

A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE FAYETTEVILLE CITY COUNCIL AND THE CUMBERLAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE INTENT AND AGREEMENT TO ESTABLISH A SINGLE PUBLIC SAFETY ANSWERING POINT IN CUMBERLAND COUNTY

WHEREAS, the Fayetteville City Council and Cumberland County Board of Commissioners reaffirm their commitment to the consolidation of 911 emergency communications operations between the City of Fayetteville and Cumberland County into a single, unified Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP); and

WHEREAS, the Fayetteville City Council and Cumberland County Board of Commissioners have established a group of elected officials and staff to work through the process and details of how this consolidation shall be accomplished; and

WHEREAS, this working group reports that it has made sufficient progress in this goal for the Fayetteville City Council and the Cumberland County Board of Commissioners to adopt this joint resolution.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Fayetteville City Council and the Cumberland County Board of Commissioners (the "Parties") shall undertake to consolidate their respective 911 emergency communications centers into a single, unified PSAP in Cumberland County as follows:

1. **Joint Agency.** The Parties shall enter an interlocal agreement ("ILA") to create a joint agency to undertake the business of the consolidated PSAP. This joint agency shall be governed by a governing board (the "Governing Board") consisting of seven to nine members appointed by the Parties in accordance with the ILA. This joint agency shall have full responsibility and authority for the consolidated PSAP. Its Governing Board shall be the decision maker for all matters concerning the joint agency.

2. **Administrative Unit.** The ILA shall designate Cumberland County as the initial local government unit for administrative matters relating to the joint agency. These administrative matters shall include financial matters and processes, procurement and contracting and personnel and human resources matters. The employees of the joint agency will be Cumberland County employees subject to its personnel ordinance and policies for all purposes except as may be addressed in the ILA. The ILA shall designate Cumberland County as the local government unit responsible for any matters that require a local government to approve, request, or accept on behalf of the joint agency.

3. **Performance Standards.** The Governing Board shall be responsible to cause the PSAP to maintain service levels that meet or exceed the standards established by the North Carolina 911 Board and the National Emergency Number Association and with all applicable requirements of Part 10 of Article 15 of Chapter 143B of the General Statutes, including personnel training and certification, technical and operational standards, call handling and dispatch protocols, funding, and reporting and record-keeping requirements established by the North Carolina 911 Board.

4. **Third-Party Consultant.** The Parties shall jointly engage a third-party consultant with expertise in 911 emergency operations to assist, advise, and make recommendations for the consolidation and implementation of operations of the consolidated PSAP. The Parties shall split the cost of this consultant equally.

5. **Timeline for Entering the ILA.** Within sixty days of the adoption of this Resolution by the Parties, staff shall complete the ILA referenced herein and the Parties shall approve the ILA and enter it into the minutes of the meeting at which it is approved. The Parties hereby respectfully request that the North Carolina General Assembly defer state intervention while the Parties collaborate toward consolidated PSAP operations. The Parties shall provide periodic joint updates on their progress to the Cumberland County delegation and may request such additional time as the Parties mutually determine is necessary to complete the agreement.

ADOPTED and entered into the minutes of the meeting on the dates as executed below.

ATTEST:

JENNIFER AYRE, City Clerk

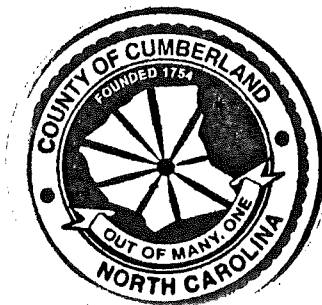


FAYETTEVILLE CITY COUNCIL

BY: MITCH COLVIN, Mayor
July 8, 2026

ATTEST:

ANDREA TEBBE, Clerk to the Board



CUMBERLAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

BY: KIRK DEVIERE, Chairman
July _____, 2026