

CUMBERLAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
FY21 BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING/WORK SESSION
117 DICK STREET, 1ST FLOOR, ROOM 118
JUNE 8, 2020 7:00 PM
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

This meeting was conducted as a remote meeting under the N. C. Governor's State of Emergency Declaration. In compliance with the N. C. General Assembly's S.L. 2020-3, SB 704, this remote meeting was simultaneously streamed online with live audio and video, and was available to the public and media live via the Cumberland County website (co.cumberland.nc.us), Youtube page (youtube.com/user/CumberlandCountyNC/videos) and on Fayetteville Cumberland Education Channel (FCE-TV) Spectrum Cable Channel 5.

PRESENT: Commissioner Glenn Adams, Vice Chairman
Commissioner Michael Boose
Commissioner Jeannette Council
Commissioner Charles Evans
Commissioner Jimmy Keefe
Commissioner Larry Lancaster
Amy Cannon, County Manager
Duane Holder, Deputy County Manager
Tracy Holder, Assistant County Manager
Sally Shutt, Assistant County Manager
Rick Moorefield, County Attorney
Vicki Evans, Finance Director
Ivonne Mendez, Finance Accounting Supervisor
Deborah Shaw, Senior Budget Management Analyst
Heather Harris, Budget and Data Performance Analyst
Andrew Jakubiak, Budget Analyst
Brenda Jackson, Social Services Director
Greg West, Cumberland County Board of Education Vice Chair
Joseph Source, Cumberland County Board of Education
Candice White, Clerk to the Board
Kellie Beam, Deputy Clerk to the Board

ABSENT: Commissioner Marshall Faircloth, Chairman

Vice Chairman Adams called the special meeting to order and stated Chairman Faircloth was unable to be present. Vice Chairman Adams stated the purpose of the meeting is to hear from citizens regarding the proposed FY21 budget.

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

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

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

Vice Chairman Adams opened the public hearing.

The clerk to the board called the following speakers:

Greg West – Mr. West, Cumberland County Board of Education Vice Chair, stated he was speaking on behalf of the Superintendent of Cumberland County Schools Dr. Connelly, the Board of Education, school staff and students. Mr. West stated the Board of Education submitted a budget request for \$84.7 million with most of the \$4.2 million increase over the prior year to be used to expand the initiative for low-performing schools. Mr. West stated the Board of Education recognizes the impact COVID-19 has had county's revenue forecast and that FY21 budgets will be a challenge for the county and for the school system. Mr. West stated the Board of Education used \$13.5 million in fund balance in the FY20 budget and is going

to use \$2.8 million in the FY21 budget; this will leave a fund balance amount of \$18.4 million. Mr. West stated the Board of Education also reallocated another \$2.5 million for an order of 10,000 Chrome books to give all students access to remote learning. Mr. West stated prior to COVID-19, there had been multiple productive meetings about school funding and he hopes as soon as everyone gets back to the new normal, conversations can resume about long term sustainable funding increases for public education in Cumberland County.

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

Ms. Cannon pointed out the first opportunity for the Board of Commissioners to adopt the FY21 budget will be during the Monday, June 15, 2020 evening meeting.

Vice Chairman Adams called for a motion to adjourn.

MOTION: Commissioner Lancaster moved to adjourn.

SECOND: Commissioner Boose

VOTE: UNANIMOUS (6-0)

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Approved with/without revision:

Respectfully submitted,

Candice H. White
Clerk to the Board