

CUMBERLAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SPECIAL MEETING - FY 2016 BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING
117 DICK STREET, 1ST FLOOR, ROOM 118
JUNE 2, 2015, 7:00 PM
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

PRESENT: Commissioner Kenneth Edge, Chairman
Commissioner Marshall Faircloth, Vice Chairman
Commissioner Glenn Adams
Commissioner Jeannette Council
Commissioner Charles Evans
Commissioner Jimmy Keefe
Commissioner Larry Lancaster
Amy Cannon, County Manager
James Lawson, Deputy County Manager
Tracy Jackson, Assistant County Manager
Vicki Evans, Finance Director
Kelly Autry, Budget & Management Analyst
Keith Todd, Information Services Director
Jeffrey Brown, Engineering and Infrastructure Director
Jody Risacher, Library Director
Ed Melvin, Social Services Board Member
Sally Shutt, Governmental Affairs Officer
Candice White, Clerk to the Board
Press

Commissioner Edge called the special meeting to order and stated the purpose of the meeting is to hear from citizens regarding the budget. Commissioner Lancaster provided the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag.

Chairman Edge called on Amy Cannon, County Manager, who explained the Board of Commissioners' procedures for public hearings.

Candice White, Clerk to the Board, advised there were six speakers signed up for the public hearing.

This is the duly advertised/noticed public hearing set for this date and time.

Chairman Edge opened the public hearing.

The clerk to the board called the following speakers:

Sara VanderClute – Ms. VanderClute appeared as chairman of the library board of trustees and thanked the Board for their consistent support of the library. Ms. VanderClute spoke to some of the library's accomplishments and stated the library is working to change the perception that the Headquarters branch is not safe by adding additional security staff and cameras.

Alizdair Ray – Alizdair stated he has been going to the library for as long as he can remember and he is glad he did because it enhanced his reading and speaking ability. Alizdair stated there is so much to do at the library with books, movies, and CDs.

Angela Ray – Ms. Ray appeared as vice president of Friends of the Library and spoke to what the library has done for her son, Alizdair. Ms. Ray stated she and her husband made it a priority that Alizdair go to the library because it made him a well-rounded reader and speaker. Ms. Ray encouraged the Board to continue its funding of the library.

Lahonda Jo Morgan – Ms. Morgan stated she has done a lot of research and the Cumberland County library is the best. Ms. Morgan urged the Board to keep it

the best and see that it receives adequate funding. Ms. Morgan stated library staff provide assistance to individuals who cannot come into the library to include going into assisted living facilities in the community. Ms. Morgan stated there is a new technology with which libraries can offer teleconferencing so individuals can connect anywhere in the world. Ms. Morgan encouraged the Board to provide funds to support this technology.

Dave Wilson – Mr. Wilson stated the library is the jewel of Fayetteville and Cumberland County and entitles the community to bragging rights. Mr. Wilson stated the library has received prestigious honors and recognitions and provides services beyond lending books. Mr. Wilson stated the library must have support through adequate funding.

Jeffrey Hunt – Mr. Hunt appeared as president and CEO of the Spring Lake Chamber of Commerce and asked the Board to reconsider the county manager's decision not to put \$50,000 in the budget as requested by the Chamber. Mr. Hunt spoke to the commercial development that will likely follow the residential growth in Spring Lake and stated the Chamber needs the funding so it can become a catalyst for economic development.

There being no further speakers, Chairman Edge closed the public hearing.

Chairman Edge thanked the speakers and stated the Board of Commissioners would take their comments into consideration.

MOTION: Chairman Council moved to adjourn.
SECOND: Commissioner Evans
VOTE: UNANIMOUS (7-0)

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Approved with/without revision:

Respectfully submitted,

Candice H. White
Clerk to the Board