

CUMBERLAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2019 – 8:30 AM
JUDGE E. MAURICE BRASWELL CUMBERLAND COUNTY COURTHOUSE
117 DICK STREET, 5TH FLOOR, ROOM 564
AGENDA SESSION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

PRESENT: Commissioner Jeannette Council, Chair
Commissioner Marshall Faircloth, Vice Chairman
Commissioner Glenn Adams
Commissioner Michael Boose (arrived at 9:00 a.m.)
Commissioner Charles Evans
Commissioner Jimmy Keefe
Commissioner Larry Lancaster (arrived at 9:18 a.m.)
Amy Cannon, County Manager
Melissa Cardinali, Assistant County Manager
Tracy Jackson, Assistant County Manager
Duane Holder, Assistant County Manager
Sally Shutt, Assistant County Manager
Rick Moorefield, County Attorney
Vicki Evans, Finance Director
Deborah Shaw, Budget Analyst
Heather Harris, Budget Analyst
Brenda Jackson, Department of Social Services Director
Jeffery Brown, Engineering & Infrastructure Director
Julean Self, Human Resources Director
Ivonne Mendez, Accounting Supervisor
James McQueen, Child Support Director
Dr. Larry Keen, FTCC President
Sheba McNeill, Civic Center Commission Chair
Robert Van Geons, FCEDC
Dee Taylor, Interim Community Development Director
Freddy Johnson, Fire Chief's Association
Darian Cobb, County Management Fellow
Candice White, Clerk to the Board
Kellie Beam, Deputy Clerk
Press

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: Commissioner Evans moved to approve the agenda.
SECOND: Commissioner Keefe
VOTE: UNANIMOUS (5-0)

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Approval of January 3, 2019 Agenda Session Regular Meeting Minutes

MOTION: Commissioner Faircloth moved to approve the January 3, 2019 Agenda Session minutes as presented.
SECOND: Commissioner Keefe
VOTE: UNANIMOUS (4-0)

3. PRESENTATIONS

A. Partnership with Fayetteville Technical Community College

BACKGROUND

Cumberland County and Fayetteville Technical Community College (FTCC) have agreed to partner on developing a proposed fire and rescue training center. Dr. Larry Keen will provide information on the project.

RECOMMENDATION / PROPOSED ACTION

For information only.

Commissioner Keefe introduced the presentation and stated he worked with County Management, Dr. Larry Keen, FTCC President, and Freddy Johnson from the Cumberland County Fire Chief's Association on a way to improve public safety. Commissioner Keefe stated there is a need for well-trained public safety personnel throughout Cumberland County and the state of North Carolina.

Dr. Keen gave brief remarks thanking everyone involved in making this partnership possible. Dr. Keen stated this facility will serve the needs of the fire and emergency management personnel in Cumberland County and will attract others from across the country. Dr. Keen presented a PowerPoint Presentation that included an aerial view map of the master plan of the facility, the floor plan of the facility, a video fly through of the facility and proposed pictures of the exterior view of the facility.

Commissioner Keefe stated this facility will enhance Cumberland County's image and capability for public safety. Commissioner Faircloth stated this facility will provide a place for training first responders and others that may have an interest in a public safety profession. Commissioner Faircloth further stated the facility may create more interest in fire department volunteers which are always a struggle to find and will benefit Cumberland County. Chief Johnson thanked all entities involved in this partnership and stated this facility will provide classrooms, burn buildings, confined space, trench rescue and an entire array of training props needed to train firefighters.

No action taken. For information only.

4. CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA ITEMS

- A. Revisions to the Board of Commissioners' Rules of Procedure Adopted August 17, 2009; and Rescission of Policy No. 1-2: Placing an Item on a Board of Commissioners Committee Agenda

BACKGROUND

The Board's Rules of Procedure have not been amended to account for the changes in technology which are now being used in the agenda process, the participation of an absent member by telephone, the changes to the Zoning Ordinance which eliminated the use of quasi-judicial hearings for certain zoning cases, and the changes in the agenda process resulting from the dissolution of the standing committees and establishment of the Agenda Session as a regular meeting. The proposed revisions to Rules 6, 8, 9, 25 and 26 are for the purpose of bringing the Rules up to date with these changes and the practices in place. The Resolution is to rescind the Board's adopted policy for placing an item on an agenda of one of the former Standing Committees.

This item was presented at the January 3, 2019, Agenda Session and the Board directed staff to bring it back to the February 7, 2019, Agenda Session after giving the commissioners an opportunity to email any further revisions any would like to have included. The County Attorney sent an email to the commissioners on Monday, January 28, 2019, and asked if anyone wanted any further changes to the Rules. No one requested any further changes.

RECOMMENDATION / PROPOSED ACTION

The Clerk and the County Attorney recommend adoption of these revisions to the Rules and the Resolution set out below.

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Whereas, the Board of Commissioners has dissolved its standing committees and established an additional regular meeting designated as an Agenda Session to serve the purpose of the former standing committees; and

Whereas, the Board's Policy No. 1-2: Placing an Item on a Board of Commissioners Committee Agenda is no longer applicable.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that Policy No. 1-2: Placing an Item on a Board of Commissioners Committee Agenda is hereby rescinded.

Rick Moorefield, County Attorney, reviewed the background information and recommendation as recorded above. Mr. Moorefield highlighted revisions to the Rules of Procedure and explained why they were being recommended.

Commissioner Keefe stated under Rule 6 for quasi-judicial it states the speaker has "sufficient time" to present relevant and material testimony which he believes to be very subjective. Mr. Moorefield stated the language is standard for quasi-judicial hearings, but the board determines what testimony is relevant and material to the issue being decided.

MOTION: Commissioner Keefe moved to place this item on the consent agenda at the February 18, 2019 regular meeting.

SECOND: Commissioner Faircloth

VOTE: UNANIMOUS (6-0)

B. Policy Governing Purchase of Tickets or Tables for Commissioners' Attendance at Local Events

BACKGROUND

At its January 3, 2019, Agenda Session, the Board of Commissioners directed that Commissioners Adams and Keefe serve as a committee to recommend a policy governing the purchase of tickets or tables for the use of commissioners to attend local events sponsored by community organizations for the consideration of the full board at its February 7, 2109, Agenda Session. Commissioners Adams and Keefe discussed their recommendation with the County Attorney.

RECOMMENDATION / PROPOSED ACTION

Commissioners Adams and Keefe recommend the Board adopt the following resolution to establish a policy governing the purchase of tickets or tables for the use of commissioners to attend local events sponsored by community organizations:

Be it resolved, the Board of Commissioners finds that commissioners' attendance at local events sponsored by our community's non-profit organizations and public institutions serves the public purpose of enhancing the county's mission to provide excellent customer service to its citizens in a fiscally responsible manner.

To that end, commissioners are encouraged to attend such local events as elected officials of Cumberland County.

In order to offset the cost to commissioners of attending such events, funds which are appropriated for this purpose in the annual budget may be used to purchase or reimburse the purchase of tickets for a commissioner and one guest of that commissioner to attend such local events.

For local events for which tables are offered instead of individual tickets, the Chair of the Board is authorized to approve the purchase of a table for the use of commissioners and their invited guests, provided that at least three commissioners express their intent to attend the event.

Rick Moorefield, County Attorney, reviewed the background information and recommendation as recorded above. There were no questions or discussion.

MOTION: Commissioner Evans moved to place this item on the consent agenda at the February 18, 2019 regular meeting.
SECOND: Commissioner Faircloth
VOTE: UNANIMOUS (6-0)

C. Revisions to the Travel Policy Governing Travel by Commissioners

BACKGROUND

At its January 3, 2019, Agenda Session, the Board of Commissioners directed that Commissioners Adams and Keefe serve as a committee to recommend any changes to the policy governing travel by commissioners. Commissioners Adams and Keefe discussed their recommendation with the County Attorney.

RECOMMENDATION / PROPOSED ACTION

Commissioners Adams and Keefe recommend the Board adopt the following resolution to state the finding of the public purpose for travel on county business without any further changes to the existing travel policy applicable to commissioners:

Be it resolved, the Board of Commissioners finds that commissioners' efforts to learn about county government, improve leadership skills, discover new ideas about ways to offer county services and programs, see programs and facilities in place in other communities, and be the best commissioners that they can be, serves the public purpose of enhancing the county's mission to provide excellent customer service to its citizens in a fiscally responsible manner.

To that end, commissioners are encouraged to travel to state and national conferences, receive training from the N.C. Association of County Commissioners and the UNC School of Government and undertake any other efforts that they believe will enhance their abilities to be county commissioners serving the citizens of Cumberland County.

The Board further finds that any such travel undertaken by commissioners for these purposes constitutes county business, and funds which are appropriated for this purpose in the annual budget may be used to pay for or reimburse commissioners for travel undertaken in furtherance of these purposes in accordance with the county's travel policy applicable to commissioners.

Mr. Moorefield reviewed the background information and recommendation as recorded above. There were no questions or discussion.

MOTION: Commissioner Faircloth moved to place this item on the consent agenda at the February 18, 2019 regular meeting.
SECOND: Commissioner Council
VOTE: UNANIMOUS (6-0)

D. Policy Establishing the Minimum Offer to be Accepted for the Sale of Surplus Real Property

BACKGROUND

At the January 3, 2019, Agenda Session, the County Attorney presented information concerning the bid process used for the sale of surplus real property. This information was originally requested by Commissioner Keefe as a Policy Committee item. The Board directed that the County Attorney work with Commissioner Keefe to develop a proposed minimum bid policy to be presented at the

February 7, 2019, Agenda Session. Commissioner Keefe and the County Attorney discussed the proposal.

The proposed policy is intended to accomplish two objectives. First, it is to bring the tax value in line with the market value since these properties have not been reviewed in the past because they are exempt from taxation. The County Attorney confirmed with the Tax Administrator that the tax office can review the surplus properties annually. Second, some of these properties simply will not sell for the amount of the foreclosure judgment lien because it is more than the tax value or the market value and in order to get those properties back on the tax roll it is necessary to reduce the minimum offer required. It will be necessary for the county to stop paying the other municipalities' taxes in order to do that and strictly follow the statutory mechanism for purchasing these properties at the foreclosure sale and reselling them. That is the reason for #2 in the policy below.

RECOMMENDATION / PROPOSED ACTION

With the concurrence of Commissioner Keefe, the County Attorney recommends the following policy governing the minimum amount of an offer necessary to commence the upset bid process for the sale of surplus real property:

1. The Board of Commissioners requests the tax office to review all surplus real property annually and adjust the tax value through the informal appeal process as determined by the review.
2. For foreclosures commenced after the effective date of this policy in which the county becomes the purchaser, the Board of Commissioners elects, pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 105-376(b), to pay only that part of the purchase price that would not be distributed to it and other taxing units on account of taxes, penalties, interest, and such costs as accrued prior to the initiation of the foreclosure action; and the county shall hold the property for the benefit of all taxing units that have an interest in it.
3. The resale of properties acquired by the county through tax foreclosures shall be in accordance with N.C.G.S. § 105-376(c).
4. For the first five years after a property acquired by the county through a tax foreclosure is designated as surplus property, the minimum offer to be accepted for consideration by the Board of Commissioners shall be the amount of the foreclosure judgment or the tax value, whichever is less.
5. After five years on the surplus list, the minimum offer to be accepted for consideration by the Board of Commissioners shall be the estimated cost of advertising for the upset bid process, but not less than \$300.

Mr. Moorefield reviewed the background information and recommendation as recorded above. There were no questions or discussion.

MOTION: Commissioner Keefe moved to place this item on the consent agenda at the February 18, 2019 regular meeting.

SECOND: Commissioner Boose

VOTE: UNANIMOUS (6-0)

E. Draft Performing Arts Center (PAC) Feasibility Study Request for Proposal (RFP) and Proposed Timeline

BACKGROUND

On October 18, 2018 the Board of Commissioners held a meeting in order to update the capital planning model and planning priorities. At that meeting, the Board decided to prioritize the

economic and feasibility study for a performing arts center. In support of the priority, the Board appropriated \$300,000 for the study.

Management and Finance have researched various facilities across the country and their approach to such a study. The result is the draft RFP and proposed timeline included in this packet.

The objective with the draft RFP is to obtain a thorough study that provides the Board of Commissioners a solid foundation for future PAC decisions. The proposed timeline seeks to provide consultants with an appropriate amount of time in which to craft their RFP response.

Management is proposing the Chair of the Board of Commissioners appoint three members of the Board to sit as an evaluation team to:

- review all responsive proposals,
- interview the top three proposers,
- and make their recommendation to the full Board at the August 1, 2019 agenda session meeting.

The County Manager and Assistant County Manager for General Government and Stewardship will provide staff assistance to the evaluation team.

Management is seeking a consensus on the proposed timeline at the February 7, 2019 Agenda Session meeting.

In addition, the draft RFP is provided for Board review. Management is seeking input on the draft RFP with comments and suggestions forwarded to Vicki Evans, Finance Director, by the end of day Wednesday February 20, 2019. An updated draft RFP (with tracked changes) will be distributed on March 1, 2019 with the publication of the March 7, 2019 Agenda Session meeting agenda.

RECOMMENDATION / PROPOSED ACTION

- Provide direction for proposed timeline on RFP process for PAC Feasibility Study for the timeline to be incorporated into the Draft RFP.
- The proposed RFP incorporating Board of Commissioner changes will be on the March 7, 2019 Agenda Session meeting agenda.

Commissioner Adams stated Senator Ben Clark sent an email to the full board the evening before in reference to Food & Beverage (F&B) funds. Commissioner Adams stated Senator Clark's email suggested changing the law regarding F&B funds requiring the County to reach an agreement with municipalities within the County for sharing the revenues over an extended period of time. Commissioner Adams stated this puts some uncertainty in the future of F&B funds. Commissioner Adams stated without the F&B funds the County would not have the funds to build a Performing Arts Center so he feels the County should not proceed with the feasibility study or an RFP until there is more certainty on the future of F&B funds.

MOTION: Commissioner Boose moved to defer this item to the March 7, 2019 Agenda Session meeting.

SECOND: Commissioner Adams

DISCUSSION: Commissioner Faircloth stated the Chair and Vice-Chairman met with the County Manager and Assistant County Manager and the recommendation was going to be to delay taking any action on this item until there was more certainty on the future of the F&B funds. Commissioner Keefe asked if it would be appropriate to have a resolution prepared from the board to present to the legislative delegation at their joint meeting on Monday, February 11, 2019 so the legislative delegation has a clear understanding of what the county commissioners need. Amy Cannon, County Manager, stated if F&B funds are not received, there will be a major concern from an operating perspective for current Crown Complex operations because there are over two (2) million dollars of F&B funds that assist with operations and major capital expenditures. Ms. Cannon stated she would work with the County Attorney

over the weekend because there are considerations beyond financial that need to be addressed. The consensus of the board was for County Management to prepare a resolution regarding F&B funds for the joint meeting with the legislative delegation.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS (7-0)

F. Professional Project Management Services Agreement with Thread Craft Engineering, Inc. for Disaster Recovery Programs

BACKGROUND

Cumberland County Community Development requested proposals seeking firms to provide professional project management services for disaster recovery programs associated with Hurricane Matthew. These services outlined in the request for proposal are programs funded by the Community Development Block Grant Recovery Disaster Program (CDBG-DR) and the Disaster Recovery Act of 2017 (DRA-17). Three firms responded, one of those firms ultimately withdrew from consideration, and the most qualified firm was ranked and chosen by a selection committee.

Attached is a copy of the Professional Project Management Services Agreement between Cumberland County and Threadcraft Engineering, Inc. The projects will include the Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) funds which is allocated for the construction of the Permanent Supportive Housing Project (Robin's Meadow); DRA-17 program and the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program which will require mitigation and acquisitions. Threadcraft Engineering has submitted a proposal not to exceed \$366,652 for the project management services required to complete these projects. Funds for the CDBG-DR services are currently available.

RECOMMENDATION / PROPOSED ACTION

Staff requests to move this item forward to the full Board of Commissioners for approval as a Consent Agenda item at its regular meeting on February 18, 2019 with these specific actions being requested:

1. Approval of the professional project management service agreement with Threadcraft Engineering, Inc and signature by the Chair of the Board of Commissioners.

Dee Taylor, Interim Community Development Director, reviewed the background information and recommendation as recorded above.

MOTION: Commissioner Faircloth moved to place this item on the consent agenda at the February 18, 2019 regular meeting.

SECOND: Commissioner Council

DISCUSSION: Commissioner Adams stated \$2 million for 12 units seems too high. Duane Holder, Assistant County Manager, stated the \$2 million is the total amount that has been made available and the County has identified a project of 12 units. Mr. Holder also stated the architectural design has not yet occurred so the cost per unit has not been determined.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS (7-0)

G. Revised Memorandum of Agreement for Disaster Recovery Act of 2017 for Hurricane Matthew Recovery

BACKGROUND

At the December 17, 2018, Board of Commissioners' Meeting, the Board approved revisions to a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) for the Disaster Recovery Act of 2017 (DRA-17) with the North Carolina Department of Public Safety - Division of Emergency Management (NCDPS-DEM) and budget ordinance amendment #191048 for a grant award of \$1,903,500. On January 11, 2019, County Staff received notice from the Deputy State Budget Director that the Office of

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State Budget and Management (OSBM) is partnering with NCDPS-DEM to provide program management activities to expedite the provision of recovery services to disaster families and to help communities rebuild. In order to do extend services without further delay, OSBM is requesting that Cumberland County agree to a second revision of the MOA for DRA17.

The County Attorney and I have reviewed the most recent version of the MOA and believe the new version is more comprehensive and has greater flexibility than the last version.

Staff has met with representatives from OSBM, and they have toured homes of Hurricane Matthew victims with the greatest need in our area. OSBM is ready to move forward with appraisals and surveys for upwards of ten (10) residential properties with the intent to acquire these properties as part of a larger mitigation strategy.

Included with this memo is a copy of the previously approved MOA for DRA-17 and a copy of the proposed revisions submitted by OSBM.

RECOMMENDATION / PROPOSED ACTION

Staff requests the Board move this item forward to the February 18, 2019 Board of Commissioners' Meeting for approval as a Consent Agenda Item with the following requested action:

- 1) Approve the revisions to the DRA-17 MOA as requested by the North Carolina Office of Budget and Management

There was no discussion on this item.

MOTION: Commissioner Faircloth moved to place this item on the consent agenda at the February 18, 2019 regular meeting.

SECOND: Commissioner Council

VOTE: UNANIMOUS (7-0)

- H. Update on HB 630 As Reflected in Memorandum of Understanding Between NC Department of Health & Human Services and Cumberland County

BACKGROUND

As the Board is aware, House Bill 630 was legislation introduced in an effort to improve the provision of Child Welfare services delivered by departments of Social Services in the State of North Carolina. The result of the legislation is articulated in NC General Statute 108A-74, as required the County entered into annual written agreement for all social services programs other than medical assistance; County department failure to provide child welfare services; State intervention in or control of child welfare service delivery.

RECOMMENDATION / PROPOSED ACTION

Request the Board grant authority for the County Manager to sign this agreement and any subsequent versions that maybe received as a result of continuous modification leading up to the finalized performance measures.

The Department will provide continuous updates on the modifications and present finalized performance measures to the Board once completed by the state and the county.

Brenda Jackson, Department of Social Services Director, reviewed the background information and recommendation as recorded above. Ms. Jackson explained the challenges with House Bill 630. Ms. Jackson stated the state will be working with each individual county to determine whether the performance measures are accurate and in line with federal measures. Ms. Jackson stated the Memorandum of Understanding will continue to be modified over the next 6-9 months and once finalized and accurate, the final product will be brought back to the full board.

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MOTION: Commissioner Adams moved to place this item on the consent agenda at the February 18, 2019 regular meeting.
SECOND: Commissioner Evans
VOTE: UNANIMOUS (7-0)

I. Chapin Hall Contract Amendment for the Department of Social Services

BACKGROUND

The purpose of this contract with Chapin Hall at the University of Chicago is to allow for the continued development of a multidimensional and integrative service delivery model for aging out foster children and older teens in transition to adulthood in Cumberland County DSS custody to improve their outcomes. Chapin Hall acts as a trusted intermediary to assist CCDSS to integrate all efforts, such as A Model Approach for Change in Child Welfare (AMAC-CW), and to collaborate with Cumberland's Partners to create a model for change in child welfare. AMAC-CW employs a modified approach to collective impact that will result in an effective, articulated, and documented approach to system changes that will improve outcomes for older youth in foster care and advance child welfare and family support programs in Cumberland County. Duke Endowment has awarded Cumberland County DSS a multi-year grant for the implementation plan for AMAC-CW, in an effort to reform child welfare systems. Grants funds are allotted in installments twice a year in August and December.

RECOMMENDATION / PROPOSED ACTION

We respectfully request approval of Amendment #1 - Chapin Hall at the University of Chicago from \$100,894.50 to \$235,915.00 to include the second installment (December 2018) of the Duke Endowment Grant for FY 2019.

Ms. Jackson reviewed the background information and recommendation as recorded above. Ms. Jackson stated Cumberland County has the highest number of kids in foster care due to many different factors. Ms. Jackson stated about 30 percent of the kids in foster care age out of the program and are often seen resurfacing in the jail population, mental health population and substance abuse population. Ms. Jackson stated she is very excited Duke Endowment saw this as an important issue and has awarded Cumberland County Department of Social Services a multi-year grant. Ms. Jackson stated she is requesting approval of Amendment #1 – Chapin Hall at the University of Chicago from \$100,894.50 to \$235,915 to include the second installment of the Duke Endowment Grant for FY 2019.

MOTION: Commissioner Lancaster moved to place this item on the consent agenda at the February 18, 2019 regular meeting.
SECOND: Commissioner Faircloth
VOTE: UNANIMOUS (6-0)

J. Lease Renewal for the Foster Care Family Visitation Center

BACKGROUND

Due to the increased number of children in foster care, we are unable to accommodate the court ordered visits within our building's limited visitation space. Therefore, the private property located at 727 McGilvery Street is being used as a Family Visitation Center. The site provides a family friendly atmosphere in which court ordered visitations can occur outside of our main building. This site, that we have successfully utilized for the past three years, is staffed with DSS employees.

RECOMMENDATION / PROPOSED ACTION

We respectfully request your approval of the commercial lease agreement for the property located at 727 McGilvery Street in the amount \$1,500 per month effective March 8, 2019 thru March 7, 2020.

Ms. Jackson reviewed the background information and recommendation as recorded above.

MOTION: Commissioner Evans moved to place this item on the consent agenda at the February 18, 2019 regular meeting.

SECOND: Commissioner Faircloth

DISCUSSION: Commissioner Adams stated he believes there should be a bigger discussion on this topic regarding long term plans because the courts are ordering more visitations and this center may not be big enough to accommodate the need. Commissioner Adams stated he believes this is just a short-term fix for a long-term problem. Ms. Jackson stated there has been an increase in visitations especially during the evening, weekends and holidays. Ms. Jackson stated this long-term problem is on her radar and she meets with a District Court Collaborative Group and plans to take this item forward to that group which is made up of all players involved in visitation, including County Management. Commissioner Boose stated he will agree to a one-year extension so staff can start looking at other options for a space for court ordered visits. Ms. Jackson stated although the facility is a major issue, consideration also needs to be given to working with the stakeholders around protocol, procedures, staffing and other issues. Ms. Jackson stated working through these issues will take time in order to be able to bring forward a solid recommendation that all partners agree on.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS (7-0)

K. Contract for Detention Center Lobby Renovation Project

BACKGROUND

The Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) identified security improvements needed in the Detention Center Lobby. This renovation was included in the FY2019 adopted budget.

The renovation of the lobby provides increased security to the facility by creating an entrance hall where screening can be performed prior to entering the facility. There will be a customer drop-off for screening items, a walk-through metal detector and improved security glass to the area. This will allow the Detention Center staff to screen individuals, without letting them enter the lobby, like the current configuration for the Law Enforcement Center.

A pre-bid meeting was held on January 15, 2019, in which all local contractors were invited to attend. A bid opening was held on January 28, 2019. The certified bid tab and letter of recommendation to award a contract to the lowest, responsible and responsive bidder from Gordon Johnson Architecture has been attached. The lowest, responsible and responsive base bid was submitted by RAYWEST DESIGNBUILD, LLC in the amount of \$137,511.11. There was an alternate bid received for the replacement of a portion of the exterior glass with bullet resistant glass. The alternate bid price submitted by RAYWEST DESIGNBUILD, LLC was \$11,376.70.

RECOMMENDATION / PROPOSED ACTION

The Engineering and Infrastructure Director and County Management recommend the proposed actions be placed on the February 18, 2019 Board of Commissioners agenda as a consent item:

1. Accept the bids and award a contract to the lowest, responsible and responsive bidder, RAYWEST DESIGNBUILD, LLC, in the amount of \$148,887.81. The contract amount is the base bid amount with the addition of the alternate bid.
2. Establish a contingency in the amount of \$15,000 to be used for additional work recommended by the E&I Director and approved by the County Manager.

Jeffery Brown, Engineering and Infrastructure Director, reviewed the background information and recommendation as recorded above.

MOTION: Commissioner Faircloth moved to place this item on the agenda at the February 18, 2019 regular meeting.

SECOND: Commissioner Evans

DISCUSSION: Commissioner Boose asked if these funds are out of the General Fund or the Sheriff's Office budget. Mr. Brown stated it is General Fund money that was budgeted as part of the FY19 budget.

VOTE: PASSED (6-1) (Commissioners Council, Evans, Keefe, Lancaster, Adams and Faircloth voted in favor; Commissioner Boose voted in opposition)

L. Professional Services Agreement for Law Enforcement Center Elevator Modernization Project

BACKGROUND

The Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) identified the modernization of the Law Enforcement Center elevators as a priority, and the CIP that was approved for the FY 2019 budget also included the funding for this project.

The modernization of the elevators includes mechanical, electrical and car upgrades. The fire alarm system will have to be upgraded to current code per City of Fayetteville Fire Marshal. In order to design these mechanical and electrical upgrades, as well as modernize the elevator machinery and cabs, the Engineering and Infrastructure Department selected Progressive Design Collaborative, LTD (PDC) from the List of Qualified Architectural/Engineering Firms approved by the Board of Commissioners at the December 3rd, 2015 meeting. North Carolina General Statute 143-64.31 requires local governments to select firms qualified to provide architectural, engineering and surveying services on the basis of demonstrated competence and qualifications for the type of professional services required without regard to fee other than unit price information, then negotiate a contract for the services at a fair and reasonable fee with the best qualified firm. PDC is working with an architect specialist on the project. The architect specialist that was selected is the second architect specialist that they reached out to in order to ensure the scope of services was similar and negotiate a fair and reasonable fee with Cumberland County.

PDC has submitted a proposal for their services. Their proposal is attached for your convenience. PDC has proposed a not to exceed fee of \$122,000 for their engineering work required to complete the elevator modernization at the Law Enforcement Center.

RECOMMENDATION / PROPOSED ACTION

The Engineering and Infrastructure Director and County Management recommend the proposed action be placed on the February 18th Board of Commissioners agenda as a consent item:

- Approve a professional services agreement with Progressive Design Collaborative, LTD., in the amount of \$122,000.

Mr. Brown reviewed the background information and recommendation as recorded above. Commissioner Keefe asked if the additional \$122,000 was budgeted for this project. Mr. Brown stated the \$122,000 will come out of the \$720,000 budgeted for the entire project. Mr. Brown stated he anticipates once the design is done and the project is bid, the bids will come in higher than the remaining money left. Commissioner Boose asked whether there will be a need for an upgraded alarm system if the elevators are not updated. Brown stated the elevators cannot be modernized without upgrading the fire alarm system. Mr. Brown stated one elevator is already not functioning so if the elevators are not modernized there will come a point where the other elevators are not functional which would be an ADA issue. Commissioner Adams stated he believes there needs to be a study done of the Law Enforcement Center (LEC) to see if it meets the County's needs. Commissioner Boose stated he agrees the LEC should be looked at to make sure the space is being used in the best way possible.

MOTION: Commissioner Adams moved to place this item on the consent agenda at the February 18, 2019 regular meeting and have staff start looking at the LEC and a long-term plan.

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SECOND: Commissioner Boose
VOTE: UNANIMOUS (7-0)

M. Budget Ordinance Amendment to Appropriate \$2,500 to Match the City of Fayetteville Contribution for the 2019 Second Harvest Annual Food Bank Food Fight

BACKGROUND

For the past few years the Second Harvest Food Bank has held an annual fund raiser to benefit childhood hunger-fighting initiatives. The fund raiser is known as the Annual Food Bank Food Fight.

This year the Fayetteville City Council has voted to participate in the event to be held on February 24, 2019. Additionally, the City Council has issued a challenge to the County Commissioners to match the City's donation of \$2,500 for the event.

The request from the City of Fayetteville is attached for consideration. Should the Commissioners choose to participate, a budget ordinance revision in the amount of \$2,500 will be included on the February 18, 2019 meeting agenda.

RECOMMENDATION / PROPOSED ACTION

The Board of Commissioners is requested by the City of Fayetteville to participate in the Second Harvest Food Bank Annual Food Fight on February 24, 2019. If approved, a budget ordinance revision appropriating fund balance in the amount of \$2,500 will be included on the February 18, 2019 meeting agenda.

Commissioner Boose stated he believes this is a great idea and would like the board to accept the challenge from the City of Fayetteville.

MOTION: Commissioner Boose moved to place this item on the consent agenda at the February 18, 2019 regular meeting.

SECOND: Commissioner Adams

DISCUSSION: Commissioner Keefe stated he is not going to support this item because Second Harvest Food Bank is not solely a Cumberland County program and he believes the board has a responsibility to Cumberland County. Commissioner Evans stated in light of the government shutdown and everyone else that needs assistance, he believes this is a good gesture for the County.

VOTE: PASSED (6-1) (Commissioners Evans, Council, Boose, Lancaster, Adams and Faircloth voted in favor; Commissioner Keefe voted in opposition)

5. MONTHLY REPORTS

A. Community Development Block Grant-Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) Update

BACKGROUND

Cumberland County implements activities funded through the Community Development Block Grant - Disaster Recovery program. The attached report is an update on the status of all projects undertaken by Cumberland County including the Housing Recovery Program applications submitted through the Intake Center.

RECOMMENDATION / PROPOSED ACTION

No action is needed. This item is provided for information purposes only.

CUMBERLAND COUNTY CDBG-DR PROGRAM

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**UPDATE FOR THE FEBRUARY 18, 2019
BOARD OF COMMISSIONER’S AGENDA
SESSION**

Status as of January 24, 2019:

Total Applications	County Application Intake (Step 1)	State Eligibility Check (Step 2)	State Duplication of Benefits Check (Step 3)	State Under Further Review /Withdrawn /Ineligible/Inactive
309	36 (6 county/30 city)	28 (8 county/20 city)	4 (1 county/3 city)	55 / 20 /20 / 1
State Inspection & Environmental Review (Step 4)	State Grant Determination (Step 5)	Contractor Selection (Step 6)	Construction (Step 7)	Completion (Step 8)
85 (7 county/68 city)	59 (15 county/44 city)	0	0	1 (1 county/0 city)

**Step 1 performed by County; Steps 2-8 performed by State*

Milestones/Activities:

- Professional Project Management Services – recommendation at Board meeting;
- Board approved proposed Draft Amendment One to CDBG-DR Agreement between State and County submitted to NCEM/Commerce – pending HUD approval State’s Action Plan Amendment#3;
- Ongoing– County staff processing applications and submitting to State for conducting Steps 2-8;
- Robins Meadow Permanent Supportive Housing Project notice to proceed with environmental review issued; Robins Meadow Permanent Supportive Housing Project A/E Services RFQ underway;
- City staff reviewing sites to submit preliminary project information for Community Resource Center Project
- The State is still currently developing policies before implementing the following programs – Buyout/Acquisition; Renters/Landlords; and Temporary/Relocation Programs

Current Staffing:

- State: – David Caulthorn, CD Specialist II, Dept. of Public Safety – (Community Outreach for CDBG-DR)
- Cumberland County:
 - o Sylvia McLean, P.T. Community Development (CD) Consultant; Terrinique Washington, Admin Support Specialist; Chavaungh McLamb, Admin Housing Coordinator II; Tye Vaught, Admin Program Officer II
- City of Fayetteville: Cindy Blot, Eco & CD Director; Anedra Walls,

Admin Assistant Hours of Operation (Cumberland County Application

Intake Center):

- Monday – Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Location – Cumberland County Community Development Dept – 707 Executive Place

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Ms. Cannon stated the Community Development Block Grant-Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) update was provided to the board in the agenda packet materials. There was no discussion or questions.

- MOTION: Commissioner Boose moved to accept the Community Development Block Grant-Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) update.
- SECOND: Commissioner Evans
- VOTE: UNANIMOUS (7-0)

B. Financial Report

BACKGROUND

The financial report is included which shows results of the general fund for fiscal year 2019, December year-to- date. Additional detail has been provided on a separate page explaining any percentages that may appear inconsistent with year-to-date budget expectations.

RECOMMENDATION / PROPOSED ACTION

No action needed - for discussion and information purposes only.

County ofCumberland General Fund Revenues						
REVENUES	FY17-18 AUDITED	FY18-19 ADOPTED BUDGET	FY18-19 REVISED BUDGET	YTD ACTUAL AS OF December 31, 2018	PERCENT OF BUDGET TO DATE	*
Ad Valorem Taxes						
Current Year	\$ 163,194,457	\$ 163,777,000	\$ 163,777,000	\$ 127,407,220	77.8% (1)	
Prior Years	1,105,826	1,121,000	1,121,000	925,704	82.6%	
Motor Vehicles	18,788,786	18,326,000	18,326,000	8,038,607	43.9% (2)	
Penalties and Interest	740,525	500,000	500,000	263,047	52.6%	
Other	955,996	908,000	908,000	504,640	55.6%	
Total Ad Valorem Taxes	184,785,590	184,632,000	184,632,000	137,139,217	74.3%	
Other Taxes						
Sales	41,809,642	42,625,774	42,625,774	10,237,695	24.0% (3)	
Real Estate Transfer	1,096,191	700,000	700,000	645,511	92.2%	
Other	1,040,243	1,060,000	1,060,000	305,820	28.9%	
Total Other Taxes	43,946,076	44,385,774	44,385,774	11,189,025	25.2%	
Unrestricted & Restricted Intergovernmental Revenues	64,499,043	62,049,904	63,727,061	19,212,291	30.1% (4)	
Charges for Services	13,697,342	12,312,681	12,349,416	5,109,719	41.4%	
Other Sources (includes Transfers In)	8,790,385	2,442,205	2,530,071	1,451,323	57.4%	
Proceeds Refunding Bonds	23,005,000	-	-	-	NA (5)	
Premium on COPS Sold	4,285,557	-	-	-	NA (5)	
County Closing Contribution	254,735	-	-	-	NA (5)	
Lease Land CFVMC	3,813,452	3,714,637	3,714,637	3,533,596	95.1% (6)	
Total Other	40,149,130	6,156,842	6,244,708	4,984,919	79.8%	
Total Revenue	\$ 347,077,181	\$ 309,537,201	\$ 311,338,959	\$ 177,635,171	57.1%	
Fund Balance Appropriation		7,447,195	23,018,015	-	0.0% (7)	
Total Funding Sources	\$ 347,077,181	\$ 316,984,396	\$ 334,356,974	\$ 177,635,171	53.1%	

County of Cumberland General Fund Expenditures						
DEPARTMENTS	FY17-18 AUDITED	FY18-19 ADOPTED BUDGET	FY18-19 REVISED BUDGET	YTD ACTUAL AS OF December 31, 2018	PERCENT OF BUDGET TO DATE	**
Child Support	4,757,955	5,205,713	5,205,713	2,369,211	45.5%	
Spring Lake Resource Administration	30,978	34,332	34,332	13,260	38.6%	
Library	10,176,826	10,807,325	10,822,037	5,308,040	49.0%	
Stadium Maintenance	92,285	117,296	117,296	51,835	44.2%	
Culture Recreation Other (Some of the Community Funding)	268,069	268,069	268,069	142,731	53.2%	
Planning	2,888,049	3,522,591	3,528,841	1,574,366	44.6%	
Engineering	1,171,023	1,987,178	1,587,178	652,284	41.1%	
Cooperative Extension	550,814	717,173	719,173	302,817	42.1%	
Location Services	304,055	315,177	315,177	72,518	23.0% (6)	
Soil Conservation	142,710	142,570	647,875	99,407	15.3% (7)	
Public Utilities	89,168	87,153	87,153	44,094	50.6%	
Economic Physical Development Other	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	100.0%	
Industrial Park	1,117	1,104	11,254	8,433	74.9%	
Economic Incentive	462,345	461,677	461,677	28,749	6.2% (8)	
Water and Sewer	-	250,000	250,000	-	0.0% (9)	
Education	93,830,717	92,457,009	93,143,900	53,600,108	57.5%	
Other Uses:						
Transfers Out	7,611,953	19,451,804	30,645,565	244,547	0.8% (10)	
Refunding of 2009A and 2011B LOBS	27,531,480	-	-	-	NA (11)	
TOTAL	\$ 335,384,092	\$ 316,984,396	\$ 334,356,974	\$ 151,582,108	45.3%	

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County of Cumberland General Fund Expenditures						
DEPARTMENTS	FY17-18	FY18-19	FY18-19	YTD ACTUAL	PERCENT OF	
	AUDITED	ADOPTED BUDGET	REVISED BUDGET	AS OF December 31, 2018	BUDGET TO DATE	**
Governing Body	\$ 574,959	\$ 628,960	\$ 628,960	\$ 349,065	55.5%	
Administration	1,395,666	1,525,894	1,565,394	709,940	45.4%	
Public Affairs/Education	470,475	497,286	523,286	219,381	41.9%	
Human Resources	803,599	924,551	924,551	480,349	52.0%	
Print, Mail, and Design	690,408	788,684	788,684	405,905	51.5%	
Court Facilities	150,183	156,220	156,220	36,531	23.4%	(1)
Facilities Maintenance	1,812,003	1,024,101	1,024,101	454,894	44.4%	
Landscaping & Grounds	591,282	669,140	669,140	329,750	49.3%	
Carpentry	184,325	162,507	162,507	83,977	51.7%	
Facilities Management	1,233,496	1,316,856	1,316,856	632,708	48.0%	
Public Buildings Janitorial	705,450	724,839	724,839	343,854	47.4%	
Central Maintenance	613,017	948,724	948,724	361,838	38.1%	
Information Services	3,425,808	4,336,330	7,087,516	2,277,181	32.1%	(2)
Board of Elections	1,148,659	2,237,329	2,237,329	1,170,906	52.3%	
Finance	1,156,051	1,295,351	1,295,351	593,765	45.8%	
Legal	715,602	804,578	804,578	362,363	45.0%	
Register of Deeds	1,971,119	2,394,577	2,846,373	1,041,154	36.6%	
Tax	5,154,623	5,683,071	5,820,571	2,734,361	47.0%	
Debt Service	21,449,809	-	-	-	NA	(3)
General Government Other	2,816,737	3,967,735	4,553,266	1,546,899	34.0%	
Sheriff	46,553,352	52,720,576	53,070,455	25,344,810	47.8%	
Emergency Services	3,018,749	3,674,666	3,976,373	1,824,404	45.9%	
Criminal Justice Pretrial	447,799	564,038	564,038	247,028	43.8%	
Youth Diversion	9,549	63,654	63,654	12,209	19.2%	(4)
Animal Control	2,909,358	3,248,915	3,293,898	1,614,007	49.0%	
Public Safety Other (Medical Examiners, NC Detention Subsidy, etc.)	1,296,751	1,444,268	1,444,268	414,459	28.7%	(5)
Public Health	21,281,667	23,104,110	23,581,896	11,069,569	46.9%	
Mental Health	3,098,258	5,463,227	5,471,227	3,816,385	69.8%	
Social Services	59,392,604	60,359,879	60,539,520	28,381,125	46.9%	
Veteran Services	383,191	408,159	408,159	190,890	46.8%	

General Fund Expenditures ~ Page 1 of 2

COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND	
Fiscal Year 2019 - December Year-to-Date Actuals (Report Run Date: January 22, 2018)	
Additional Detail	
General Fund Revenues	
*	
(1)	Current Year Ad Valorem 77.8% - the bulk of revenues are typically recorded between November - January.
(2)	Motor Vehicles 43.9% - YTD Actual reflects 5 months of collections.
(3)	Sales Tax 24.0% - YTD Actual reflected 3 month of collections.
(4)	Unrestricted/Restricted Intergovernmental 30.1% - A large portion of this revenue is expenditure based. Funds are spent/then we are paid. This leads to a one-two month lag in receiving the funds.
(5)	Proceeds on Refunding/Premium/Closing NA - The County has not completed a refunding this fiscal year.
(6)	Lease Land CFVMC 95.1% - The hospital is invoiced at the beginning of the year and typically pays immediately.
(7)	Fund Balance Appropriation 0% - Direct entries are not made to fund balance.
General Fund Expenditures	
**	
(1)	Court Facilities 23.0% - Expenses are low due to repairs and maintenance expenses not being expended thus far.
(2)	Information Services 32.1% - Funds have been encumbered for the Tax Office software project (~\$1,526,000) and for computer software (~\$633,000), but not yet paid.
(3)	Debt Service NA - This category has been moved out of the general fund and into the capital investment fund.
(4)	Youth Diversion 19.0% - Vacant position within the department. An allocation is done for the administrative assistant that is helping with the program.
(5)	Public Safety Other 28.7% - Invoice receipt is lagging by 1.5 months. However, funds are encumbered for these services through year-end.
(6)	Location Services 23.0% - Vacant position within the department.
(7)	Soil Conservation 15.3% - The Stream Debris Removal grant has not been expended because of the difficulty in clearing streams due to extreme/unusually high waters.
(8)	Economic Incentive 6.2% - Economic incentives are budgeted at 100% of agreements but are not paid unless/until the company complies.
(9)	Water and Sewer 0% - Use of the budgeted funds has not yet been required.
(10)	Transfers Out 0.8% - Transfers are generally prepared toward the end of the fiscal year.
(11)	Refunding NA - The County has not completed a refunding this fiscal year.

Ms. Cannon stated the monthly financial report was provided to the board in the agenda packet materials. There was no discussion or questions.

- MOTION: Commissioner Boose moved to accept the monthly financial report.
- SECOND: Commissioner Evans
- VOTE: UNANIMOUS (7-0)

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C. Project Updates

BACKGROUND

Please find attached the monthly project update report for your review.

RECOMMENDATION / PROPOSED ACTION

This is for information purposes only as there is no action required for this item.

MONTHLY PROGRESS REPORT			
Project Location	Construction Amt	Project Status	Contract Duration
Courthouse, Detention Center, Community Corrections, Headquarters Library Parking Lots	\$174,251.53	Contractor has completed Detention Center, Community Corrections lot and Courthouse lots. Contractor is awaiting notice to proceed from County for HQ Library lots. The HQ Library lots are postponed until PNG completes their gas	90 days
Veteran's Services Parking Lot	\$135,462.33	Contractor is preparing project schedule. Weather and asphalt availability have delayed the contract start date.	35 days
Building Envelope Repairs Project	\$551,479.00	Contractor has completed Spring Lake Library and Family Resource Center, Historic Courthouse and the Judge E. Maurice Braswell Courthouse. The contractor is pursuing work at Bradford Place and Department of Social Services.	120 days
Crown Coliseum Membrane and Sealant	\$1,735,100.00	Membrane and sealant installation is complete. The contractor is finalizing flashing and cleaning up project site for final inspection.	180 days
Crown Complex Stormwater Pond A	\$642,212.50	Contractor is installing additional drainage due to seeping. The bottom of the pond is being excavated.	150 days
Crown Complex Stormwater Pond B	\$705,040.00	Contractor is installing ground cover on the project. Grading operations are completed. The contractor is preparing for sheet pile installation.	150 days
Overhills Park Water and Sewer District	\$4,131,106.59	Contractor is performing repairs to both lift stations. The contractor is awaiting the arrival of parts to complete the lift station repairs due to Hurricane Florence.	565 days

Ms. Cannon stated the monthly project update report was provided to the board in the agenda packet materials. There was no discussion or questions.

MOTION: Commissioner Boose moved to accept the monthly project update report.
SECOND: Commissioner Evans
VOTE: UNANIMOUS (7-0)

D. Health Insurance Update

BACKGROUND:

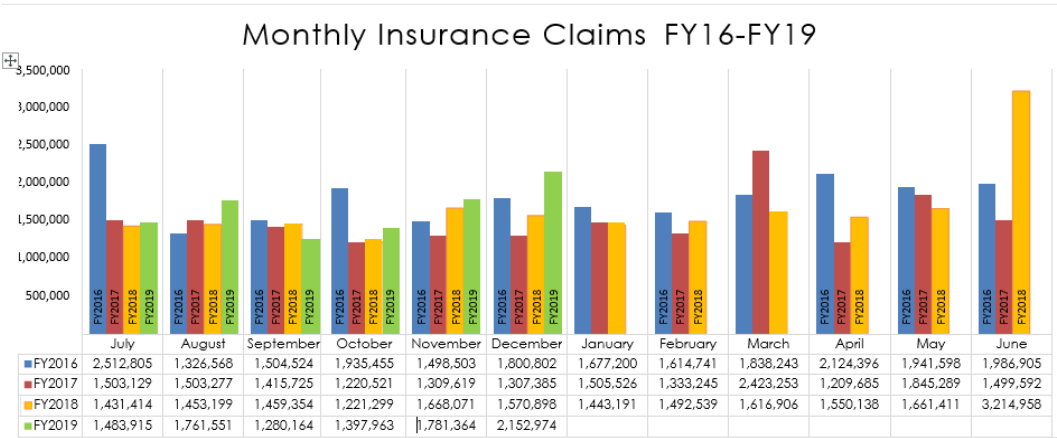
Total health insurance claims for FY19 are up 37% for the month of December as compared to the same month in FY18. To provide some perspective on the claims, below is the 6-month average for the past 5 fiscal years. This average represents the average claims for July - December of each fiscal year. Additionally, graphs are provided as an aid to the analysis.

Average claims per fiscal year through December:

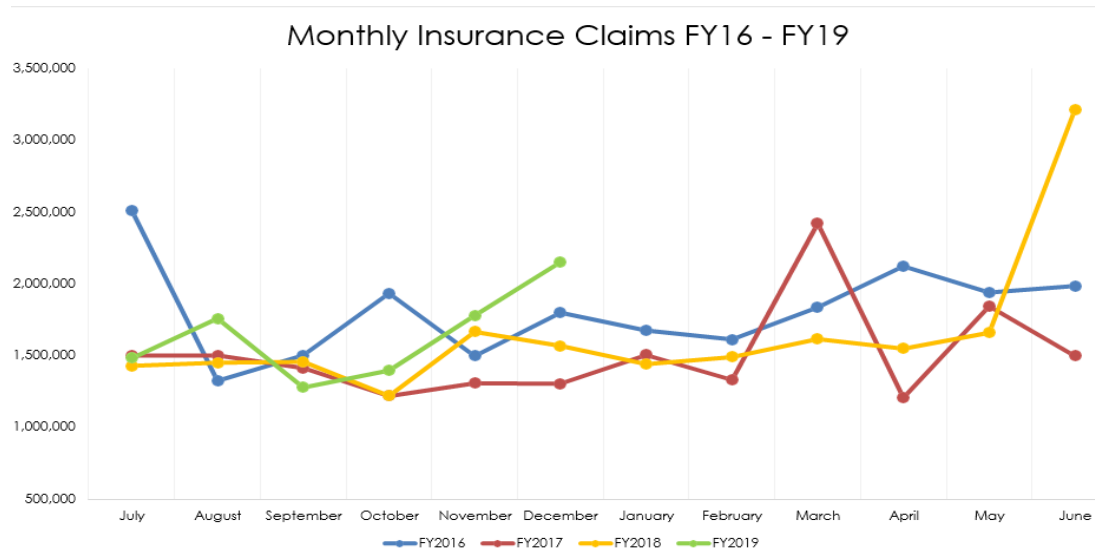
FY15 \$1,584,932
FY16 \$1,763,110
FY17 \$1,376,609
FY18 \$1,467,373
FY19 \$1,642,988

RECOMMENDATION/PROPOSED ACTION:

No action needed – for information only.



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Ms. Cannon stated the health insurance update was provided to the board in the agenda packet materials. There was no discussion or questions.

MOTION: Commissioner Boose moved to accept the health insurance update.
 SECOND: Commissioner Evans
 VOTE: UNANIMOUS (7-0)

6. OTHER ITEMS

A. Tier One Designation and Expanded Funding Opportunities

BACKGROUND

The N.C. Department of Commerce announced on Nov. 30 that Cumberland County was among several counties in the state that had moved from a Tier 2 to a Tier 1 designation. Tier 1 counties are generally the 40 most economically distressed in the state.

Chair Jeannette Council and City of Fayetteville Mayor Mitch Colvin met with Department of Commerce representatives and community leaders on Jan. 15 to discuss ways to seek funding opportunities under Cumberland County's Tier 1 designation.

Robert Van Geons will present information about the tier system and expanded grant and funding opportunities based on a Tier 1 designation.

Robert Van Geons introduced and provided the following PowerPoint presentation.

Economic Development Tier System

- The Economic Development Tier System is typically understood as way to categorize counties by economic distress:
 - Tier 1: 40 most distressed counties
 - Tier 2: 40 counties in the middle
 - Tier 3: 20 least distressed counties
- Originally designed to guide state incentives
- Has grown to impact many other programs and funding sources

How County Rankings Were Computed

- Ranking – Sum of rankings on the following measures:
 - Median household income – annual
 - Unemployment rate – annual average
 - Population growth – 3 year
 - Property value per capital – annual

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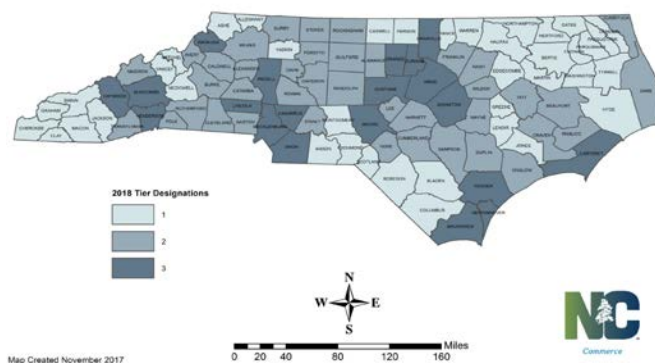
- Adjustment Factors – Applied after rankings
 - Population – annual
 - < 12,000 => Tier 1
 - 12,000 – 50,000 => Tier 2
 - Poverty rate – 5 year
 - >= 19% and population < 50,000 => Tier 1

Recent Trends

- Since 2016, median household income, unemployment, and per-capita tax base improved over 2018 & 2017 numbers
- Since 2017, median income is up \$2,700, unemployment is down 1.5%, and per capita tax base has risen \$1,900 per capita
- With 2018 Legislation changes, which FCEDC expressed support for, “adjustment factors” were eliminated
- Cumberland County deserves access to the tools and resources available to other communities, facing the same challenges

How County Rankings Are Now Computed

- Ranking – Sum of rankings on the following measures:
 - Median household income – annual
 - Unemployment rate – annual average
 - Population growth – 3 year
 - Property value per capita – annual



Understanding our Region:



Where Do We Stand?

- Adjusted Tax Base – 12
- Pop Growth % (7/17) – 31
- Median HH Inc. – 54
- Unemployment - 21

What Does this Change Mean?

- May increase educational funding/grant opportunities
- May allow for greater flexibility for funding capital needs (education)
- Potential support for child care subsidies
- Provide new opportunities for infrastructure funding, including grant funding

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- Eligible economic development projects would qualify for increased State incentives
- Make it easier for local employers to qualify for State incentives
- Reduce the “local match” required for redevelopment grants
- Allow Cumberland County to apply for and better compete for grants and other support
- Many companies and site selectors, recognizing the State’s focus on helping Tier 1 counties, and proactively look to develop in communities like ours.
- Improve competitiveness for funding and grants where Tier status is a consideration.

Examples of Programs that Consider Tier Status

Economic Development Programs

- OneNC Fund
- CDBG
- IDF Account
- JDIG
- JMAC
- NC Green Business Fund
- Main Street Solutions
- Building Reuse & Economic Infrastructure Fund
- Broadband Infrastructure

Non-Economic Development Tools

- Transportation
- Child Development
- Education Funding
- Capital Needs
- Arts Programs
- 911/Public Safety
- Spay and neuter
- Foundations
- Other Granting Entities

Driving Toward a Common Destination

Community Change

- CSS- Physical Assets & Curriculum Support
- Expungement and Employment Services for Challenged Populations
- Wellness, healthcare, and resources for addressing opioid crisis
- Creative partnerships create pathways to employment for youth and stop cyclical poverty

Physical Change

- Airport Development Corridor
- Speculative Industrial Product
- Call Center Incubator/Training Center/Tech Flex Space
- Establishment of FTZ Zone
- Regional Road Improvements to Port of Wilmington
- Broadband Infrastructure Expansion and Flexibility

Transformational Partnerships

- Partnerships with Golden Leaf, NC Commerce & National Foundations
- Position Community as the Premier HR Gateway to Ft. Bragg
- Connect and utilize existing fiber infrastructure to eliminate digital divide
- Collaborative partnerships with the private sector

Conversation

- Tier 1 Status provides us tools we deserve access to
- Short term – we want to build a matrix of potential projects – we can do far more together than we can alone
- Proposed Tier 1 Portal

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- Many of these issues will take time and a sustained commitment to the many factors impacting our overall economic prosperity
- No one project or program alone will achieve our goal, we need a coordinated, multi-pronged strategy

How Do We Leverage These Changes?

- New resources for planning
- Economic Development Supportive Projects
 - Infrastructure in Strategic Corridors
 - Broadband expansion
 - Transportation Projects
 - Water, Sewer, & Natural Gas Infrastructure
- Non-Economic Development Projects
- Potential NGO funding sources

Mr. Van Geons concluded his presentation and provided an inventory of State non-economic programs using G.S. 143B-437.08 tier designations.

In response to a question posed by Commissioner Keefe, Mr. Van Geons stated Tier 1 can be a very powerful means to increase opportunities for certain grants. Commissioner Adams stated the County is the only entity that ties all the other entities together so he believes the County Chairman should call the meetings together regarding funding opportunities for Tier 1 counties. Mr. Van Geons stated the FCEDC will help in anyway they can. There was consensus for Mr. Van Geons to present this information to the legislative delegation at the joint meeting on February 11, 2019.

B. Discussion of Federal Priorities in Advance of the NACO Conference

BACKGROUND

During its Legislative Goals Conference in January, the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners (NCACC) adopted the federal goals listed below. Cumberland County commissioners and management team members will join other NCACC members for the National Association of Counties (NACo) Legislative Conference in Washington, D.C., on March 2-6.

NCACC members will promote the goals during meetings with the North Carolina delegation.

NCACC Federal Goals

FG-1: Support increased funding for disaster preparation, assistance, and mitigation as well as legislation that expedites and expands county use of federal disaster assistance funds.

FG-2: Support funding for behavioral health programs and services to address the opioid and substance abuse epidemic and support flexibility for counties to use funds for prevention and recovery.

FG-3: Support funding and legislation to expand high speed broadband access.

FG-4: Support measures to reduce the number of people with mental illness in county jails, such as those identified in NACo's Stepping Up Initiative.

FG-5: Support funds for health, human and economic services programs including temporary assistance for needy families, food and nutrition services, and federal block grants.

FG-6: Support funding for payment in lieu of taxes, agricultural, conservation, workforce, economic development and infrastructure programs that help counties meet public needs.

FG-7: Support coordination with state and local governments when a federal agency, such as EPA, seeks to regulate emerging contaminants and other discharges into drinking water sources.

FG-8: Oppose unfunded mandates and changes in eligibility for federal programs that shift costs to counties.

FG-9: Support timely reauthorization of the Older Americans Act, including greater flexibility, and increased funding to fully restore programs to pre-sequestration levels.

RECOMMENDATION / PROPOSED ACTION

For information purposes and discussion of any federal legislative goals specific to Cumberland County.

Sally Shutt, Assistant County Manager, reviewed the background information and recommendation as recorded above. Ms. Shutt stated the NCACC developed a slate of federal priorities and asked the board whether they had additional goals. Commissioner Adams stated impact aid to the schools needs to be discussed at some point between Cumberland County, Onslow County and Wayne County. There was consensus of the board for impact aid to be added to the agenda and a resolution prepared for the February 11 meeting with the Cumberland County Delegation.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:49 a.m.

Approved with/without revision:

Respectfully submitted,

Kellie Beam
Deputy Clerk to the Board