

CUMBERLAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2017 – 9:00 AM
117 DICK STREET, 1ST FLOOR, ROOM 118
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

PRESENT: Commissioner Glenn Adams, Chairman
Commissioner Michael Boose
Commissioner Jeannette Council
Commissioner Marshall Faircloth
Commissioner Larry Lancaster
Amy Cannon, County Manager
Melissa Cardinali, Assistant County Manager
Tracy Jackson, Assistant County Manager
Rick Moorefield, County Attorney
Vicki Evans, Finance Director
Deborah Shaw, Budget Analyst
Heather Harris, Budget Analyst
Joe Utley, Tax Administrator
Sylvia McLean, Community Development Director
Jeffrey Brown, Engineering and Infrastructure Director
Ennis Wright, Cumberland County Sheriff
Candice H. White, Clerk to the Board
Kellie Beam, Deputy Clerk to the Board
Press

ABSENT: Commissioner Charles Evans, Vice Chairman
Commissioner Jimmy Keefe

Chairman Adams called the meeting to order and noted Commissioners Evans and Keefe were unable to attend the meeting.

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

Recognition of Cumberland County School Resource Officer Jennifer Osborn Honored with a Hometown Hero Award

Commissioner Lancaster thanked Sheriff Wright and his staff for being present and recognized Sgt. Jennifer Osborn. Commissioner Lancaster stated Sgt. Osborn is a Cumberland County school resource officer supervisor who knows that she cannot save everyone because there are just too many tattered lives and too many kids who have spent their lives being told they do not matter. Commissioner Lancaster stated Sgt. Osborn knows you have to keep trying and says that is the biggest part of her job every day because you remember that there are kids who just need a nudge in the right direction and someone who believes in them. Commissioner Lancaster stated Sgt. Osborn is a native of Rockingham, comes from a family with a tradition of law enforcement, entered the Air Force security forces as soon as she was out of high school where she served for eight years and then worked briefly in the Fayetteville city police records section. Commissioner Lancaster stated Sgt. Osborn knew she had to get out on the streets and nine years ago she ended up not on the streets, but in the school halls as a resource officer. Commissioner Lancaster stated a Fayetteville businesswoman named Bunny Powers nominated Sgt. Osborn for the award because of the differences she made on and off the job in the lives of so many individuals, and Sgt. Osborn's achievements as a school resource officer and with the Special Olympics earned her the Hometown Hero Award which she received from former Governor Pat McCrory in December. Sgt. Osborn offered comments and stated eight years ago when she put on her uniform, all she wanted to do was help people, make a difference and change lives, and that is what she tries to do and instill in everyone she works with. Sgt. Osborn stated she does not do this for recognition, but because it is just the right thing to do.

Recognition of 2016 Cumberland County Agricultural Hall of Fame Inductee - George Quigley

Chairman Adams recognized George Quigley stating he is a retired lieutenant colonel who served 34 years in the U.S. Army and is well known throughout Cumberland County for his work of giving back to our community as a volunteer. Chairman

Adams stated Mr. Quigley has never run a farming operation; however, his agricultural work in a volunteer capacity is second to none. Chairman Adams stated Mr. Quigley is a graduate of the 1996 inaugural Extension Master Gardener class and after graduating from the class, he became a permanent fixture in the Extension office. Chairman Adams stated twenty years later, Mr. Quigley continues to be one of our state's strongest advocates for Cumberland County's Cooperative Extension. Chairman Adams stated because Mr. Quigley has so many notable agricultural leadership roles, honors and awards, he will only highlight a few:

- Cumberland County Cooperative Extension Advisory Council, Chairman
- NC Cooperative Extension State Advisory Council, Emeritus
- Cumberland County Extension Master Gardener
- Cumberland County Extension Master Gardener Association Member
- NC Agriculture Foundation
- NC Extension Master Gardener Association, President
- Fayetteville Technical Community College, Landscaping Instructor
- Kiwanis Club of Fayetteville-Farm City, Committee Chair
- Fayetteville Beautiful, Board of Directors
- Cape Fear Botanical Garden, Board of Directors, President
- Cross Creek Linear Park Committee
- Cumberland County Cares Award recipient, 2007

Chairman Adams concluded by stating Mr. Quigley is known for his sense of humor and each year can be found at the Fayetteville Dicken's Holiday Celebration dressed like "Scrooge."

Recognition of 2016 Cumberland County Young Farmer of the Year – J.R. Dail

Chairman Adams stated the 2016 recipient of the Cumberland County Farm Bureau Outstanding Young Farmer is James Rollings Dail II, the son of James and Wanda Dail. Chairman Adams recognized Mr. Dail stating he is also the proud brother of Zach and proud husband of Charlene or "Charlie", and Paul and Georgia Holt are his loving and supportive in-laws. Chairman Adams also stated Mr. Dail is the grandson of the late James Dail and Mavis Crumpler Dail and the grandson of William Bruce Autry, age 90, and the late Doris Strickland Autry. Chairman Adams stated Mr. Dail is a fifth-generation farmer in the Wade community and his great, great grandfather William R. Taylor, who came from Wilson County, helped bring flue-cured tobacco to Cumberland County. Chairman Adams also stated Mr. Dail's father was the Outstanding Young Farmer for Cumberland County in 1992. Chairman Adams stated Mr. Dail graduated from Cape Fear High School in 2004 where he was a member of FFA, and in 2008, Mr. Dail graduated from the NC State University School of Agriculture with a bachelor of science degree. Chairman Adams also stated Mr. Dail sincerely loves the Wolfpack. Chairman Adams stated Mr. Dail farms with his father "Rooster" and his brother Zach and his mother helps the family farm by taking care of payroll and paperwork. Chairman Adams stated Mr. Dail's farm consists of crop production of cucumbers, tobacco, soybeans, and wheat, and he also helps his father and brother with the family hardware store located on the farm. Chairman Adams stated in his spare time, Mr. Dail enjoys spending time with his wife Charlie, their three dogs, his close friends, and especially his brother Zach, and he and his wife Charlie are expecting their first child in March.

Chairman Adams also recognized Lisa Childers, Cooperative Extension Director, and thanked her for all she does for Cumberland County.

Amy Cannon, County Manager, asked to add from the February 2, 2017 meeting of the Finance Committee Item 2.I.1) Request for Proposals for One-Stop Operator for Workforce Development and Item 2.I.2) Request for North Carolina Housing Finance Agency Essential Single Family Rehabilitation Loan Pool Funding Agreement and Assistance, Procurement and Disbursement Policies. Ms. Cannon also asked to remove Item 3. Presentation by Mr. Vivek Tandon on the Annual Tourism Development Authority Report of Receipts and Expenditures as of December 31, 2016 and forward to an upcoming agenda.

1. Approval of Agenda

- MOTION: Commissioner Boose moved to approve the agenda with the addition of Items 2.I.1) and 2.I.2) and the removal of Item 3 as requested.
- SECOND: Commissioner Faircloth
- VOTE: UNANIMOUS (5-0)

2. Consent Agenda

- A. Approval of minutes for the January 17, 2017 regular meeting, the January 20, 2017 special meeting with the City Council, Mayors Coalition and FCEDC Board of Directors and the January 23, 2017 Board of Commissioners Retreat
- B. Approval of Report on the Disposal of Surplus County Property Pursuant to NCGS 160A-226(a)

BACKGROUND:

On June 15, 1998, the Board adopted a resolution founded in the statues allowing disposal of County “personal property, worth less than \$5,000 per item or group of similar items, which have become obsolete, unusable, economically unrepairable, or otherwise surplus to the needs of the county.”

The resolution stipulated further that County Management shall render semi-annual reports to the Board of County Commissioners summarizing disposals in February and August of each year. Accordingly, attached herewith is that report.

RECOMMENDATION/PROPOSED ACTION:

That the Board adopts the report recorded below and that the report be recorded in the minutes.

Surplus Property List
August 1, 2016 – January 31, 2017

ITEM NO.	PROPERTY DESCRIPTION	RENDERING DEPARTMENT	DISPOSAL METHOD
1	Mini-Refrigerators (2)	Health Department	Landfill-Ann Street
2	Microwave (1)	Health Department	Landfill-Ann Street
3	Trash Cans-Medium (4)	Health Department	Landfill-Ann Street
4	Trash Cans-Small (3)	Health Department	Landfill-Ann Street
5	Typewriter (1)	Health Department	Landfill-Ann Street
6	Exam Room Light (1)	Health Department	Landfill-Ann Street
7	Electronic Equipment (Misc)	Sheriff's Department	Landfill-Ann Street
8	Television (1)	Senior Aides	Landfill-Ann Street
9	Shredder (1)	Senior Aides	Landfill-Ann Street
10	Furniture (Misc)	Senior Aides	Landfill-Ann Street
11	Book Shelving	Clerk of Court	Landfill-Ann Street
12	Medication Carts (2)	Health Department	Landfill-Ann Street
13	Printers (2)	Health Department	Landfill-Ann Street
14	Fax Machines (2)	Health Department	Landfill-Ann Street
15	Monitors (Misc)	Health Department	Landfill-Ann Street
16	Keyboards (Misc)	Health Department	Landfill-Ann Street
17	Chair (1)	Clerk of Court	Landfill-Ann Street
18	File cabinets (7)	Clerk of Court	Landfill-Ann Street
19	Typewriter (1)	Clerk of Court	Landfill-Ann Street
20	Desk (4)	Sheriff's Department	Landfill-Ann Street
21	Chair (3)	Sheriff's Department	Landfill-Ann Street
22	Computers (3 pallets)	Sheriff's Department	Landfill-Ann Street
23	Old furniture from room 229 new courthouse	New Courthouse	Landfill-Ann Street
24	Computer cases and monitors	Planning	Landfill-Ann Street
25	Chair (6)	Sheriff's Department	Landfill-Ann Street
26	Large inoperable printer	Sheriff's Department	Landfill-Ann Street
27	Desk extensions (2)	Sheriff's Department	Landfill-Ann Street
28	Laptop computers (50)	Sheriff's Department	Landfill-Ann Street
29	Cabinet style white board (030105)	Communicare	Landfill-Ann Street

- C. Approval of Delinquent Real Property Taxes for the Year 2016 and Direct the Tax Collector to Advertise the Tax Liens

BACKGROUND:

North Carolina General Statute 105-369 requires the Tax Administrator to report unpaid taxes for the current fiscal year that are liens on real property by the first Monday in February. The purpose of the reporting is to allow the Board to order the Tax Administrator to advertise the tax liens. Upon receipt of your order, the Tax Administrator will advertise the tax liens by posting notice at the County Courthouse and by publishing each lien at least one time in one or more of the newspapers having general circulation in Cumberland County.

The statute requires the advertisement period for unpaid taxes that are liens on real property to occur during the period of March 1st through June 30th. It is the intention of the Tax Administrator to deliver a list of delinquent taxes to the Fayetteville Observer newspaper prior to June 30th for advertisement.

Total delinquent taxes on real property for Year 2016 as of 1/27/17:
\$12,925,082 on 15,670 parcels

RECOMMENDATION/PROPOSED ACTION:

Accept the report of unpaid taxes for the current fiscal year that are liens on real property and charge the Tax Administrator to advertise a list of the tax liens on real property by posting notice at the County Courthouse and by publishing each lien at least one time in the Fayetteville Observer no later than the month of June 2017.

2016 Delinquent Real Property Taxes as of January 27, 2017								
Total Municipality Delinquent				GRAND TOTAL TAXES & FEES DELINQUENT:				
County Tax	\$ 8,183,811	Muni. Tax	\$ 4,144,903	Total Delinquent County Taxes		\$ 8,770,714	Delinquent	
Fire Tax	346,280	Revit. Tax	9,465	Total Delinquent Municipality Taxes		\$ 4,154,367	Parcel Count:	
Special Fire Tax	43,285			Total Taxes Delinquent		\$ 12,925,082	15,670	
Recreation Tax	197,339			Total Delinquent Fees		\$ 1,464,351		
TOTAL	\$ 8,770,714	TOTAL	\$ 4,154,367	Total Delinquent Taxes & Fees Owed		\$ 14,389,433		
Tax District	Total Value of Delinquent Bills* (Taxable)	Total Amount Taxes Owed*	County Tax @ .74	Fire Tax @ .10	Special Fire Tax @ .0125	Recreation Tax @ .05	Municipal Tax	Revitalization Tax
Cotton	34,054,425	288,075	236,206	31,920	3,990	15,960		
Cumberland Road	29,022,379	244,410	200,403	27,081	3,385	13,541		
Stoney Point	33,900,905	282,903	231,965	31,347	3,918	15,673		
Bonnie Doone	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Pearces Mill	38,283,782	322,831	264,704	35,771	4,471	17,885		
Westarea	33,753,888	278,158	228,074	30,821	3,853	15,410		
Westarea10	14,439,370	113,962	93,443	12,627	1,578	6,314		
Grays Creek	50,600,173	424,298	347,901	47,014	5,877	23,507		
Vander	57,998,193	490,509	402,190	54,350	6,794	27,175		
ETWN Vander	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Manchester	9,129,920	77,498	63,544	8,587	1,073	4,294		
Wade	8,573,289	73,629	60,372	8,158	1,020	4,079		
Stedman	10,705,224	89,542	73,419	9,922	1,240	4,961		
Godwin/Falcon	7,752,887	65,491	53,699	7,257	907	3,628		
Lake Rim	741,807	4,141	3,395	459	57	229		
Eastover	14,004,643	118,470	97,139	13,127	1,641	6,563		
Bethany	14,360,878	112,481	92,228	12,463	1,558	6,232		
Beaver Dam	16,343,429	138,776	113,789	15,377	1,922	7,688		
Fire District Total	373,665,192	3,125,174	2,562,470	346,280	43,285	173,140		
Municipalities								
Fayetteville	\$ 710,734,374	\$ 7,801,733	\$ 4,657,751				\$ 3,143,982	
Downtown Revitalization	9,582,935	125,504	69,334				\$ 46,705	9,465
Hope Mills	39,848,097	438,082	259,345			17,523	\$ 161,214	
Spring Lake	75,488,143	1,043,238	536,108				\$ 507,130	
Stedman	6,367,849	60,692	40,461			2,734	\$ 17,497	
Wade	5,075,394	50,754	36,113			2,440	\$ 12,200	
Falcon	1,635,189	12,927	10,177			688	\$ 2,063	
Godwin	698,175	5,548	3,986			269	\$ 1,293	
Linden	1,090,037	11,336	8,066			545	\$ 2,725	
Eastover	29,524,150	250,094	195,841			\$ -	\$ 250,094	
Total Municipalities	\$ 880,044,343	\$ 9,799,908	\$ 5,621,341	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 24,199	\$ 4,144,903	\$ 9,465
Fire District Total	\$ 373,665,192	\$ 3,125,174	\$ 2,562,470	\$ 346,280	\$ 43,285	\$ 173,140		
Municipalities Total	880,044,343	9,799,908	5,621,341	-	-	24,199	4,144,903	9,465
Grand Total	\$ 1,253,709,535	\$ 12,925,082	\$ 8,183,811	\$ 346,280	\$ 43,285	\$ 197,339	\$ 4,144,903	\$ 9,465
*Includes total value ever. Does not include fees on partially paid bill amts or interest								

D. Approval of Destruction of Finance Department Records

BACKGROUND:

Pursuant to the resolution adopted by the Board of County Commissioners on February 4, 1985, authorization is requested to destroy Finance Department records noted below. The destruction of these records is in accordance with the Records Retention and Disposition Schedule issued by the North Carolina Division of Archives and History which was previously adopted by the Board of Commissioners.

1. Records with three-year retention requirement (dated prior to July 1, 2013):
 - a. Fiscal correspondence/memorandums
 - b. Bank statements, canceled checks. Deposit slips, and reconciliation file
 - c. Purchasing – request for proposals for purchase contracts, purchase orders, and requisitions
 - d. Cash receipt report files
 - e. Check registers
 - f. Investment records
 - g. Journal vouchers
 - h. LGC financial statements

BACKGROUND:

The Information Services Department is requesting payment of a prior year invoice payable to Tyler Technologies totaling \$116.50. A service credit had been applied against two fiscal year 2016 invoices leaving an open balance on invoice number 045-154209, dated February 29, 2016 totaling \$116.50. That amount has been verified and is due. Sufficient funds are available in the current year budget to cover this expenditure.

RECOMMENDATION/PROPOSED ACTION:

Management is requesting approval to pay the prior year invoice totaling \$116.50.

G. Approval of Resolutions:

- 1) Seeking Relief from the Increase to Certain Property Tax Homestead Exclusions Proposed in 2017 H.B. 2

**CUMBERLAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
RESOLUTION SEEKING RELIEF FROM THE INCREASE TO CERTAIN
PROPERTY TAX HOMESTEAD EXCLUSIONS PROPOSED IN 2017 H.B. 2**

Whereas, G.S. 105-277.1C provides a property tax homestead exclusion for the first \$45,000 of appraised value of a home owned and occupied by a disabled veteran or the veteran's surviving spouse; and

Whereas, Cumberland County currently has 3,799 residents receiving this homestead exclusion and the number of these exclusions has historically increased each year; and

Whereas, after deducting the current exclusion amount of \$45,000, the 2016 assessed tax value of properties subject to this exclusion was \$374,036,884; and

Whereas, at the 2016 county general tax rate, the county property tax on this property was almost \$2,770,000; and

Whereas, this does not include the separate property tax levied by any municipality, fire district or recreation district in which the properties are located; and

Whereas, 2017 House Bill 2 proposes to add additional classifications of property subject to this homestead exclusion and to increase the homestead exclusion amount from \$45,000 to 100% of the appraised value; and

Whereas, increasing the homestead exclusion amount to 100% of the appraised value of the currently eligible properties alone will result in the loss of \$2.77 million in property tax revenue to the county's General Fund, and additional losses in property tax revenue to the municipalities and special tax districts in which these properties are located; and

Whereas, from its General Fund, Cumberland County funds Veterans Services as a county department which provides a broad range of services for all veterans.

Now therefore be it resolved, that the Cumberland County Board of Commissioners requests the General Assembly to include a provision in 2017 House Bill 2 to hold all taxing jurisdictions harmless for the loss of property tax revenues resulting from the proposed increase of the homestead exclusions.

Adopted February 6, 2017.

- 2) Requesting the General Assembly to Amend GS. 122C-115 to Afford Counties' Flexibility for Funding the Provision of Mental Health Services

**CUMBERLAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO AMEND
G.S. 122C-115 TO AFFORD COUNTIES' FLEXIBILITY FOR FUNDING
THE PROVISION OF MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES**

Whereas, through statutory changes in the last five years, the General Assembly has shifted responsibility for the provision of mental health services from county programs and multiple area authorities to consolidated regional Managed Care Organizations serving large regions of the State consisting of many counties; and

Whereas, this regional consolidation of the management of the provision of services is expected to continue, resulting in fewer and larger regional Managed Care Organizations; and

Whereas, though this regional consolidation has greatly diminished the means by which counties could formerly direct the level and nature of mental health services provided within their respective communities, the statutory mandated level of county funding for the provision of these services remains as it was when the services were provided by county programs and single-county area authorities more than 30 years ago; and

Whereas, affording counties flexibility for funding mental health services will place counties in a better position to negotiate contracts with their respective Managed Care Organizations to enhance the efficient provision of services tailored to local needs.

Now therefore be it resolved, that the Cumberland County Board of Commissioners requests the General Assembly to give counties discretionary authority to fund local mental health services by amending G.S. 122C-115(b) by deleting “shall” in the first sentence so that it reads, “Counties and cities may appropriate funds for the support of programs” and by further deleting subsection (d) in its entirety.

Adopted February 6, 2017.

- 3) Requesting the General Assembly to Amend G.S. 163-227.2(b) to Afford County Boards of Elections Flexibility to Establish the Duration of One Stop Voting

**CUMBERLAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO AMEND
G.S. 163-227.2(b) TO AFFORD COUNTY BOARDS OF ELECTIONS
FLEXIBILITY TO ESTABLISH THE DURATION OF ONE STOP VOTING**

Whereas, 2013 House Bill 589 amended G.S. 163-227.2(b) to change the beginning of One Stop Voting from not earlier than the third Thursday before an election to the second Thursday before an election; and

Whereas, The Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals struck down that portion of 2013 House Bill 589, returning the beginning of the One Stop Voting period to not earlier than the third Thursday before an election; and

Whereas, county Boards of Elections are best suited to determine the duration of the One Stop Voting period based on local voting preferences for the type of election being held; and

Whereas, affording county Boards of Elections the flexibility to determine the duration of the One Stop Voting period will enhance the efficiency of conducting modern elections, particularly in those counties where most voters vote before Election Day.

Now therefore be it resolved that the Cumberland County Board of Commissioners requests the General Assembly to amend G.S. 163-227.2(b) by providing that the county Board of Elections shall establish that the One Stop Voting period may begin no earlier than the third Thursday before an election and no later than the second Thursday before an election.

Adopted February 6, 2017.

- H. Budget Revisions:

General Fund 101

- 1) Emergency Services Grants - Budget Ordinance Amendment B170550 to recognize \$4,000 in additional grant funds for equipment.

The Board is requested to approve Budget Ordinance Amendment B170550 in the amount of \$4,000 representing grant funds. These additional funds, along with previously awarded funds, are needed to purchase Prime Mover Equipment.

Please note this amendment requires no additional county funds.

- 2) Public Health - Budget Ordinance Amendment B170693 to recognize \$6,916 grant funds to increase telephone expenses for Environmental Health.

The Board is requested to approve Budget Ordinance Amendment B170693 in the amount of \$6,916 representing grant funds from NACCHO (National Association of County and City Health Officials). These funds will pay for MiFi's for Environmental Health employees which allow them to complete real time data entry during inspections.

Please note this amendment requires no additional county funds.

- 3) Public Health - Budget Ordinance Amendment B170694 to recognize State funds of \$8,183 to increase medical supplies, educational supplies, travel and training for the Maternal Health Clinic.

The Board is requested to approve Budget Ordinance Amendment B170694 in the amount of \$8,183. The State has allocated additional funds for medical supplies, educational supplies, staff travel and training for Maternal Health Clinic.

Please note this amendment requires no additional county funds.

- 4) Public Health - Budget Ordinance Amendment B170695 to recognize State funds of \$2,277 to increase Zika Preparedness.

The Board is requested to approve Budget Ordinance Amendment B170695 in the amount of \$2,277. The State has allocated additional funds for completion of tasks required to assure a thorough Zika response plan.

Please note this amendment requires no additional county funds.

- 5) Public Health - Budget Ordinance Amendment B170696 to recognize State funds of \$4,275 to increase Medical Supplies for the Family Planning Clinic.

The Board is requested to approve Budget Ordinance Amendment B170696 in the amount of \$4,275. The State has allocated additional funds for medical supplies in the Family Planning Clinic.

Please note this amendment requires no additional county funds.

- 6) Public Health - Budget Ordinance Amendment B170697 to recognize additional State funds of \$7,500 to increase Contracted Services for the Lazarus Project.

The Board is requested to approve Budget Ordinance Amendment B170697 in the amount of \$7,500. The State has allocated additional funds to implement opioid overdose prevention activities throughout the county.

Please note this amendment requires no additional county funds.

- 7) Public Health - Budget Ordinance Amendment B170698 to recognize State funds of \$3,000 to increase Laboratory Services for the STD Clinic.

The Board is requested to approve Budget Ordinance Amendment B170698 in the amount of \$3,000. The State is providing funds for Chlamydia testing to males that may have had exposure within 60 days but have no symptoms.

Please note this amendment requires no additional county funds.

- 8) Public Health - Budget Ordinance Amendment B170707 to recognize grant funds of \$6,000 to increase Printing, Travel and Training in Environmental Health.

The Board is requested to approve Budget Ordinance Amendment B170707 in the amount of \$6,000. Grant funds from NCDHHS have been awarded to the Health Department to print Food Code and Annex Booklets and allow staff to attend the NC Food Safety Defense Task Force Annual Conference.

Please note this amendment requires no additional county funds.

Contingency Funds Report

- 9) The County Manager approved the use of contingency funds for the Senior Service America program in the amount of \$2,498. Anticipated revenue from Senior Service America, Incorporated was less than originally anticipated from the Senior Community Service Employment Program Sponsor Agreement.

I. Approval of February 2, 2017 Finance Committee Agenda Items

- 1) Request for Proposals for One-Stop Operator for Workforce Development

BACKGROUND:

The Finance Committee recommended this item be placed on the Consent Agenda at its February 2nd meeting. The basic role of a one-stop operator is to coordinate the integrated service delivery of participating one-stop partners and service providers located at the NCWorks Career Center in Fayetteville. The Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) and its implementing regulations require local Workforce Development Boards (WDBs) to use a competitive process for the selection of a one-stop operator for the local workforce system. WIOA sec. 3(41) defines the one-stop operator as one or more entities designated or certified under WIOA sec. 121(d). Program funding originates from the federal government via the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) and is passed through to the State of North Carolina to local Workforce Development Boards.

Proposers are required to provide a detailed line item budget, not to exceed \$230,000. This amount may be subject to change as it is based upon a prior estimate of available funds. It is anticipated that the exact funding amount will be known at or about the time of the final contract negotiations. All contracts for services will be on a cost-reimbursement basis, based upon performance, and may be extended for two additional years at the discretion of the County.

RECOMMENDATION/PROPOSED ACTION:

Staff is seeking approval to move forward with the RFP process for a One-Stop Operator for the Cumberland County NCWorks Career Center.

- 2) Request for North Carolina Housing Finance Agency Essential Single Family Rehabilitation Loan Pool Funding Agreement and Assistance, Procurement and Disbursement Policies

BACKGROUND:

The Finance Committee met on Thursday, February 2, 2017 and discussed the availability of funds from the North Carolina Housing Finance Agency under the Disaster Recovery cycle of the Essential-Single Family Rehabilitation Loan Pool Program (ESFRLP-DR) funded through the Housing Trust Fund. A total of fifteen million dollars is available in this cycle. The goal is to make a positive impact on the affordable housing stock by encouraging rehabilitation of existing single family owner-occupied housing

units damaged by Hurricane Matthew and other storms listed in the Disaster Recovery Act of 2016.

Cumberland County is one of the designated counties and recently received notification of approval for funding for an initial amount of \$150,000. Cumberland County is considered as a member of the “ESFR Loan Pool”, and \$150,000 has been allocated for a minimum of three eligible homeowner rehabilitation projects. As a member, we will become eligible to reserve additional funds, on a unit-by-unit, first-come, first-served basis, from the remaining pool of funds after completing the initial three units.

Assistance can be provided to qualified households with incomes at or below 100% of the area median income for Cumberland County. The assistance provided to eligible owner-occupant homeowners (outside the city limits of Fayetteville) for funds associated with the rehabilitation of their property damaged by Hurricane Matthew will be in the form of an unsecured deferred, interest-free loan, forgiven at the rate of \$5,000 per year until the principal balance is reduced to zero.

RECOMMENDATION AND PROPOSED ACTION:

Staff recommends the Board of Commissioners to accept the Finance Committee report and recommendation:

- Approve the Essential Single-Family Rehabilitation Loan Pool-Disaster Recovery Assistance Policy as well as the and Procurement and Disbursement Policy; and
- Authorize the County Manager to execute the North Carolina Housing Finance Agency Essential Single -Family Rehabilitation Loan Pool-Disaster Recovery Funding Agreement and Post Approval Documentation; and
- Approval of Budget Ordinance Amendment B171057 in the amount of \$150,000 to recognize revenue from the NC Housing Finance Agency (NCHFA). These funds will be used toward the rehabilitation of at least three homes in Cumberland County that were damaged due to Hurricane Matthew.

Please note this amendment does not require additional county funds.

MOTION: Commissioner Faircloth moved to approve consent agenda Items 2.A. – 2.I.2).
SECOND: Commissioner Council
VOTE: UNANIMOUS (5-0)

ITEMS OF BUSINESS

- 3) REMOVED FROM AGENDA
- 4) Presentation on the Regional Impact Analysis of Potential Reductions of Personnel at Fort Bragg

BACKGROUND:

In 2015, the City of Fayetteville was awarded a grant from the Department of Defense Office of Economic Adjustment (OEA) to determine the prospective regional impact of troop reductions at Fort Bragg and to develop strategies to drive growth to offset military reductions. Creative Consulting and Fayetteville State University were retained to research this matter and develop ways to mitigate negative economic impacts that could result. The presentation summarizes the draft report and includes important findings and recommendations that will be presented to the City of Fayetteville, Cumberland, Harnett and Hoke Counties during the month of February. The consultants encourage local elected officials to read the main body of the report, especially the analysis, impact models, and strategies. A copy of the draft report will be available in Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners’ Office and will also be available on the County webpage at http://www.co.cumberland.nc.us/county_manager/downloads/governmental_affairs/2017/Impact_Fayetteville_Report_Draft__Jan-2017.pdf.

The recommendations in the draft report align education, workforce development, and economic development with target industry sectors. Your feedback about ways our community can take advantage of growth sectors, as well as mitigate potential risks from a troop reduction, is being sought. Following discussions with local government boards, the steering committee and consulting team will finalize the report and schedule a regional presentation.

RECOMMENDATIONS/PROPOSED ACTION:

Provide feedback to the project consultants as deemed necessary. No further action is required.

Tracy Jackson, Assistant County Manager, reviewed the background information and the process that has been culminating over the past several months. Mr. Jackson introduced Gregory McElveen, Assistant Dean of the FSU School of Business and Economics, and Crystal Morphis, Founder and CEO of Creative Consulting.

Mr. McElveen recognized Dr. Anthony Wade, Director of the Fayetteville-Cumberland Human Relations Department. Dr. Wade stated the City of Fayetteville received a \$299,563 grant from the Office of Economic Adjustment (OEA) to conduct the comprehensive community assessment to identify the regional economic impact that could result from potential reductions of personnel at Ft. Bragg. Dr. Wade stated his office was assigned the project management responsibilities and the project manager is Patricia Tyson, a member of his staff.

Mr. McElveen stated the genesis for the project was in 2015 when the Department of Defense announced nationwide there would be a reduction of about 40,000 troops as a result of drawdowns, wars in the Middle East and budget sequestration. Mr. McElveen stated the OEA issued grants, one of which was received by the City of Fayetteville, and at the time the grant was issued, there no specific reductions listed for Ft. Bragg so a range of scenarios from a reduction in 1,000 to 3,000 troops was used to analyze the potential economic impact. Mr. McElveen stated the scope of work included the following:

- Community input sessions
- Background and previous studies
- Economic landscape
- Reduction scenarios
- IMPLAN modeling
- Identified industries with highest potential for growth
- Economic and workforce development strategies

Mr. McElveen stated the scope of work has not yet been completed because the input of the Board of Commissioners and county staff is still needed.

Mr. McElveen displayed the composition of the Steering Committee that was established as part of best practices and stated the committee met three times to in order to lay out the strategy, garner interim reports and feedback, and will have a final review after receiving all input. Mr. McElveen stated Harnett, Hoke and Cumberland counties were represented on the committee.

- Rodney Anderson, Retired General
- Tamara Bryant, Fayetteville Technical Community College
- Letitia Edens, Hoke County
- T. J. Haney, NC Community College System
- Chris Hawk, Harnett County
- Angie Hedgepeth, Fayetteville Regional Association of Realtors
- Tracy Jackson, Cumberland County
- Mark Locklear, Harnett County
- Adrian Lowery, Lumber River Council of Governments
- Zan Monroe, Fayetteville Regional Association of Realtors
- Greg Moore, Fayetteville Technical Community College
- Monika Morris, Fayetteville Technical Community College
- James Palenick, City of Fayetteville
- Brandon Plotnick, Fayetteville Alliance
- Don Porter, Hoke County
- Robert Rehder, Fayetteville State University
- Darsweil Rogers, Fayetteville Chamber of Commerce
- Patricia Tyson, City of Fayetteville
- Teddy Warner, Economic Development Partnership of NC
- Jim Lott, Cumberland Workforce Development Board

Mr. McElveen stated meetings were held to look at the current economic landscape to better know how to build on it and mitigate any risks. Mr. McElveen provided an outline of the Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats or SWOT Analysis below:

- STRENGTHS
 - Affordable housing
 - Work ethic, military spouses

- Proximity to Ft. Bragg, metros, RTP brain trust
- Cape Fear River-recreation, water resource
- Access to I-95, I-295 and highways
- Small town attitude
- Schools, Community College, Universities
- State parks, recreation parks
- Public infrastructure – planning department
- Diverse population
- Airport
- Health care system
- Diversity of jobs
- Cost of living
- WEAKNESSES
 - Identity/Vision
 - Perception of community
 - Lack of connectivity
 - Infrastructure
 - Hotels
 - Housing options, transient community
 - Meeting space, convention space
 - Dependency on military
 - Attracting young workers
 - Low tax base proportional to population
 - Largest employers do not pay taxes, they are exempt (healthcare, university)
 - Recreation facilities
 - Out-commuters
 - No one knows what we have to offer
 - Airport facilities
 - Better connected partnerships
 - Poverty
- OPPORTUNITIES
 - Create an identity
 - Lifestyle amenities
 - Marketing
 - Leveraging Ft. Bragg
 - Become a destination
 - Land management
 - Better organized communities to attract youth
 - Use river and spaces to create communities attract people
 - Leverage talent
 - Exiting military, graduating/graduate students
 - Could have a glut of affordable housing if military left
 - Agricultural products processing
 - Small businesses development
 - Regional strategy
 - Community College closing skills gap with exiting military
 - Improve water sewer capacity
 - Home-based entrepreneur
- THREATS
 - Traffic
 - People against change
 - Complacency
 - Workforce flight
 - Poverty, crime
 - Overcrowded schools
 - Lack of connectivity
 - National attention to HB2
 - Pay scale for teachers in neighboring counties
 - Growth-management
 - Dependency on Ft. Bragg
 - Health disparity issues
 - Infrastructure lines designed to be a rural system
 - Funding for implementation
 - Coordination

Mr. McElveen stated even though the genesis of the analysis was the potential reduction in troop strength, it was also looked at it as potential opportunity to look at ways to leverage assets to grow and further map out plans to improve the prosperity of citizens of Cumberland County. Mr. McElveen illustrated potential opportunities for the community to build on as outlined below:

Growing Military Demand for Advances Multi Function Textiles + Regional Expertise in Textile Manufacturing and Chemicals = Possible Military Contract for Advanced Textile Materials

Growing Interest in Commercial Applications for Drone Technology + Growing Regional Expertise in Aerospace Supply Chain, Skilled Ex-Military Workforce = Possible Entrepreneurial Opportunities in Agriculture-Focused Drone Operations

Leverage Demand for Goods and Services not met locally = Cumberland County Input/Output Model Results: Specialty Food Stores, Food and Beverage Stores and Electronic Appliance Stores

Mr. McElveen outlined troop reduction impact scenarios for the region as follows:

3000 Troops Reduction				
Region	Employment	Labor Income	Output	State and Local Taxes
Cumberland County	-4,847	(\$264,458,573)	(\$617,522,885)	(\$12,087,902)
Harnett County	-6.5	(\$169,138)	(\$244,877)	(\$23,279)
Hoke County	-2.5	(\$35,895)	(\$176,356)	(\$5,167)
Total Impact	-4,856.0	(\$264,663,606)	(\$618,344,116)	(\$12,116,348)
2000 Troops Reduction				
Region	Employment	Labor Income	Output	State and Local Taxes
Cumberland County	3,231.90	(\$176,305,715)	(\$411,681,907)	(\$8,058,259)
Harnett County	-4.3	(\$112,759)	(\$4,429,918)	(\$15,512)
Hoke County	-1.6	(\$23,932)	(\$117,836)	(\$3,444)
Total Economic Impact	-3,237.80	(\$267,632,801)	(\$416,229,661)	(\$8,077,215)
1000 Troops Reduction				
Region	Employment	Labor Income	Output	State and Local Taxes
Cumberland County	-1,615.00	(\$88,152,857)	(\$98,514,207)	(\$1,712,323)
Harnett County	-2.2	(\$56,379)	(\$214,959)	(\$3,151)
Hoke County	-0.8	(\$11,966)	\$58,918	(\$699)
Total Impact	-1,618.90	(\$88,221,203)	(\$98,788,084)	(\$1,716,173)

- Each 100 active duty military jobs in the region support as many as 60 other jobs in the community
 - including civilians at Fort Bragg
- Each active duty military job supports an average of as much as \$90,000 in labor income
 - representing soldier income plus income of soldier’s share of supported jobs

Ms. Morphis stated once the analysis was completed, the question became what to do with it and how it should influence the economic development policy of the region. Ms. Morphis stated target sectors, which are the industries where external marketing efforts and recruitment are focused, were looked at. Ms. Morphis outlined the following target sectors and stated the niche for this community is business services which are not being targeted by either of the regions.

- Logistics and Warehousing
 - Freight forwarding, warehousing, wholesaling, e-commerce, and supply chain planning segments
- Defense and Security
 - Navigation instruments, aerospace, communications equipment, wiring, cybersecurity, and other related areas
- Advanced Manufacturing
 - Transportation, aviation, defense industries, and production technology
- Business Services
 - Data processing, search engines, credit card processing, load administration, portfolio management, insurance claims adjusting, and payroll and bookkeeping services

Ms. Morphis stated one of the recommendations is to align workforce development strategies with growing sectors in the economy as follows:

- Match dislocated military & civilian workers to other local current or emerging job titles/occupation via transferable skills
- Additional skills ‘gap’ training and education (area colleges)

- Additional job placement assistance (NCWorks/TAP)
- Additional TA for aspiring entrepreneurs & small businesses (SBTDC/SBC/VBOC/MBC)
- Align and integrate regional p-20 education and training systems with economic development sector targets for talent pipeline (i.e., Health Career Pathway)

Ms. Morphis stated several of the economic development strategies outlined in the study include:

- Increased and connected economic development efforts
- Increased connectivity with a focus on leadership in the region
- Invest in education and training; transform to a K-14 model
- Support entrepreneurship
- Replace people through active recruitment
- Adaptive reuse of vacant buildings

Ms. Morphis concluded by outlining the next steps for the draft report:

Timeline	Action
February 6 – 14	Local government input
February 15 – March 3	Revise draft report
March 6 – 13	Steering Committee review
March 14	Steering Committee meeting
March 15 – March 31	Finalize report
April	Regional presentation and launch

Ms. Morphis and Mr. McElveen responded to questions. Chairman Adams stated he would like to see a comparative impact on the services provided by the Public Health Department and the Department of Social Services as the military and money are drawn down. Commissioner Faircloth asked how much of the report was before the presidential election in November and whether the sense of the new administration will be tracked. Ms. Morphis stated for the economic strategies part, they will remain relevant because the inherent assets will not be changed, except for possibly the workforce or talent in military spouses. Ms. Morphis cautioned against complacency and encouraged planning for diversification well in advance.

- 5) Consideration of Donation of Right of Way to North Carolina Department of Transportation for I-295

BACKGROUND:

NCDOT has requested the county to donate a section of right of way for I-295 consisting of a sliver approximately 54 feet in length and less than 6 inches in width lying parallel to the southeastern section of the driveway for New Century Middle School. The county owns this property only as an accommodation to a public financing and it is leased to the school system. Under the terms of the financing instruments the school board’s consent is needed for this donation.

A GIS map showing the approximate location of the requested right of way on the parcel identified with the number 7455 and showing the right of way for I-295 in yellow is attached. Also, a boundary plat of the right of way is attached but it appears only as a straight line because it is so narrow. The county attorney is presenting this to David Phillips, attorney for the school system, and asking that the School Board consider this to accommodate NCDOT as soon as possible.

RECOMMENDATION/PROPOSED ACTION:

The county attorney recommends the Board approve this request subject to approval by the Cumberland County School Board and NCDOT providing a deed to be signed by the chairs of each board.

Mr. Moorefield reviewed the background information and recommendation/proposed action recorded above. Chairman Adams asked that requests of this nature go to committee and then forwarded for placement on a consent agenda.

MOTION: Commissioner Council moved to approve the request subject to approval by the Cumberland County School Board and NCDOT providing a deed to be signed by the chairs of each board.

SECOND: Commissioner Faircloth

VOTE: UNANIMOUS (5-0)

6) Nominations to Boards and Committees

There are no nominations for this meeting.

7) Appointments to Boards and Committees

A. Cumberland County Juvenile Crime Prevention Council (5 Vacancies)

Nominees:

- Juvenile Defense Attorney: Michael Onufer
- Member of Business Community: Austin Campbell
- United Way or Non-Profit: Terri Thomas
- At-Large Representatives: Deborah L. Rosen (Reappointment)
Dwight Creech (Reappointment)

B. Cumberland County Local Emergency Planning Committee (3 Vacancies)

Nominees:

- Law Enforcement Representative: Captain J. T. Morgan (Reappointment)
- Health Representative: Greg Philips (Reappointment)
- First Aid Representative: James Bullard Jr. (Reappointment)

There being an equal number of vacancies and nominees,

MOTION: Commissioner Faircloth moved to appoint all nominees to their respective positions.

SECOND: Commissioner Boose

VOTE: UNANIMOUS (5-0)

8) Closed Session A. Personnel Matter(s) Pursuant To NCGS 143.318.11(a)(6)

MOTION: Commissioner Lancaster moved to go into closed session for Personnel Matters pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11(a)(6).

SECOND: Commissioner Faircloth

VOTE: UNANIMOUS (5-0)

MOTION: Commissioner Council moved to reconvene in open session.

SECOND: Commissioner Faircloth

VOTE: UNANIMOUS (5-0)

MOTION: Commissioner Faircloth moved to adjourn.

SECOND: Commissioner Council

VOTE: UNANIMOUS (5-0)

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:43 p.m.

Approved with/without revision:

Respectfully submitted,

Candice H. White
Clerk to the Board