

CUMBERLAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
JANUARY 6, 2020 – 9:00 AM  
117 DICK STREET, 1ST FLOOR, ROOM 118  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

PRESENT: Commissioner Marshall Faircloth, Chairman  
Commissioner Glenn Adams, Vice Chairman  
Commissioner Michael Boose  
Commissioner Jimmy Keefe  
Commissioner Larry Lancaster  
Amy Cannon, County Manager  
Melissa Cardinali, Assistant County Manager  
Tracy Jackson, Assistant County Manager  
Sally Shutt, Assistant County Manager  
Duane Holder, Assistant County Manager  
Rick Moorefield, County Attorney  
Vicki Evans, Finance Director  
Jeffery Brown, Engineering and Infrastructure Director  
Brenda Jackson, Social Services Director  
Joe Utley, Tax Administrator  
Rawls Howard, Planning and Inspections Director  
Dr. Jennifer Green, Public Health Department  
Eric Redrick, Veteran Services Director  
Gene Booth, Emergency Services Director  
Deborah Shaw, Senior Budget Management Analyst  
Heather Harris, Budget and Data Performance Analyst  
Andrew Jakubiak, Budget Analyst  
Robert Van Geons, Fayetteville-Cumberland Economic Development  
Corporation President/CEO  
Greg Weber, Arts Council President/CEO  
Candice H. White, Clerk to the Board  
Kellie Beam, Deputy Clerk to the Board  
Press

ABSENT: Commissioner Jeannette Council  
Commissioner Charles Evans

Chairman Faircloth called the meeting to order.

INVOCATION / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Lancaster provided the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag.

Recognition of Cumberland County Veterans' Services on Achieving "Number One Position in the State" for Distribution of Veterans' Benefits

Commissioner Adams conducted the recognition of Cumberland County Veterans' Services by stating the following: We have a very special recognition this morning. And one that is very fitting for Cumberland County – a place that is home to one of the largest, most important military bases in the world. Fort Bragg and Pope Army Airfield are a part of Cumberland County's identity, heart and soul. The many thousands of service members who are currently on duty and the many thousands who have retired here contribute greatly to our large population of veterans.

The North Carolina Department of Military and Veterans Affairs has notified the Cumberland County Veterans Services office that Cumberland County achieved the highest ranking in the state for the Geographic Distribution of Veterans Affairs Expenditures for fiscal year 2018. Cumberland County had VA expenditures totaling more than \$897.7 million in fiscal 2018. This total exceeds 2017

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expenditures by \$32.3 million. And it's more than twice the expenditures of Onslow County, another county heavily populated by veterans. The VA expenditures include compensation and pension, construction and education and vocational rehabilitation employment. Folks, these are real dollars that are very important for the quality of life of our veterans and their dependents and for Cumberland County's economy.

North Carolina Department of Military and Veterans Affairs Regional III Manager Robert Johnson sent a letter to Mr. Redrick that reads, "The news of Cumberland County Veterans Services achieving this prestigious position does not come as any surprise. Having known your office and the amount of hard work you and your staff provide to the Veterans of Cumberland County every day deserves recognition. As always, your office has thrived to be the best and this year is proving once again." The four other Veteran Service Officers, in addition to Eric Redrick, are Joanie Rodriguez, Monishia Bland, Randall Blackburn and Todd Shockley. The office support staff workers are Michael Delarosa and Caroline Quinones.

Certificates were awarded to staff of the Cumberland County Veterans Services Department by a member of the Sergeants Major Association. Mr. Redrick thanked the Board of Commissioners for their support and stated it is a privilege for Veterans Services to do what they do every day. Mr. Redrick stated Veterans Services is honored to receive this award.

#### Recognition of County Manager Amy Cannon for Receiving the Local Government Service Award from the International City & County Management Association

Chairman Faircloth conducted the recognition of Amy Cannon, County Manager by stating the following: County Manager Amy Cannon was recently recognized by the International City & County Management Association (ICMA) for 30 years of service to local government. The ICMA Local Government Service Awards Program recognizes and celebrates members' dedication to public service and professional management at the local level. Awards are based on the number of years of full-time employment in local government.

Cannon is an ICMA Credentialed Manager. She has been the county manager since June 2014 and is the first woman to serve in that position. She previously served as the deputy county manager and assistant county manager for financial and administrative services. She was the County's finance director from 1998 to 2013.

Cannon began her career in local government as an internal auditor with the City of Fayetteville and has worked for Cumberland County since May 1990. She is a Fayetteville native and graduated from Seventy-First High School. She earned an accounting degree from the University of North Carolina at Charlotte and is a North Carolina Certified Government Finance Officer.

Ms. Cannon thanked the Board of Commissioners for giving her the opportunity to serve in her home community and for recognizing her award.

#### Recognition of Emergency Services for Receiving Emergency Fire Dispatch Accreditation from the International Academies of Emergency Dispatch

Commissioner Keefe conducted the recognition of Cumberland County's Emergency Services 911 Communications Center by stating the following: Cumberland County's Emergency Services 911 Communications Center has received the Emergency Fire Dispatch accreditation with the International Academies of Emergency Dispatch. Cumberland became the 51st agency worldwide and the sixth in North Carolina to receive this international accreditation, which puts Emergency Services among an elite group of dispatch centers recognized as an Accredited Center of Excellence.

The Cumberland County 911 center dispatches calls for the 19 volunteer fire departments in the county, as well as the Spring Lake and Hope Mills Fire Departments.

The Emergency Fire Dispatch accreditation provides a systematic monitoring and evaluation process of call centers to ensure there is a continuous model of improved standardized care provided to citizens. The accreditation process requires an agency to conduct an intensive self-assessment based on the IAED's rigorous standards. After reviewing the application, the organization conducts an onsite evaluation visit. Agencies recognized as Accredited Centers of Excellence adhere to industry best practices that promote standardized care, superior professionalism, as well as tracking and monitoring of response times to citizens throughout the call process. Cumberland County's 911 Communications center also maintains designation as an Accredited Center of Excellence for emergency medical dispatch by the IAED.

On behalf of the Board of Commissioners, Commissioner Keefe congratulated Mr. Booth and staff of the Emergency Services 911 Communications Center. Mr. Booth thanked his team, County Management and the Board of Commissioners for providing the resources needed to serve Cumberland County.

## 1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

## 2. PRESENTATIONS

- A. Presentation by NCDOT District Engineer Mr. Richie Hines on Department of Transportation Projects in Cumberland County

### BACKGROUND

Mr. Richie Hines, District Engineer for the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) will be providing an update on NCDOT projects in Cumberland County at the January 6, 2020 Board of Commissioners' meeting.

### RECOMMENDATION / PROPOSED ACTION

For information purposes only.

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Mr. Richie Hines, District Engineer for the North Carolina Department of Transportation, provided the following PowerPoint presentation as an update on current NCDOT projects in Cumberland County. Mr. Hines began by providing information on Strategic Transportation Investments.

### Strategic Transportation Investments (STI)

- STI Law was passed in 2013 and allows the Department ...
  - more efficient use of funding
  - an opportunity to enhance infrastructure
  - the ability to support economic growth, job creation, and a higher quality of life
- The STI encourages a regional and statewide perspective with the flexibility to address local needs. It is accomplished by a prioritization work group consisting primarily of professional engineers and transportation planners.

Mr. Hines stated the STI's regional and statewide perspective is accomplished through the data driven process associated with the Strategic Mobility Formula. Mr. Hines briefly explained the Strategic Mobility Formula.

Strategic Mobility Formula

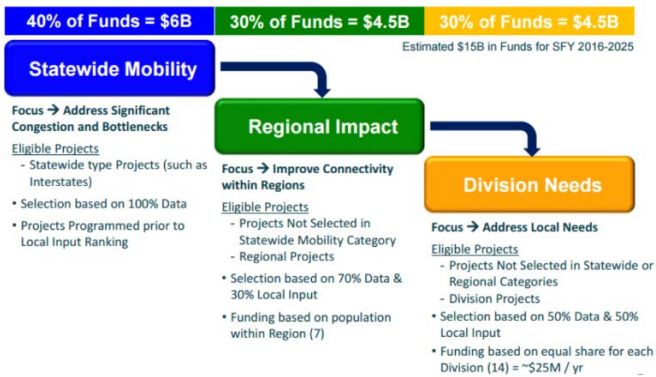
- The Strategic Mobility Formula allocates revenues based on data-driven scoring and local input from MPO's, RPO's, and the public.



Projects are scored using approved criteria such as safety, congestion, and benefit to cost analysis at the Statewide, Regional, and Division levels.

Mr. Hines explained how the funding is allocated and how the STI works. Mr. Hines stated 100% data is used to determine which projects will be at the statewide level and if projects do not score high enough to be at the statewide level, they could be at the regional or division level.

How the STI Works



Mr. Hines provided highlights of the State Transportation Improvement Plan and projects in the STIP development process. Mr. Hines pointed out all the schedules are subject to change.

State Transportation Improvement Plan (STIP)

NCDOT's 10-Year Construction Schedule for Projects

The STIP is updated every two years through the Prioritization process

Accomplished through ongoing collaboration with our regional planning partners (RPO's and MPO's). Public input is also key



State Transportation Improvement Plan (STIP)



Current round of Prioritization is P6.0

<https://connect.ncdot.gov/projects/planning/pages/state-transportation-improvement-program.aspx>

Projects in the STIP Development Process

- U-3422: SR 1003 (Camden Rd) from Outer Loop to NC 59 (2022 Let)
- U-4709: SR 1112 (Rockfish Rd) from SR 1115 (Golfview Rd) to NC 59 (Main St) and SR 1115 (Golfview Rd) from SR 1112 (Rockfish Rd) to NC 59 (Main St) (2022 Let)
- U-5798: SR 1102 (Gillis Hill Rd) from West of SR 1103 (Galatia Church Rd) to US 401 (Raeford Rd) (2021 Let)
- U-6001: NC 59 (S Main St) from SR 1243 (Shipman Rd) to SR 1118 (Parkton Rd) (2022 Let)
- W-5706G: NC 59 (Hope Mills Rd) from NC 162 (George Owen Dr) to SR 1003 (Camden Rd) (2020 Let)

Schedules are Subject to Change

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Mr. Hines provided a brief overview of current projects along with anticipated completion dates.

I-295 (Fayetteville Outer Loop) Update

- Planning began in late 80's
- I-95 to Ramsey Street completed 2005
- Ramsey to AAE completed 2016
- AAE to Cliffdale completed 2019
- The remainder of the Outer Loop was funded through STI in 2015
- Anticipate total completion in 2025

39 total miles of loop  
254 total lane miles  
85 bridges and 4 flyovers



I-295 (Fayetteville Outer Loop)

- U-2519 CA (Cliffdale Rd to Raeform Rd)  
Anticipated Completion November 2020  
Barnhill Construction Company
- U-2519 BA/BB (Raeform Rd to Camden Rd)  
Anticipated Let Date November 2020
- U-2519 AA/AB (Camden Rd to I-95 S)  
Anticipated Completion Date Summer 2022  
Balfour Beatty Construction

topeful for Overall Completion of the Loop in 2025



I-95 Widening Project

I-95 is a primary north-south travel route and provides a critical connection to urban and rural areas, employment centers, military bases, airports, seaports, colleges, universities, and tourism areas along the east coast. Maintaining a high level of service along I-95 is vital for interstate commerce and national security.



Rebuilding interchanges by raising bridges and improving ramps will bring them to current design standards. Broadband fiber will be installed to improve high speed internet along the corridor in rural communities of eastern North Carolina

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I-95 Widening Project

- I-5986A
  - Widen 15 miles from 4 lanes to 8 lanes from US 301/I-95 BUS (Exit 56) to SR 1002 (Long Branch Road, Exit 71) in Harnett County
  - Awarded in Fall 2019 to Design Build Team of RK & K and ST Wooten
- I-5986B
  - Widen 10 miles from 4 lanes to 8 lanes from SR 1002 (Long Branch Road, Exit 71) in Harnett County to I-40/I-95 Interchange (Exit 81) in Johnston County
  - Anticipated Let Date in Summer 2020
- Southern portions of the project may also be let in late 2020

U-4405 Raeform Road Access Management Project

Raeform Road is a high-volume commercial corridor that currently carries more than 45,000 vehicles per day. This corridor has high speeds, high crash rates, high pedestrian activity, and a high rate of pedestrian fatalities. The significant number of commercial driveways contribute to congestion and poor traffic operation.

Project Limits West of Hampton Oaks Drive to East of Fairway Drive

Project Description  
Replace existing multi-lane with center turn lane facility with a divided median to improve traffic flow and enhance motorist and pedestrian safety.



U-4405 Raeform Road Access Management Project

Project Status

The project is currently in development and will be divided into three segments:

Segment A: SR 3569 (Old Raeform Road) to SR 1141 (Bunce Road) – Let 2021

Segment B: SR 1141 (Bunce Road) to SR 1596 (Glensford Drive) – Let 2021

Segment C: SR 1596 (Glensford Drive) to US 401 BUS (Robeson Street) – Let 2023





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Mr. Hines displayed pictures of current projects in Cumberland County in various stages of completion and also displayed pictures of various safety projects along SR 2220 (Tom Starling Road), US 401 at SR 2027 (Josey Williams Road), SR 1831 (Baywood Road) SR 1834 Murphy Road), US 301/I-95 BUS and SR 1104 (Strickland Bridge Road).

Mr. Hines stated NCDOT has the ability to address safety needs in a much quicker manner than going through the STIP process. Mr. Hines stated sometimes safety projects can originate from something as simple as a phone call from a citizen citing an issue that needs to be addressed.

### Safety Projects

- Two sources of funding ...
  - Spot Safety - State Funds
  - Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) – Federal Funds
- Projects are proposed and submitted for funding by the Regional Traffic Engineer's Office each quarter



Mr. Hines explained some of the criteria used in developing safety projects.

### Safety Projects

- Selection factors include ...
- frequency of correctable crashes
- severity of crashes
- delay and congestion
- number of signal warrants met
- effect of pedestrians and schools
- Division and Region priorities
- public interest

A Safety Oversight Committee (SOC) reviews and recommends projects to the Board of Transportation for approval and funding

HSIP projects are prioritized according to a safety benefit to cost ratio (B/C) and become part of the STIP once approved and funded

Mr. Hines stated the safety projects included the construction of left turn lanes, revising full-movement crossovers to limited-movement crossovers, converting an all-way stop to a roundabout and improving curves and roadway widening.

Mr. Hines stated the Highway Maintenance Improvement Program is a way in which NCDOT is more transparent and more accountable with taxpayer dollars it is given. Mr. Hines provided an overview of the Highway Maintenance Improvement Program and stated his division has been aggressive in planning ahead for these projects.

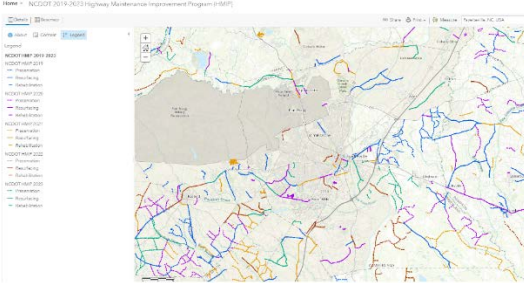
## Highway Maintenance Improvement Program

- Highway Maintenance Improvement Program (HMIP)
- G.S. 136-44.3A requires the NC DOT to submit a five year maintenance plan covering the preservation, resurfacing, and rehabilitation plans of each Division
- Pavement treatments include plant mix, chip seals, and slurry seals



## Highway Maintenance Improvement Program

- The first year of the plan is expected to be “firm” and should reflect what the Department will deliver that year
- The plan and any changes to the plan must be posted to the Department’s website by April 1<sup>st</sup> of each year



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Mr. Hines shared the website the public can access for information on the Resurfacing Program and stressed again that apart from the first year, years three through five of the plan are flexible and subject to change with funding.

Resurfacing Program

<https://connect.ncdot.gov/resources/Asset-Management/HMIP-Plans/Pages/HMIP.asp>

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2020 - 2024 HMIP Division 6

Find an Item

Plan Year

County

Route

Begin Description

End Description

Length

Budget Group

Treatment

Estimated Cost\*

Plan Year - FY 2022 (26)

County - Cumberland (26)

FY 2022	Cumberland	NC 53	NC 210	End Project	2.733	Resurfacing	1.5" 59.58	803,000
FY 2022	Cumberland	SR 1104	US 401	SR 1140	3.274	Resurfacing	1.5" 59.5A	406,000
FY 2022	Cumberland	SR 1140	SR 1104	SR 1112	1.25	Resurfacing	1.5" 59.5A and Widen	280,000
FY 2022	Cumberland	SR 1108	US 401 BUS	SR 1141	0.61	Resurfacing	1.5" 59.58	113,000
FY 2022	Cumberland	SR 1344	SR 1141	US 301 / I-95 BUS	2.09	Resurfacing	1.5" 59.50	1,024,000
FY 2022	Cumberland	SR 1403	Kennedys Drive	SR 1404	0.647	Resurfacing	1.5" 59.5A	317,000
FY 2022	Cumberland	SR 1406	SR 1403	SR 1415	1.04	Resurfacing	1.5" 59.5A	129,000
FY 2022	Cumberland	SR 1414	US 401 BUS	SR 1404	1.49	Resurfacing	Mill 1.5" and 1.5" 59.5A	400,000
FY 2022	Cumberland	SR 2045	SR 1902	NC 53	0.856	Preservation	Seal - Split	25,000
FY 2022	Cumberland	SR 2219	SR 1907	SR 2337	1.604	Resurfacing	1.5" 59.5A	199,000
FY 2022	Cumberland	SR 2225	NC 53	SR 2226	1.595	Preservation	Seal - Split	47,000

Mr. Hines reviewed the following and stated a lot of emphasis has been placed on treating subdivision roads throughout Cumberland County.

- Resurfacing Program
- Current Five Year Plan includes ...

SR 2299 (Russell St) from SR 2311 (Gillespie St) to US 301/I-95 BUS

SR 2311 (Gillespie St) from MLK Freeway to SR 2299 (Russell St)

NC 53 from NC 24 (Grove St) to NC 210

SR 1141 (Cumberland Rd) from SR 1132 (Southern Ave) to NC 162

SR 1344 (Natal St) from SR 1141 (Cumberland Rd) to US 301/I-95 BUS

SR 2260 (Airport Rd) from US 301/I-95 BUS to the Airport

Many subdivision roads throughout the County

Schedules and roads are subject to change with funding!

Mr. Hines concluded his presentation. Commissioner Keefe inquired regarding the best method for requesting projects that may come up as an emergency. Mr. Hines stated County Commissioners are welcome to call DOT and most of the time DOT wants a resolution from the County, although a resolution is not necessarily required for every project. Commissioner Keefe inquired regarding the procedure for requesting cut-throughs for emergency service vehicles. Mr. Hines stated the request can be made through his office and he will get the request to the Safety Committee; the request will ultimately go to Raleigh. Commissioner Adams inquired regarding alternatives to the white asphalt medians being installed. Mr. Hines stated there are opportunities for the County to get involved and he would encourage the County to get involved in these projects early on. Commissioner Adams posed additional questions about procedures to address lighting, re-entry onto I-95 after taking the Wade Exit and the procedure to drop the 55 MPH speed limit on the Country Club Drive/Pamalee Drive/Skibo Road roadway. Commissioner Boose inquired about Cumberland County’s division and Region Seven. Mr. Hines stated Cumberland County is in Division Six along with Harnett, Bladen, Columbus and Robeson counties and is grouped in Region Seven with Wake County. Commissioner Boose asked how priorities and decisions are made for projects in Region Seven. Mr. Hines stated projects are data driven, assigned points and coordinated with the priorities of the various transportation planning organizations, and the projects that score the most highly are more likely to be selected.

Chairman Faircloth thanked Mr. Hines for his presentation and for what DOT does for the Cumberland County community.

3. CONSENT AGENDA
- A. Approval of December 16, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes
- B. Approval to Pay Prior Year Invoices

## BACKGROUND

There is a period of time after June 30th of fiscal year-end in which transactions of the prior fiscal year will continue to be processed (typically until the third week in August). After that cutoff date has passed, a department may still receive a vendor invoice that is payable for services that were rendered, or goods were received in the prior fiscal year. When that occurs, approval by the Board of Commissioners is required for payment. The following Departmental invoices meet that criteria:

### Child Support

Vendor: Clerk of the Supreme Court

Invoice Date: June 2019

Total Amount: \$35.00

### Sheriff's Office

Vendor: American Association of Police Polygraphists

Invoice Date: October 2018

Total Amount: \$125.00

### Sheriff's Office

Vendor: Motorola

Invoices Dates: Varies from July 2016-September 2018 Total

Amount: \$16,434.42

Staff have verified these invoices have not been paid. There are sufficient funds within the fiscal year 2020 departmental budget to cover these expenses.

## RECOMMENDATION / PROPOSED ACTION

Management is requesting approval to pay prior year invoices for Child Support totaling \$35.00; and the Sheriff's Office totaling \$16,594.42.

### C. Approval of Proclamation for National Radon Action Month

## BACKGROUND

As part of the educational efforts of the NC Radon Program, a request was received from Division of Health Service Regulation, Radiation Protection Section, of the NC Department of Health and Human Services for a proclamation from Cumberland County in support of National Radon Action Month.

## RECOMMENDATION / PROPOSED ACTION

The Board of Commissioners is respectfully requested to consider approval of the proclamation proclaiming January 2020 as National Radon Action Month.

COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND

NORTH CAROLINA

## PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, radon is a colorless, odorless, radioactive gas that may threaten the health of our citizens and their families; and

WHEREAS, radon is the second leading cause of lung cancer in the U.S. and is the leading cause of lung cancer in non-smokers; and

WHEREAS, the National Academy of Sciences estimates that up to 21,000 lung cancer deaths occur in the United States each year; and

WHEREAS, radon is found in one in 15 homes across the U.S. have elevated radon levels; and

WHEREAS, any home may have elevated levels of radon, even if neighboring homes do not, and living in a home with an average radon level of 4 picocuries per liter of air poses a similar risk of developing lung cancer as smoking half a pack of cigarettes a day; and

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WHEREAS, testing for radon is simple and inexpensive and radon problems can be fixed; and

WHEREAS, the Cumberland County Board of Commissioners, the U.S. Surgeon General, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the NC Department of Health and Human Services' NC Radon Program and the North Carolina Advisory Committee on Cancer Coordination and Control support efforts to encourage homeowners to test their homes for radon and have elevated levels of radon reduced; and

WHEREAS, many residents in Cumberland County don't know about radon, yet need to know, for the safety and health of their families and a proclamation of National Radon Action Month is an opportunity to educate individuals on the available measures to reduce radon.

NOW, THEREFORE, We, the Cumberland County Board of Commissioners do hereby proclaim January 2020 as National Radon Action Month.

Adopted the 6th day of January 2020.

- D. Approval of Budget Ordinance Amendments for the January 6, 2020 Board of Commissioners' Agenda

#### BACKGROUND

##### General Fund 101

- 1) Soil Conservation District - Budget Ordinance Amendment B200554 to budget additional revenue in the amount of \$10,000

The Board is requested to approve Budget Ordinance Amendment B200554 to budget additional revenue in the amount of \$10,000. These revenues represent rent for the till drill in the amount of \$7,000 and fundraisers in the amount of \$3,000.

Please note this amendment requires no additional county funds.

#### REGARDING THE FOLLOWING ITEMS 2 – 4 PLEASE NOTE:

Each fiscal year County departments may have projects that are not complete by the fiscal year end (6/30/19) or items ordered that have not been received by fiscal year end. These projects or items were approved in the Fiscal Year 2019 budget; however, the money was not spent by June 30, 2019.

The following amendments seek to bring those funds forward from FY 2019 into the current fiscal year, allowing departments to complete and pay for these items. These revisions are not using 'new' funds but are recognizing the use of FY19 funds in FY20.

##### General Fund 101

- 2) Social Services - Budget Ordinance Amendment B200521 to bring FY19 funds forward in the amount of \$145,827 from the Department of Health and Human Services Adoption Promotion Program

The Board is requested to approve Budget Ordinance Amendment B200521 to re-appropriate Department of Health and Human Services' Adoption Promotion Program funds from prior years in the amount of \$145,827. These funds were approved by the Board of County Commissioners on May 20, 2019.

- 3) Social Service - Budget Ordinance Amendment B200317 to bring FY19 funds forward in the amount of \$48,887 for the carpet replacement at the Department of Social Services

The Board is requested to approve Budget Ordinance Amendment B200317 to bring FY19 funds forward in the amount of \$48,887 for the Department of Social Services to complete the carpet replacement project.

- 4) Central Maintenance - Budget Ordinance Amendment B200532 to re-appropriate FY19 funds in the amount of \$28,890 for capital outlay-vehicles

The Board is requested to approve Budget Ordinance Amendment B200532 to re-appropriate FY19 funds in the amount of \$28,890 for capital outlay-vehicles which was approved during the FY19 budget process. This vehicle was ordered in FY19 but was not received until November 22, 2019.

#### RECOMMENDATION / PROPOSED ACTION

Approve Budget Ordinance Amendments.

MOTION: Commissioner Lancaster moved to approve consent agenda Items 3.A. – 3.D.4)  
SECOND: Commissioner Boose  
VOTE: UNANIMOUS (5-0)

#### 4. ITEMS OF BUSINESS

- A. Consideration of Budget Ordinance Amendment #200500 to Appropriate Funding in Support of Gray's Creek Water Exploration

#### BACKGROUND

The Board of Commissioners' remain committed to exploring solutions to address water contamination issues in the Grays Creek area. To advance this commitment, an appropriation of General Fund Balance in the amount of \$10,500,000 is recommended. Budget Ordinance Amendment #200500 transfers \$10,500,000 from the General Fund Balance to the Capital Investment Fund for this purpose.

#### RECOMMENDATION / PROPOSED ACTION

County Management recommends approval of Budget Ordinance Amendment #200500 to appropriate \$10,500,000 in General Fund Balance to the Capital Investment Fund, set aside specifically for Gray's Creek Water exploration.

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Amy Cannon, County Manager, referenced the background information recorded above and outlined steps already taken to advance the Board of Commissioners priority of expanding water in the Gray's Creek area. Ms. Cannon stated the goal is to provide additional information and options to the Board within the next 45 to 60 days with the recommendation today being to appropriate \$10.5 million out of fund balance to specifically set it aside for the next steps in the Gray's Creek water exploration.

Commissioner Keefe asked Mr. Cannon to breakdown what she thought was the best use of the \$10.5 million and explain some of the options. Ms. Cannon stated the first phase would involve taking \$3 million to get water to the elementary schools by picking up the line at the Food Lion on 87 and Sandhill Road and going down off 87 on Alderman Road. Ms. Cannon stated this could probably be completed in the next eighteen months. Ms. Cannon stated the second phase would pick up at that point on 87 at Alderman Road and go further down 87 to get to most of the contaminated private wells. Ms. Cannon stated the \$7.5 million would assist in immediately going to that next step with engineering and design and a portion of the construction. Ms. Cannon stated the County can bridge that additional step with funds set aside in the Capital Planning Model to issue debt. Ms. Cannon stated opportunities for water are being explored with Bladen and Robeson counties and the Public Works Commission to determine the most feasible option.

Commissioner Adams asked about previous discussions in which the County would pay a third, the school system would pay a third and PWC would pay a third of the cost to run water to the schools. Ms. Cannon stated there had been discussion to that effect but when she reached out to PWC, she was told they are not in a position at this point to add any funding because they will not pick up a significant number of customers by running water to the schools. Ms. Cannon stated when she reached out to the school superintendent, she was told they are not in a position to contribute because they have projects planned for their capital dollars and it would mean rearranging their priorities and moving their projects forward.

MOTION: Commissioner Adams moved to approve Budget Ordinance Amendment #200500 to appropriate \$10,500,000 in General Fund Balance to the Capital Investment Fund, set aside specifically for Gray's Creek Water exploration.

SECOND: Commissioner Boose

VOTE: UNANIMOUS (5-0)

## 5. NOMINATIONS

### A. Board of Health (1 Vacancy)

Commissioner Adams nominated Dr. Sam Fleishman.

## 6. APPOINTMENTS

### A. Civic Center Commission (3 Vacancies)

### B. Farm Advisory Board (1 Vacancy)

### C. Fayetteville/Cumberland County Economic Development Corporation (1 Vacancy)

### D. Fayetteville/Cumberland Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission (2 Vacancies)

MOTION: Commissioner Adams moved to appoint Joe Gillis, Sheba McNeil and Gregory Parks to the Civic Center Commission, Wayne Collier to the Farm Advisory Board in the Farmer Position, Dohn Broadwell to the Fayetteville/Cumberland Economic Development Corporation, and Iva Marie Kelly and Harold Smelcer to the Fayetteville/Cumberland Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission.

SECOND: Commissioner Boose

VOTE: UNANIMOUS (5-0)

## 7. CLOSED SESSION:

### A. Personnel Matter(s) Pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11(a)(6)

MOTION: Commissioner Boose moved to go into closed session for Personnel Matter(s) Pursuant to NCGS 143.318.11(a)(6).

SECOND: Commissioner Lancaster

VOTE: UNANIMOUS (5-0)

MOTION: Commissioner Lancaster moved to reconvene in open session.

SECOND: Commissioner Adams

VOTE: UNANIMOUS (5-0)

MOTION: Commissioner Boose moved to adjourn.

SECOND: Chairman Faircloth

VOTE: UNANIMOUS (5-0)

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

Approved with/without revision:

Respectfully submitted,

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Candice H. White  
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