talk to anyone about the property, but she would like to have time to talk to someone and get advice.

Commissioner Keefe inquired regarding options before the Board. Mr. Walters stated although the timeframe it is up to the Board, if progress begins to be made and continues, his staff will work with anyone. Commissioner Council offered her sympathy to Ms. Cockrell and stated she is willing to offer a motion for four months to give her time to settle her nerves and think through what she needs to do. Commissioner Council strongly urged Ms. Cockrell to consider the fact that pouring \$70,000 to \$80,000 into the property might not be worth it or make common sense, and stated she might be better off looking at another option. Commissioner Faircloth stated he was thinking along the same lines as Commissioner Council and asked staff if the property could be secured so it would not be occupied by vagrants. Ms. Cockrell stated she thought it was secured but people find a way in. Mr. Walters stated the property can be secured as long as the property owner makes it happen. Ms. Cockrell asked whether she could get someone to tear the property down if she decides to tear it down without having to pay the county. Chairman Adams stated if the motion is to give her additional time, she could certainly tear it down. Chairman Adams encouraged Ms. Cockrell to get quotes and talk with some of her friends and neighbors to get someone to guide her through the process. Chairman Adams also encouraged Ms. Cockrell not to try to do it herself and seek counsel, particularly in light of the climate created by the hurricane. Commissioner Council stated her motion for four months would give Ms. Cockrell one year from the first time she was notified, which should give her time to think things through. Commissioner Council asked Ms. Cockrell whether she was agreeable before she makes the motion. Ms. Cockrell stated she does not really know when she was first notified because she does not have her letter and thanked the Board.

MOTION: Commissioner Council moved to adopt the order and report of the Minimum Housing Inspector as the true facts in this case; to order the property owner to remove or demolish the dwelling within 120 days; to order the Inspector to remove or demolish the dwelling if the owner fails to do so and impose a lien on the real property for the cost of such action; and to direct the clerk to incorporate the foregoing findings and orders in an ordinance certified by the Chairman and record the same in the Register of Deeds, and to further order that the property owner secure the property as soon as possible.
 SECOND: Commissioner Boose

VOTE: UNANIMOUS (7-0)

E. Case Number: Property Owner: Property Location: Parcel Identification Number: MH 1634-2016 Tanisha S. Jordan 7332 Bronstein Drive, Parkton, NC 9493-35-9087

AFFIDAVIT OF THE HOUSING INSPECTOR'S REPORT BEFORE THE BOARD OF CUMBERLAND COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

I, George Hatcher, Inspector for the County of Cumberland Inspection Department, acting in my official capacity, being duly sworn, depose and say:

BACKGROUND: That the following is a report on case number MH 1634-2016.

Property Owner: Tanisha S. Jordan Home Owner: Tanisha S. Jordan Property Address: 7332 Bronstein Drive, Parkton, NC Tax Parcel Identification Number: 9493-35-9087

SYNOPSIS: This property was inspected on 12/1/2016. The property owner and parties of interest were legally served with the Notice of Violations and were afforded a Hearing on 1/6/2017. No one attended the Hearing. It was ordered that the structure be repaired to a minimum standard for human habitation, or be demolished and the debris removed from the premises no later than 02/06/2017. The property owner and parties of interest were notified of the appeal procedures when they were served with the Findings of Fact and Order. No Appeal was filed. Upon my visit to the property on 02/08/2017, the required corrective action has not been made to the structure. The structure is presently vacant and unsecured. In its present state, this structure constitutes a fire, health, and safety hazard. The estimated cost to repair this structure to a minimum standard for human habitation is \$76,900.00. The Assessor for Cumberland County has this structure presently valued at \$2,000.00 for salvageable materials.

RECOMMENDATION: IT IS THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE PLANNING & INSPECTION DEPARTMENT THAT THE STRUCTURE BE DEMOLISHED, AND THE DEBRIS REMOVED FROM THE LOT.

Mr. Walters stated this case involves a manufactured home that has been vandalized and he believes there have been problems with vagrants and other illegal activity on the property. Mr. Walters stated request is for an order to demolish.

This is the duly advertised/noticed public hearing set for this date and time.

Chairman Adams opened the public hearing.

The clerk to the board advised there were no speakers.

Chairman Adams closed the public hearing.

Commissioner Keefe noted the address of record was California and asked whether there was an acknowledgement that the property owner received the notice. Mr. Walters stated the property was posted and notice was sent by certified mail and first class mail. Mr. Walters stated the first class mail did not come back. Chairman Adams asked whether any work was done on the property and noted a Sheriff's Deputy was shown on the property. Mr. Walters stated there have been problems with gang activity or other illegal activity on the property. Mr. Walters stated there is a signed delivery for the certified mail with a date of February 3. Commissioner Council asked whether this was reported by the Sheriff's Office. Mr. Walters stated it may have been, but he is not sure. Mr. Walters stated the Sheriff's Office has been to the property with the inspectors, and he has been told by the inspector there have been issues with vagrancy and gang or other illegal activity which was likely reported to the Sheriff's Deputy that was out there. Chairman Adams asked Mr. Walters whether he had had contact with the property owner or anyone with regard to this. Mr. Walters responded not to his knowledge.

| MOTION: | Commissioner Lancaster moved to adopt the order and report of the Minimum Housing Inspector as the true facts in this case; to order the property owner to remove or demolish the dwelling within 60 days; to order the Inspector to remove or demolish the dwelling if the owner fails to do so and impose a lien on the real property for the cost of such action; and to direct the clerk to incorporate the foregoing findings and orders in an ordinance certified by the Chairman and record the same in the Register of Deeds. |
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SECOND: Commissioner Faircloth VOTE: UNANIMOUS (7-0)

F. Case Number: Property Owner: Property Location: Parcel Identification Number:

MH 1311-2016 Grady C. & Patricia A. Elliot 7647 Dunn Road, Godwin, NC 0581-37-0916

AFFIDAVIT OF THE HOUSING INSPECTOR'S REPORT BEFORE THE BOARD OF CUMBERLAND COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

I, George Hatcher, Inspector for the County of Cumberland Inspection Department, acting in my official capacity, being duly sworn, depose and say:

BACKGROUND: That the following is a report on case number MH 1311-2016.

Property Owner: Grady C. & Patricia A. Elliot Home Owner: Grady C. & Patricia A. Elliott Property Address: 7647 Dunn Road, Godwin, NC Tax Parcel Identification Number: 0581-37-0916

SYNOPSIS: This property was inspected on 1/25/2016. The property owner and parties of interest were legally served with the Notice of Violations and were afforded a Hearing on 2/25/2016. No one attended the Hearing. It was ordered that the structure be repaired to a minimum standard for human habitation, or be demolished and the debris removed from the premises no later than 3/29/2016. The property owner and parties of interest were notified of the appeal procedures when they were served with the Findings of Fact and Order. No Appeal was filed. Upon my visit to the property on 02/08/2017, the required corrective action has not been made to the structure. The structure is presently vacant and unsecured. In its present state, this structure constitutes a fire, health, and safety hazard. The estimated cost to repair this structure to a minimum standard for human habitation is \$82,320.00. The Assessor for Cumberland County has this structure presently valued at \$500.00.

RECOMMENDATION: IT IS THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE PLANNING & INSPECTION DEPARTMENT THAT THE STRUCTURE BE DEMOLISHED, AND THE DEBRIS REMOVED FROM THE LOT.

Mr. Walters stated this is a dilapidated manufactured home with debris on the property. Mr. Walters stated he spoke with the property owner who came to his office several months ago and told him he was attempting to sell the property. Mr. Walters stated there has been no contact with him since that time and he believes he lived in South Carolina at that time. Mr. Walters stated the property is unsecured and request is for an order to demolish the structure. Commissioner Boose asked whether there were signs on the property, such as sale by owner or a realty sale sign. Mr. Walters stated there were no signs and the property owner told him his neighbor was interested in buying the property at that time. Commissioner Boose asked whether it was just the structure. Mr. Walters stated it was the structure and perhaps an acre of property. Commissioner Keefe stated this case started 14 months ago and is obviously in dilapidated condition. Mr. Walters stated he tried to work with the property owner and give him 60 to 90 days which is why it has drug on so long. Mr. Walters stated several attempts have been made to contact the property owner since he came to his office to see what his plans were in an effort to work with him.

This is the duly advertised/noticed public hearing set for this date and time.

Chairman Adams opened the public hearing.

The clerk to the board advised there were no speakers.

Chairman Adams closed the public hearing.

MOTION: Commissioner Faircloth moved to adopt the order and report of the Minimum Housing Inspector as the true facts in this case; to order the property owner to remove or demolish the dwelling within 30 days; to order the Inspector to remove or demolish the dwelling if the owner fails to do so and impose a lien on the real property for the cost of such action; and to direct the clerk to incorporate the foregoing findings and orders in an ordinance certified by the Chairman and record the same in the Register of Deeds.

SECOND: Commissioner Lancaster VOTE: UNANIMOUS (7-0)

| G. | Case Number: | MH 1608-2016 |
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| | Property Owner: | Maria E. Eppler |
| | Property Location: | 2524 Pinnacle Drive, Fayetteville, NC |
| | Parcel Identification Number: | 0415-56-1230 |

AFFIDAVIT OF THE HOUSING INSPECTOR'S REPORT BEFORE THE BOARD OF CUMBERLAND COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

I, Brian Holder, Inspector for the County of Cumberland Inspection Department, acting in my official capacity, being duly sworn, depose and say:

BACKGROUND: That the following is a report on Minimum Housing case number MH 1608-2016.

Property Owner:Maria E. EpplerHome Owner:Maria E. EpplerProperty Address:2524 Pinnacle Drive, Fayetteville, NCTax Parcel Identification Number:0415-56-1230

SYNOPSIS: This property was inspected on 10/19/2016. The property owner and parties of interest were legally served with Notice of Violations and were afforded a Hearing on 12/1/2016. Katherine Eppler attended the Hearing. It was ordered that the structure be repaired to a minimum standard for human habitation, or be demolished and the debris removed from the premises by a date not later than 1/6/2017. The property owners and parties of interest were notified of the appeal procedures when they were served with the Findings of Fact and Order. No appeal was filed. Upon my visit to the property on 2/8/2017, no corrective action has been made to the structure. The structure is presently vacant and unsecured. In its present state, this structure constitutes a fire, health, and safety hazard.

The estimated cost to repair the structure to a minimum standard for human habitation is \$35,672. The Assessor for Cumberland County has the structure presently valued at \$2,500.00.

RECOMMENDATION: IT IS THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE PLANNING & INSPECTION DEPARTMENT THAT THE STRUCTURE BE DEMOLISHED, AND THE DEBRIS REMOVED FROM THE LOT.

Mr. Walters stated this is a single wide manufactured home that is dilapidated and unsecured, and there has been no contact from the property owner. Mr. Walters stated request is for an order for demolition.

This is the duly advertised/noticed public hearing set for this date and time.

Chairman Adams opened the public hearing.

The clerk to the board advised there were no speakers.

Chairman Adams closed the public hearing.

- MOTION: Commissioner Faircloth moved to adopt the order and report of the Minimum Housing Inspector as the true facts in this case; to order the property owner to remove or demolish the dwelling within 30 days; to order the Inspector to remove or demolish the dwelling if the owner fails to do so and impose a lien on the real property for the cost of such action; and to direct the clerk to incorporate the foregoing findings and orders in an ordinance certified by the Chairman and record the same in the Register of Deeds.
- SECOND: Commissioner Keefe
- DISCUSSION: Commissioner Boose asked how long this has been going on. Commissioner Council responded since October. Commissioner Boose asked whether notice has been sent and the property owner failed to respond. Mr. Walters stated the property was posted and the notice was sent by certified mail, and there has been no response.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS (7-0)

ITEMS OF BUSINESS

4. Consideration of Reactivating the Public Safety Task Force

BACKGROUND:

In 2008, concerns about fire department funding spurred the creation of a Public Safety Task Force that was formed to take a comprehensive look at public safety response within Cumberland County and craft a plan that would ultimately be recommended to the Board of Commissioners for implementation over time. This plan included municipal and volunteer fire departments, ambulance service (EMS) and 911 communications. In February of 2010, the Task Force presented the following recommendations:

- Creation of a new revenue source earmarked for Public Safety
- Establishing a permanent Public Safety Commission to develop a system-wide, long-range strategy for funding requests
- Adoption of nationally recognized standards for all fire departments
- Creation of a consolidated 911 center with standardized operations and protocols
- Consolidation of fire code inspections & enforcement and Emergency Management

Concerns about the potential impact of the 2016 Tax Revaluation and ongoing funding struggles in rural fire departments have brought to light the need for the County to institute the Public Safety Task Force. The Task Force will evaluate the status of prior recommendations and make new recommendations that will lead to short- and long-term improvements in emergency services. One of the immediate goals of the Task Force will be to present findings and recommendations to the Board of Commissioners for the Fiscal Year 2018 budget planning process.

RECOMMENDATION/PROPOSED ACTION:

- 1. Institute the Public Safety Task Force using the scope of work, deliverables, and timeframe shown in Attachment 1.
- 2. Approve the make-up of the Task Force shown in Attachment 2.

2017 Cumberland County Public Safety Task Force FIRE - EMS - 911

Scope of Work

- 1. Review the February 2010 Report and determine which recommendations have been accomplished and which recommendations remain unfulfilled (do this prior to the first meeting of the new group).
- 2. Include new representatives from local agencies and add new agencies and representatives.
 - a) Recommend appointing three representatives from the Fire Association with one of those being a representative from a low-wealth fire department and one being the President of the Fire Association (see suggested representation in Attachment 2 below)
- 3. Meet regularly between late February and early May 2017 in order to:
 - a. Reevaluate any recommendations that went unfulfilled
 - b. Define any existing deficiencies
 - c. Develop updated recommendations based upon a review of old, unfulfilled recommendations and any identified deficiencies
 - d. Develop and present an action plan that will address updated recommendations

Deliverables

- 1. List of recommendations that have been fulfilled/unfulfilled
- 2. New, updated recommendations
- 3. Action Plan for accomplishing recommendations with a time-frame where applicable

Time Frame

3 months (March, April, & May) to bring forward recommendations for the FY18 Budget

ATTACHMENT 2

Composition of the 2017 Cumberland County Public Safety Task Force

| Organization: | Representation by: |
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| Fire Service (appointed by the Cumberland County Fire Chief's Association) | Fire Association President Low Wealth Fire Department Non-Low Wealth Fire Department |
| EMS | Cape Fear Valley Hospital System EMS |
| City of Fayetteville | Fayetteville Fire Department |
| Town of Hope Mills | Hope Mills Fire Department |
| Town of Spring Lake | Spring Lake Fire Department |
| Cumberland County | Cumberland County Emergency Services |
| Support Staff/Facilitators from Cumberland County | Asst. County Manager Government Affairs Officer Emergency Services Staff |

One member from each organization except as noted below:

Ms. Cannon stated Assistant County Manager Tracy Jackson and Emergency Services Director Randy Beeman worked on this item to reactivate the Public Safety Task Force. Ms. Cannon stated Mr. Jackson is under the weather so she and Mr. Beeman are available to respond to Ms. Cannon reviewed the background information, attachments questions. and recommendation/proposed action recorded above. Chairman Adams asked how the members of the task force were chosen. Ms. Cannon stated members were selected by the Cumberland County Fire Chief's Association.

Chairman Adams asked whether citizens were on the task force. Ms. Cannon stated what has been presented does not include any citizen representation. Chairman Adams asked whether the task force was created by the Board of Commissioners and whether the Board could add additional slots. Ms. Cannon responded in the affirmative. Commissioner Council stated the membership goes back to 2008 and to extend the membership to individuals who may not have the institutional knowledge, experience or expertise would cloud the issues. Chairman Adams stated he understood having historical information.

- MOTION: Commissioner Keefe moved to institute the Public Safety Task Force using the scope of work, deliverables and timeframe shown in Attachment 1 recorded above and to approve the make-up of the Task Force shown in Attachment 2 recorded above.
 SECOND: Commissioner Council
 VOTE: UNANIMOUS (7-0)
- 5. Nominations to Boards and Committees
 - A. Animal Control Board (2 Vacancies)

Commissioner Council nominated Shelly Bryant and Cindy Jackson Collins.

6. Appointment of Officers - Equalization and Review Board:

| <u>Chairman</u> : | Harvey (Butch) Raynor | | | |
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| First Vice Chairman: | William (Bill) Holland | | | |
| Second Vice Chairman: | William Carroll Beard, Jr. | | | |

 MOTION: Commissioner Evans moved to appoint Harvey (Butch) Raynor as Chairman, William (Bill) Holland as First Vice Chairman and William Carroll Beard, Jr. as Second Vice Chairman.
 SECOND: Commissioner Faircloth VOTE: UNANIMOUS (7-0)

7. Appointments to Boards and Committees

There were no appointments to boards and committees scheduled for this meeting.

8. Closed Session

No closed session was held.

Prior to the departure of the Fayetteville-Cumberland Youth Council members, Chairman Adams provided an opportunity for them to share what they learned from the meeting. Mr. Priebus stated he enjoyed attending the meeting, it was easy to understand, it flowed well and he appreciated the way the Board kindly and patiently worked with Ms. Cockrell on the minimum housing matter. Mr. Jensen stated he appreciated the opportunity to observe the meeting and see how commissioners handle day to day business matters. Mr. Artis thanked the Board for letting him attend and stated he learned how the Board of Commissioners operate in their meetings.

MOTION:Commissioner Lancaster moved to adjourn.SECOND:Commissioner CouncilVOTE:UNANIMOUS (7-0)

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Approved with/without revision:

Respectfully submitted,

Candice H. White Clerk to the Board