

CUMBERLAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
JUNE 2, 2009, 5:30PM
SPECIAL MEETING
BUDGET

PRESENT: Chairman Jeannette Council
Vice Chairman Billy R. King
Commissioner Breeden Blackwell
Commissioner Kenneth Edge
Commissioner Marshall Faircloth
Commissioner Jimmy Keefe
Commissioner Ed Melvin
James Martin, County Manager
Juanita Pilgrim, Deputy County Manager
Amy Cannon, Asst. County Manager
Grainger Barrett, County Attorney
Harvey Raynor, Deputy County Attorney
Sally Shutt, Communications Manager Designate
Finance Department Staff
Marie Colgan, Deputy Clerk
Candice White, Deputy Clerk Designate
Marsha Fogle, Clerk

The Chairman called the meeting to order.

The following Departments spoke and/or appealed the Manager's recommended budget for FY2009-10:

Lee Warren, Register of Deeds – Mr. Warren noted that he likes to replace his computers on a regular schedule so not all of them have to be replaced at the same time. He said he may need \$10,000 sometime during the next fiscal year in order to replace a few computers in his office. He noted his department is a revenue generator and he was hopeful revenues would be increasing next fiscal year as economic activity begins to increase following this economic downturn. He will work very hard to keep within the County Manager's recommended budget, which reflects cuts the County Manager had asked of his Office, but if it looks like they may be coming up short in the Spring he may need to consider approaching the County Manager and the Board for some relief. In response to a question he noted the General Assembly sets the fees for his office.

Sheriff Earl Butler - The Sheriff requested the Board consider approving two new part-time positions at a cost of \$25,000 that would work in the Gun Permits Section of the Sheriff's Office, to be funded by revenues generated by gun permit fees. He noted that since July 2003 the workload of customers served and fees collected have increased substantially. He said current staffing is insufficient to handle the increased workload and has required overtime work to perform records checks for the gun permits. When

questioned he said that these two part-time positions would eliminate the need for overtime. He also noted if the demand for gun permits decreases, he would not need the part-time positions.

Jodi Risacher, Library Director - Ms. Risacher thanked the Board for its support and noted that because of the economic problems facing the county, the Library did not request in the new fiscal year budget that the Board restore hours to the two remaining branches which are on reduced hours following the budget adjustments of 2001. She thanked the Manager's Office for putting money in the budget for carpet for the Hope Mills Branch Library. She advised the main branch has reopened and noted that all computers are being used. In response to a question, Ms. Risacher noted a decrease in state aid of as much as 10%. The Library continues to apply diligently for grants to assist them in providing services to our citizens. Ms. Risacher advised that Ft. Bragg has asked the Library to run its Library System on Post. She indicated she and her staff were putting together some figures to present to Ft. Bragg for this service. She indicated the Ft. Bragg Library is currently underfunded and needs to be updated. She also noted concern about the relatively short-term "sunset clause" in the Post's proposed Municipal Services Contract and its effect, if we should choose to help Ft. Bragg with its library.

The consensus of the Board was to cancel the budget meeting scheduled for June 4, 2009 at 5:00PM.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 6:15PM.