

CUMBERLAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MARCH 3, 2003, 9:00AM
REGULAR MEETING

PRESENT: Chairman Talmage Baggett
Vice Chairman Jeannette Council
Commissioner Billy R. King
Commissioner Kenneth Edge
Commissioner John Henley
Commissioner J. Lee Warren, Jr.
Amy Cannon, Asst. County Manager
Cliff Spiller, Asst. County Manager
ABSENT: Commissioner Breeden Blackwell (NACo Conf.)
James Martin, County Manager (NACo Conf.)
Juanita Pilgrim, Deputy County Manager (Conf.)
INVOCATION: Commissioner John Henley
Dr. Ernest Johnson, Highland Presbyterian Church

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

1. CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Henley pulled Item 1F(9) from the Consent Agenda. It will be acted on separately.

MOTION: Commissioner Warren moved to follow staff recommendations on the items on the Consent Agenda, excepting Item 1F(9).
SECOND: Commissioner Edge
VOTE: UNANIMOUS

A. Approval of Minutes: January 31, 2003, February 17, 2003

ACTION: Approve

B. Approval of a Proclamation proclaiming March 13, 2003 "Leadership Government Day" in Cumberland County

BACKGROUND: The Chamber of Commerce requests the Board to adopt this Proclamation.

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Fayetteville Chamber of Commerce is dedicated to educating business leaders through the annual Leadership Fayetteville Program; and

WHEREAS, area businesses appreciate the value of Leadership Fayetteville and support its employees' participation in a worthwhile activity; and

WHEREAS, the Fayetteville Chamber of Commerce values government and its contributions to the quality of life in our community and includes local government in its Leadership Fayetteville annual curriculum; and

WHEREAS, the vision of Cumberland County is that it be characterized by progressive leadership that provides for a prosperous, affordable, safe and culturally inviting community; and

WHEREAS, the Leadership Fayetteville Class of 2003 represents a class of up and coming leaders of our great county.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Cumberland County Board of Commissioners proclaims March 13, 2003 "Leadership Fayetteville Government Day" in Cumberland County.

C. Approval of a Proclamation proclaiming April 6-12, 2003, "National County Government Week" in Cumberland County

ACTION: Adopt Proclamation

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, counties care for kids, and counties provide critical services to the children and families that live in our great country; and

WHEREAS, counties provide medical services, public safety, educational development, immunizations to keep kids healthy, planning to keep parks safe places to play, elderly services for grandmothers and grandfathers and health care to the disabled and the needy; and

WHEREAS, when natural or man-made disaster strikes, county emergency service keeps children and their families safe and informed until order can be restored; and

WHEREAS, counties provide many services that make America's communities stronger, safer places to live and raise families; and

WHEREAS, county officials and employees use their role as local leaders to encourage better children's health, increase early childhood development and promote safe & effective parenting strategies; and

WHEREAS, county governments are the citizen's local government voice, providing solutions that bring communities together.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of Cumberland County proclaims April 6-12, 2003 "NATIONAL COUNTY GOVERNMENT WEEK" and urges its citizens to recognize the leadership, innovation and valuable services provided by our nation's counties.

- D. Approval of Health Department delinquent accounts to be turned over to outside debt collectors

BACKGROUND: The Board of Health approved writing off bad debts in the amount of \$77,010.39 and turning them over to collection agencies. The Board of Health also recommended that the agency process a bad-debt write-off each quarter.

ACTION: Approve the write-off of bad debts in the amount of \$77,010.39 and authorize they be turned over to collection agencies.

- E. Approval of bid award for Solid Waste compactor and approval of trade-in

BACKGROUND: Bids were first received for this equipment on November 21, 2002. It was determined that specifications were "too restrictive" towards one manufacturer and the bid was rejected. The equipment was rebid and bids opened on January 22, 2003. Again, only one vendor bid the equipment as follows:

Road Machinery: Total net bid: \$466,900

ACTION: Declare the existing landfill compactor REX 3-70 surplus to our needs, authorize trade-in and award the bid for a new compactor to Road Machinery in the amount of \$466,900.

- F. Budget Revisions:

ACTION: Approve

- (1) Public Safety – Other: **B03-301** Amount: \$195,000 – to appropriate fund balance to budget funds for the Medical Examiner and Youth Detention Center based on projected expenditures through the end of the year. Funding Source – Reallocation of budgeted expenditures.

- (2) Welfare – Other

- a. **B03-302.** Amount: \$80,000 to appropriate fund balance to budget funds for court ordered care based on projected expenditures through the end of the year. Funding Source – Reallocation of budgeted expenditures

- b. **B03-314.** Amount: \$9,000 to appropriate fund balance to fund outstanding FY2002 invoice from October 1, 2001 – June 30, 2002 for the Senior Citizens Center. Funding Source – Appropriated Fund Balance
- (3) School Capital Outlay Category I/School Capital Outlay Category II. (**B03-304-304A**) Amount: \$2,235,345 to appropriate fund balance to rebudget unexpended capital outlay funds from prior fiscal year. Funding Source – County School Fund Balance Appropriated
- (4) NC Controlled Substance Tax – **B03-308.** Amount: \$30,000 to appropriate fund balance to budget for the purchase of undercover surveillance equipment. Funding Source – NC Controlled Substance Tax Fund Balance Appropriated
- (5) Local Law Enforcement Block Grant 2001 – **B03-309.** Amount: \$283 to budget for interest income and to appropriate fund balance for prior year interest income received. Funding Source – Interest Income and Appropriated Fund Balance
- (6) Spring Lake Resource Center – **B03-310.** Amount: \$1,185 to budget for the temporary increase in salary for the Administrative Support I due to temporary assignment to the Detention Center. Funding Source – Reallocation of Budgeted Expenditures
- (7) Recreation – **B03-315.** Amount: \$1,500 to appropriate fund balance to fund outstanding FY2002 invoice from October 1, 2001 – June 30, 2002 for the Fayetteville/Cumberland County Youth Council. Funding Source – Recreation Fund Balance Appropriated
- (8) Legal/General Government Other – **B03-316.** Amount: \$9,000 to recognize revenue of \$4,956 and to reallocate expenditures of \$4,044 from General Government contingency in order to fund expenditures in the Legal Department. Funding Source – Sales Revenue & Reallocation of Budgeted Expenditures.
- (9) Jail Health – **B03-318-318E.** Amount: \$69,654 to reallocate Health Department expenditures to fund 11 new Jail Health positions: (2 staff nurse (RN) positions, 1 part-time staff nurse (RN) position, 3 LPN II positions, 4 Certified Nursing Assistant II (CAN) positions. Funding Source: Reallocation of Budgeted Expenditures

Commissioner Henley noted the significant expense for these employees going forward into a new fiscal year. He inquired about the difference of what we are currently pay for healthcare staff in the jail and what we will pay next fiscal year. The difference is \$242,000 (new fiscal year). Commissioner Henley noted concern that the staffing level may be greater than it needs to be. Eugene Hines, Interim Health Director, noted that when the plans were being drawn for the new detention center it was decided to have a unit that could take care of sick inmates. It is an 8-bed unit. Over the years it has become more difficult to get and retain nurses. The new unit at the new detention facility is a 24 hour infirmary. In the old facility, infirmary hours were only 16 hours and they used a Temporary Personnel Service for weekend coverage. There are currently no nurses available through the Temporary Service. Mr. Hines noted concern that lack of appropriate staff could jeopardize accreditation. Mr. Hines noted that the proposed staffing at the new detention center will in the long run save the county money, as deputies will not have to take inmates to the hospitals and remain with them while they are there. In addition it is a security problem. Chairman Baggett noted that cost savings by not having deputies at the hospital needs to be factored into this scenario. Vice Chairman inquired about repercussions that could occur if the Board does not approve the revision. Mr. Hines noted burn-out of current staff and not being able to staff the infirmary on the weekends. Sheriff Butler noted that there is a savings by not having to transport inmates to our local hospital and up to Raleigh. Commissioner Henley noted he thought that this staffing is rich.

MOTION: Commissioner Henley moved to defer action on this item until the March 17 meeting and that it be referred to the Finance Committee with additional information being provided about cost savings and how this will or will not affect accreditation, etc.

SECOND: Commissioner Warren

VOTE: **FAVOR:** Commissioners Henley, Edge, Council, Baggett, Warren
OPPOSED: Commissioner King

- (10) Public Buildings – Janitorial/General Government Other – **B03-320**. Amount: \$21,300 to reallocate expenditures to fund increased operating expenditures in the Public Buildings/Janitorial Department. Funding Source – Reallocation of Budgeted Expenditures

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

2. Consideration of County Facilities Committee report and recommendation on the Animal Control Shelter and Sheriff's Training Center

BACKGROUND: The County Facilities Committee met on February 11, 2003 to discuss the Animal Control Shelter project and the Sheriff's Training Facility. The Committee recommends that the Board of Commissioners approve the use of Lot 36 in the Cumberland Industrial Center for co-locating the Animal Control facility and the Sheriff's training center. The Committee favors this site because it belongs to the county, water and sewer is available, and there is good access for the public. In addition, FAEDC has indicated it does not have a concern having these two facilities in the Industrial Park. The presence of the Sheriff's Training Facility on this site will provide law enforcement presence in the Industrial Center and security for the Animal Control Department. The County may use 1998 COPS proceeds to finance the Animal Control facility. The Sheriff will use drug forfeiture money (\$1.4 million) to build his training center.

ACTION: Approve co-locating the new Animal Control Facility and Sheriff's Training Center on Lot 36 in the Cumberland Industrial Center and authorize staff to prepare a Request for Qualifications for architectural services that will include both projects.

Commissioner Warren read a memo from Commissioner Blackwell, who was not present at the meeting, supporting the joint facilities and the site in the Industrial Park.

MOTION: Commissioner Warren moved to approve.

SECOND: Commissioner Edge

DISCUSSION: Commissioner King said he could not support the motion as he did not feel the location of the Animal Control Facility should be in the County Industrial Center.

VOTE: **FAVOR:** Commissioners Henley, Edge, Council, Baggett, Warren
OPPOSED: Commissioner King

3. Nominations to Boards/Committees

- A. Adult Care Home Community Advisory Committee (2 vacancies)

BACKGROUND: On February 3, 2003, the board appointed Darlease Wormack and Ellen McCrary to this Committee. Both parties declined their appointments. Andrea Wright, Regional Ombudsman, recommends that Patricia Paul be nominated for one of these vacancies.

Nominees: Patricia Paul
Robert Searle

- B. Nursing Home Advisory Board (1 vacancy)

BACKGROUND: Robert Searle will complete his second term on this Board is not eligible for reappointment.

ACTION: Nominate to fill the vacancy.

Nominee: Pete McManus

4. Appointments to Boards/Committees

A. Equalization and Review Board (5 vacancies)

Nominees: At-large position (2 vacancies):

Voting:

David Dauria – reappointment - UNANIMOUS

William Harrell – NO VOTES

Jimmy Ragland - UNANIMOUS

MOTION: Commissioner Henley moved to appoint the nominees as listed below to their respective positions.

SECOND: Commissioner King

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

Businessman position (1 vacancy):

George Turner

Farmer position (1 vacancy):

Sherrill W. Jernigan – reappointment

Homebuilder position (1 vacancy):

Ron Smith - reappointment

Vice Chairman Council noted that Cumberland County DSS has received Medicaid reimbursement quality control scores of 100% for accuracy, 100% for food stamps and 100% for Work First monitoring.

Commissioner Warren noted today's date of 03/03/03 is an opportune time for citizens to pause at 3:03PM and pray for our troops and our nation.

MOTION: Commissioner Edge moved to adjourn.

SECOND: Commissioner King

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

MEETING ADJOURNED: 9:40AM.

Clerk to the Board