Minutes

Cumberland County Board of Commissioners August 7, 2000, 9:00 a.m. Regular Meeting

PRESENT: Chairman Edward G. Melvin, Jr.

Vice Chairman J. Lee Warren, Jr. Commissioner Talmage S. Baggett, Jr. Commissioner J. Breeden Blackwell Commissioner Jeannette M. Council

Commissioner Billy R. King
Commissioner H. Mac Tyson II
Cliff Strassenburg, County Manager
James Martin, Deputy County Manager
Juanita Pilgrim, Assistant County Manager
Cliff Spiller, Assistant County Manager
Grainger Barrett, County Attorney
Marsha Fogle, Clerk to the Board

INVOCATION: Jeannette M. Council

Rev. S. Lee Downing, Friendship Baptist Church

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PRESENTATIONS: Presentation of a Resolution in Honor of Commissioner Thomas B. Bacote adopted by the Fayetteville City Council – Appearing: Councilman Robert A. Massey, Jr.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Thomas B. "Tom" Bacote came to our city in 1958; and

WHEREAS, over the next forty-two years, he faithfully and effectively served the interest of our citizens as a teacher, pastor and civic leader; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Tom Bacote sought to make this county and city a better place to live and work with a deep conviction for fair and progressive government for all; and

WHEREAS, his gentlemanly conduct his warm sense of humor, and his sensitive response to the needs of those around him were special characteristics that were noted and appreciated by a host of friends and colleagues;

NOW THEREFORE, we, the City council of the City of Fayetteville, North Carolina, and on behalf of our more than 125,000 citizens do hereby offer this Resolution of Appreciation to express our condolences and to further resolve that Thomas B. "Tom" Bacote, the man, will not be forgotten, but that his spirit and example will be with us always.

This 17th day of July, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand.

1. Appointment of and Administration of the Oath of Office to Dr. Jeannette M. Council – Representative Mary E. McAllister to administer the Oath.

MOTION: Commissioner King moved to appoint Jeannette M.. Council to fill the seat of

Thomas B. Bacote until December 4, 2000.

SECOND: Commissioner Warren

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

Mary E. McAllister, member NC House of Representatives, administered the Oath of Office to Jeannette M. Council.

2. **CONSENT AGENDA**

MOTION: Commissioner Warren moved to follow staff recommendations on the items on

the Consent Agenda.

SECOND: Commissioner Baggett

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

A. Approval of Minutes: July 17, 2000

ACTION: Approve

- B. Approval of Ordinances Assessing Property for the Costs of Demolition:
 - 1. Property of William P. Ray, 230 Hoke Loop Road PIN 9477-83-6962
 - 2. Property of Ollie & Mary Lillie, Jr., 7518 Southgate Road PIN 9497.18-40-3474
 - C. Approval of the Induction of Mr. Worth Wingate Collier into the Cumberland County Agricultural Hall of Fame.

BACKGROUND: The Cumberland County Agricultural Hall of Fame nominating committee met on Thursday, July 20, 2000 and selected Mr. Worth Wingate Collier for the 2000 Agricultural Hall of Fame.

ACTION: Concur with the appointment.

D. Approval of the Renewal of the Interlocal Agreement with the Cumberland County Board of Education for Joint Use of School Facilities for Recreation.

BACKGROUND: The County Parks and Recreation Department has been using facilities on school campus' since 1973. An interlocal agreement has been in effect and is typically renewed every three years. The current agreement is due for renewal.

ACTION: Approve

E. Approval of the 3rd Amendment to the Lease Agreement with the State Employees Credit Union to place an ATM Machine at the new DSS Building.

BACKGROUND: The County has an existing lease with the State Employees Credit Union for two ATM's located at the County Courthouse. The current amendment to the Lease Agreement expires on December 30, 2000. The Credit Union and DSS desire to add an additional ATM location at the new DSS Building.

ACTION: Approve this amendment to extend the lease through December 2002 and add an additional ATM at the new DSS Building.

F. Approval of Bid Award for Sports Lighting Improvements at Arnette Park.

BACKGROUND: The following bids were received:

 King Electric
 \$108,800.00

 Skan Electric
 \$124,750.00

 Holmes Electric
 \$115,169.00

ACTION: Award the contract to the lowest responsive bidder, King Electric, in the amount of \$108,800 and approve associated budget revision (B01-033)

G. Approval of a Declaration of Covenants and Restrictions for the Little River Baptist Church Hazard Mitigation Project.

BACKGROUND: In 1999, the County acquired the Little River Baptist Church as part of a Hazard Mitigation Grant with the State Emergency Management Division. As required by the terms of the federal grant, the County must acknowledge that the land will be maintained as open space in perpetuity and that the County shall not request or receive any future federal disaster assistance for or on behalf of the land.

ACTION: Adopt Resolution

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the County purchased the Little River Baptist Church located in Manchester Township, demolished it and removed its debris from the floodway of the Little River; and

WHEREAS, the County received grant funding of approximately \$200,000.00 for this project from the State Division of Emergency Management; and

WHEREAS, as part of its hazard mitigation grant, the County must impose certain covenants and restrictions on the property; and

WHEREAS, the attached Declaration of Covenants and Restrictions/Little River Baptist Church (the "Declaration") contains the required covenants and restrictions.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Commissioners resolves that it approves the Declaration and authorizes the Chairman of the Board and the Clerk to the Board to execute it on behalf of the County and cause it to be recorded in the Cumberland County Registry.

H. Approval of the Disposition of Surplus Health Department Mobile Medical Van (Rainbow Ride) through Reversion to Smart Start Program.

BACKGROUND: The Health Department has discontinued use of the Mobile Medical Van (VIN 1BDNCSA6SF063345). The vehicle was used for the Health Department's Healthy Families Outreach Project and was originally purchased in early 1995 at a cost of approximately \$187,000.00 using Partnership for Children, Inc. grant money. Equipment purchased with this money remains the property of the Partnership and can only be disposed of by written instructions of that agency.

ACTION: Adopt a Resolution authorizing publication of the required notice of disposition of the Van, and authorize the County Manager to do so upon and consistent with the instructions of the Partnership.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the 1994 Mobile Van, bus-style vehicle, VIN1BDNCSA6SF063345, owned by Cumberland County ("County") and purchased with funds provided by the Partnership for Children, Inc., ("Partnership") is no longer being used by the Cumberland County Health Department; and

WHEREAS, the agreement between the County and the Partnership requires disposal of this property per written instructions by the Partnership; and

WHEREAS, NCGS 160A-265(b) gives the Board of Commissioners the authority to dispose of such property.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Commissioners resolves that the 1994 Mobile Van, bus—style vehicle, VIN1BDNCSA6SF063345, is surplus to the needs of the County and shall be disposed of upon and consistent with the written instructions to the County from the Partnership; and it is further

RESOLVED, that a notice be published in a newspaper of general circulation identifying the Mobile Van and the County Manager is authorized and directed to convey it no less than ten (10) days after publication of such notice upon and consistent with the written instructions to the County from the Partnership.

I. Declaration as surplus the Parts Inventory for Solid Waste equipment no longer in use and Authorization to dispose of same through Sealed Bids.

BACKGROUND: The following equipment is surplus to the needs of the County:

Part Number	Description	Price Each	<u>Total Price</u>
278998	1 Brake Valve	99.91	99.91
99675	2 Speedy Sleeve	130.50	250.00

8921717	1 Relay Kit	97.37	97.37
392-9112	2 Hub Seals	23.38	46.76
46012	1 Pin	98.50	98.50
4860	4 24v lamps	98.50	380.00
4825R	5 24v lamps	33.22	166.10
48620	1 Cup	45.72	45.72
48684	1 Center Bearing	89.11	89.11
1115A	2 Lights	9.77	19.54
67515	2 Oil Seals	35.98	71.96
5001	2 Lamps	35.98	71.96
Rex Engine	Engine	8,500.00	8,500.00
Rex Radiator	Radiator	325.00	325.00
FA674	2 Wheel Hubs	295.16	590.00
BT775	4 Hydraulic Filters	29.72	118.88
BT339	Transmission Filter	3.31	3.31
PT401-MPG	Transmission Filter	36.15	36.15
PA1620	Air Filter	15.80	15.80

ACTION: Declare the parts surplus and allow the Department to advertise the parts and accept sealed bids for the sale of the items.

J. Report on the Disposal of Surplus County Property

BACKGROUND: On July 17, 2000 the Board of Commissioners approved the Property Disposal Report for the period January 1, 2000 – June 30, 2000. Inadvertently, furniture transferred to the Hispanic/Latino Center, Inc., from the old DSS building was omitted from the report.

ACTION: Accept this addition to the Property Disposal Report for the period ended June 30, 2000.

Two Bookcases, #5045, 5063

One large table, #2451

One 2-seat brown couch, #20719 (CCHS)

Two 3-seat brown couches, #20886, 20950 (CCHS)

Two 1-seat brown couches, #20877, 4658

One secretarial chair (no inventory #)

Two black chairs w/metal arms (no inventory #)

Four small computer tables (no inventory #)

33 Plastic stack-up chairs (no inventory #)

K. Budget Revisions

(1) Health Department

a. Healthy Families: Decrease in revenue/expenditures in the amount of \$338,076 due to a reduction in State Funding (B01-027) Funding Source – State

- b. Pharmacy: Revision to increase salary in the amount of \$2,597 to coincide with the state pay grade (B01-028) Funding Source County
- c. Medical Referral Program: Revisions to transfer Medical Referral to Administration (B01-031&031A) Funding Source County
- (2) Community Development: Increase in revenue/expenditures in the amount of \$501,417 to reprogram unexpended funds from FY2000 and to appropriate fund balance in the amount of \$90,474 for required match (B01-026 and 034-038) Funding Source Federal and County
- (3) Economic & Physical Development Other: Increase in revenue/ expenditures in the amount of \$129,589 to reprogram unexpended grant funding from FY2000 to FY2001 for hazard mitigation (B01-024) Funding Source State
- (4) School Bond Projects: 1998 School Bonds revision in the amount of \$319,622 to transfer funding from the contingency to increase the Gray's Creek Middle School project to a total of \$2,419,622 and to approve the associated capital project ordinance (B01-022) Funding Source G.O. Bonds

(5) Law Enforcement

- a. Crime Control Equipment Grant: revision in the amount of \$4,899 to rebudget unencumbered grant funding (B01-042) Funding Source County
- b. Facility Upgrade Grant: Revision in the amount of \$12,550 to rebudget unencumbered grant funding (B01-041) Funding Source County
- (6) NC Controlled Substance Tax: Revision in the amount of \$89,878 to establish the FY2001 budget, (B01-043) Funding Source-State Controlled Substance Tax

REGULAR AGENDA

3. Nominations to Boards/Committees

A. ABC Board (1 vacancy)

BACKGROUND: Dr. Jeannette Council resigned her position on the ABC Board. A replacement is needed to fill out the term which will expire June 30, 2003.

Nominee: Lula Crenshaw

B. Adult Care Home Community Advisory Committee (2 vacancies)

BACKGROUND: The following positions are vacant: J.E. Herndon, Jr.

Phyllis B. Watson

Replacements are needed for both of the positions.

Nominees: Clyde Sessoms

Joan Reed Susan Phillips

C. Cape Fear Valley Health System Board of Trustees (2 vacancies)

The following positions will become vacant September 30, 2000:

Alisa E. Debnam – Eligible for reappointment

John Malzone – Replacement needed.

Nominees: Alisa Debnam – reappointment

Donald LaHuffman Emmett (Sonny) Fogle

D. Cumberland County Juvenile Crime Prevention Council (2 vacancies)

BACKGROUND: The following positions are vacant:

Member of Faith Community position

At-large position (Cindy McCormick's position)

Nominees: Monika Simmons – at-large position

Rev. Joseph Bathe – member of faith community position

E. Joint Senior Citizens Advisory Board (2 vacancies)

BACKGROUND: The following terms will expire September 30, 2000:

Betty J. Garcia – eligible for reappointment Marie Tomlin – eligible for reappointment

Nominees: Betty J. Garcia

Marie Tomlin

F. Workforce Development Board

BACKGROUND: Mr. Ole Sorensen will complete his first term on this Board.

ACTION: Nominate Mr. Sorensen for a second term.

Nominee: Ole Sorensen

4. Appointments to Boards/Committees

A. Adult Care Home Community Advisory Committee (1 vacancy)

Nominee: Effie Willis (reappointment)

B. Mid Carolina EMS Advisory Council (1 vacancy)

Nominee: Benjamin Major

MOTION: Commissioner King moved to appoint the nominees in 4A&B.

SECOND: Commissioner Blackwell

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

5. Update on the Airborne and Special Operations Museum

Appearing: Sandy Klotz, Executive Director

Ms. Klotz noted the Grand Opening on August 16, 2000. She said construction will be complete by that date. In addition, landscaping, fencing and paving work is being completed. She said the interior of the building would be virtually complete by that date also. Marketing is being concentrated in the following areas: (1) residential/day trip; (2) I-95 drive-by; (3) destination visitor and (4) group travelers. The building is being marketed in highly visible magazines, local newspapers, cable TV and billboards on I-95. She indicated market research programs will be put into effect immediately to receive feedback on the museum.

6. Consideration of the Reactivition of the Ft. Bragg/Pope Air Force Base Regional Land Use Advisory Commission

Appearing: James Dougherty – Chief Planner – NC Division of Community Assistance

Mr. Dougherty noted this Commission has not been active for about two years. However there is now a consensus that it should be reactivated to address two projects, i.e., the NC Sandhills Conservation Partnership Study and the Fort Bragg Noise Corridor Study. To reactivate, the Commissioners should appoint an official member to the Commission to represent the County, and if they choose, they may appoint additional ex-officio non-voting members. In addition, the Board should adopt the amended by-laws.

This commission will be made up of 23 voting members to include 1 member from Cumberland County, Harnett County, Hoke County, Moore County, Richmond County, Sampson County, Scotland County, Fort Bragg and Pope Air Force Base, Fayetteville, Hope Mills, Spring Lake, Lillington, Raeford, Aberdeen, Pinehurst, Southern Pines, Vass, Hamlet, Hoffman, Rockingham, Laurinburg, and Wagram.

The County Attorney suggested the By-laws be amended to indicate the ex-officio members are non-voting members.

Commissioner Baggett inquired as to the authority of the Commission. Mr. Dougherty said it has no authority other than to make recommendations. Commissioner Baggett pointed out that this commission would be making strong recommendations about what we do with our land, when they have no ownership in county property.

Commissioner Blackwell inquired if this commission would be discussing the extension of the runway at the military base. Mr. Dougherty said they should look at it. He also indicated that Spring Lake has not yet approved the by-laws, as it has not been presented to them yet.

MOTION: Commissioner Baggett moved to appoint Commissioner King as the voting representative and County Manager Cliff Strassenburg, Deputy County Manager James Martin, and Planning Director as ex-officio non-voting members.

SECOND: Chairman Melvin VOTE: UNANIMOUS

7. Consideration of Department of Transportation Municipal Agreement for Crown Coliseum Driveway Access to Wilkes Road

BACKGROUND: This agreement provides for the construction of a three-lane road from Wilkes Road to the existing paved service road at the Crown Coliseum. The County shall reimburse NCDOT the actual cost of the portion of the road from Station 12+33 to Station 17+30 and maintain said portion of the road. The County shall also be responsible for acquiring all necessary right-of-way and easements associated with the project. The County's portion of the cost is \$62,525.50, which includes 15% for engineering and contingency. The County shall submit payment of its portion of the costs to NCDOT upon execution of this agreement. Total cost of the project is \$102,105.50.

ACTION: Approve the agreement and appropriate \$62,525.50 for the County's portion of the construction cost, and the associated budget revision (B01-045).

8. Consideration of Funding for Continuation of FAST Route 20

BACKGROUND: This route was established about one year ago to test ridership demand outside the Fayetteville city limits and serves Hope Mills and the County Industrial Park. The principal source of funding was State grant funds. The City of Fayetteville and the County shared equally in the local match offset by fairbox collections. State grant funds have expired and the City of Fayetteville has asked the County and the Town of Hope Mills to share in the cost to continue the operation of this route. Total cost to operate the route for one year is projected to be \$181,727. If the cost is allocated by route miles, the County's portion would be \$92,681, the Town of Hope Mills would pay \$72,691 and the City of Fayetteville would pay \$16,355. Staff from the County, the Town of Hope Mills and FAST met to explore options to reduce operating costs. One option is to eliminate Saturday service and reduce weekday service to two trips in the morning and two in the afternoon. The reduced service option would reduce the annual operating cost to \$113,208. If the cost is allocated on the basis of ridership, the County's share would be \$28,302. The City of Fayetteville prefers the cost allocation to be based on route miles. The City of Fayetteville has extended the route for two months by paying the entire amount; however, they are unable to continue to pick up the full cost.

The County Manager noted the following concerns with respect to the continuation of Route 20:

- it has low ridership and a further reduction in service would most likely further reduce ridership;
- the low ridership and cost of operation result in a relatively low benefit to cost ratio;
- the Town of Hope Mills will not participate in the funding of this Route;
- piecemeal route-by-route approach in extending transit service beyond the
 Fayetteville City limits without an overall metropolitan transit system operating and funding plan is poor and ineffective planning and will not meet with public support and governmental commitment;
- a plan for continued funding of Route 20 will set a precedent for continuation of funding for other route extensions such as Spring Lake; and
- there is no funding appropriation in the FY01 budget for continuation of funding for Route 20 and this would be an on-going funding project.

The County Manager recommends that the County not fund the continuation of Route 20. In addition he recommends that consideration be given to exploring the possibility of comprehensively redesigning the entire transit system. This could be done through a joint effort by the County, the City of Fayetteville, the Towns of Hope Mills and Spring Lake and Fort Bragg. Mr. Strassenburg also noted that EPA is going to designate Cumberland County as a non-attainment area for air quality and we will need to reduce vehicle trips on our road as much as we can.

Chairman Ed Melvin said he would suggest that we look at forming a committee made up of the above noted jurisdictions to look at a plan that might include using smaller buses, private enterprise such as taxicabs to provide service and use of vans run by the senior citizens center.

Commissioner Blackwell noted that a transit plan is going to cost a tremendous amount of money and that if we are serious about it we need to understand that it will not be cheap. He said everyone will need to make a commitment to make it work. He mentioned a study that was done back in the 80's that identified transportation as the number one issue in the County. However, based on the study the cost of providing effective transportation was cost prohibitive.

Commissioner Council noted we just declared a van surplus to our needs. The County Manager said that the Smart Start van is not adaptable for this purpose.

Commissioner King said we should do all we can to keep this service for the citizens.

Commissioner Tyson noted that DSS provides transportation via a contract with FAST for eligible citizens.

Commissioner Baggett noted his concern that EPA set up one of the testing locations for air quality right on I-95. He called it a terrible injustice to Cumberland County.

MOTION: Commissioner Baggett moved to appoint a committee made up of representatives from the County, Fayetteville, Spring Lake, Hope Mills and Fort Bragg to look at better way to provide transit service, such as smaller buses, private enterprise and perhaps vans run by the Senior Citizens Center as well as any other options that are feasible. SECOND: Commissioner King

DISCUSSION: Commissioner King inquired about cost to keep Route 20 running at the reduced level as outlined by the County Manager for 60 days. The response was about \$20,000.

VOTE: FAVOR: Commissioners Baggett, Blackwell, Tyson, Melvin, Warren

OPPOSED: Commissioners Council and King

9. Consideration of Electrical Change Order EC-4, DSS Administration Building Project

BACKGROUND: This change order for Griffin Electric, Inc. in the amount of \$23,309 is for additional work on the DSS Administration Building. The work involves:

- relocation of electrical power to accommodate the modular office furniture for an add of \$8,327;
- revision of controls for the exterior parking lot lights and interior lights for an add of \$14,882.

ACTION: Approve the Change Order, increase the total contract amount to \$2,578,352 and approve the associated budget revision (B01-049).

MOTION: Commissioner King moved to approve.

SECOND: Commissioner Jeannette Council.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

10. Consideration of Renewal of Lease and Franchise Agreements for Recreation Concession Operations:

- a. Baldwin Elementary School Park Hope Mills Youth Association
- b. Honeycutt Elementary School Park Southwest Athletic Association
- c. E.E. Miller Elementary School Park Cliffdale Area Sports Association
- d. Lake Rim Park Cliffdale Area Sports Association

ACTION: Approve the first reading.

MOTION: Commissioner Blackwell moved to approve the above lease and franchise

agreements.

SECOND: Commissioner King

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

11. County Personnel Committee Report and Recommendations

a. FY 2000-2001 Position Classification and Pay Plan

BACKGROUND: The Personnel Committee met on July 13, 2000 and recommended approval of the FY01 Position Classification and Pay Plan, to include all changes made during fiscal year 2000.

ACTION: Approve

b. Employment Contract for the County Attorney

BACKGROUND: On July 13, 2000, the County Personnel Committee considered a request for an employment contract for the County Attorney. He is the only employee that serves at the will of the Board of Commissioners that does not currently have an employment contract. The contract for the other three at-will employees (County Manager, Finance Director and County Clerk) have been previously initially approved by the Board of Commissioners and have been modified from time to time to incorporate salary adjustments following adoption of the annual County budget.

ACTION: Approve contract for the County Attorney.

MOTION: Commissioner King moved to approve items 11a&b.

SECOND: Commissioner Baggett

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

12. Consideration of the proposed Revised County Animal Control Ordinance

BACKGROUND: The Animal Control Department and Animal Control Board recommend adoption of the revised County Animal Control Ordinance. Some important provisions of the ordinance are:

- mandatory spay/neuter of animals adopted from the shelter (Sec. 3-20)
- county-wide leash law (Sec. 3-21.1);
- continued applicability of vicious, dangerous dog and potentially dangerous dog regulations (Art. III);
- new provisions for "public hazard dogs" which may require restrictions less severe than for vicious, dangerous or potentially dangerous dogs (Art. VII);
- continued applicability of provisions regarding apprehension of wild dogs running loose (Sec. 3-23);
- continued applicability of Injured Animal Stabilization Fund (Art. VIII);
- fine of \$100 for failure to list dog or cat (Sec. 3-58);
- authority for Tax Administrator to delegate license issuance to Animal Control or veterinarians (including for payment of processing fee to the issuing veterinarian) (Sec. 3-58);
- increased fines for civil violations, \$50 for first violation, \$100 for second violation within 12 months & \$300 for third violation within 12 months (Sec. 3-98.C);
- enhanced fines for owner whose dogs or cat runs at large off property and bites a person so as to break the skin (\$250 for first offense, \$500 for second offense, \$1000 for third offense) (Sec. 3-16);
- prohibition of traps likely to cause physical harm or injury to animals (does not apply to persons licensed by state to trap animals, Animal Control Officers or persons using humane live capture traps) (Sec. 3-7.C.);
- basic humane and sanitary standards for kennels (defined where 8 or more dogs or cats are kept) (Sec. 3-41, 42) and for domesticated animals other than dogs or cats (Sec. 3-45):
- basic humane and sanitary standards for pet shops (Sec. 3-87);

- license fees dedicated for "physical improvements to the animal shelter or the equipment of the Animal Control Department, for the cost of administration and enforcement of Chapter 3, and for costs associated with public education programs and activities "Sec. 3-63).

ACTION: Consider adoption of the revised ordinance.

Following some discussion concerning the ordinance, the following motion was made:

MOTION: Commissioner Tyson moved to adopt the revised ordinance with the following amendments:

- licensed hunting dogs under the actual physical control of a competent person, with proof of payment of privilege tax, while engaged in a lawful actual or simulated hunt will not be fined for running at large;
- fines for increased civic penalties will take effect January 1, 2001.

SECOND: Commissioner Warren

VOTE: FAVOR: Commissioners Blackwell, Tyson, Warren, Melvin, Council, &

Baggett

OPPOSED: Commissioner King

Note: Second reading of this ordinance will be on the August 21, 2000 agenda.

Commissioner Billy R. King informed the Board he would not be present for all of the NCACC meeting in Durham County. He suggested that the Board designate Breeden Blackwell as an alternate voting delegate.

The Board authorized Breeden Blackwell as an alternate voting delegate.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 10:45AM

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