

CUMBERLAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MONDAY, MARCH 7, 2022 – 9:00 AM
117 DICK STREET, 1ST FLOOR, ROOM 118
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

PRESENT: Commissioner Glenn Adams, Chairman
Commissioner Toni Stewart, Vice Chairman
Commissioner Jeannette Council
Commissioner Charles Evans
Commissioner Jimmy Keefe
Commissioner Larry Lancaster
Tracy Jackson, Assistant County Manager
Sally Shutt, Assistant County Manager
Rick Moorefield, County Attorney
Vicki Evans, Finance Director
Keith Todd, ITS Director
Tye Vaught, Management Analyst
Candice H. White, Clerk to the Board

ABSENT: Commissioner Michael Boose

Chairman Adams called the meeting to order.

INVOCATION / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Evans called on Minister Ted Smith of Second Missionary Baptist Church to provide the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag.

Recognition of Cumberland County Animal Services Veterinarian, Dr. April Kelly

Chairman Adams stated Dr. April Kelly, the Cumberland County Animal Services veterinarian, is leaving because her husband, who is an Army veterinarian, is being transferred to another duty station. Chairman Adams stated Dr. Kelly has been a dedicated professional who has been devoted to the animals at Animal Services and her excellence and competence will be missed. Chairman Adams stated Dr. Kelly built a shelter medicine and spay/neuter program from scratch and worked with Animal Services Director Elaine Smith to implement upgrades that improved the level and quality of service at Cumberland County Animal Services. Chairman Adams stated Cumberland County is thankful for Dr. Kelly's time and service and extends best wishes for her continued and deserved success.

Amy Cannon, County Manager, asked to add to the agenda as Item 7.A. Closed Session for an Economic Development Matter pursuant to NCGS § 143-318.11(a)(4) and to Prevent Disclosure of Privileged or Confidential Information pursuant to NCGS § 143-318.11(a)(1).

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: Commissioner Evans moved to approve the agenda with the addition of Item 7.A. Closed Session for an Economic Development Matter pursuant to NCGS § 143-318.11(a)(4) and to Prevent Disclosure of Privileged or Confidential Information pursuant to NCGS § 143-318.11(a)(1).

SECOND: Commissioner Council

VOTE: UNANIMOUS (6-0)

2. PRESENTATIONS

A. Update on the Foster Care Family Recruitment Campaign by the Cumberland County Department of Social Services and the Public Information Office

Ms. Cannon introduced Delores Long, Assistant Social Services Director. Ms. Long stated out of the 733 children who are in foster care, 275 have been placed out of county and 42 have been placed out of state and there is truly a need for foster families in Cumberland County. Ms. Long stated having a large military installation in the county is one of the possible reasons for the high number of foster children because a lot of the families who come to the county do not have direct or natural supports in the community. Ms. Long stated the Department of Social Services is collaborating with the county's Public Information Office in a Foster Care Family Recruitment Campaign, "Not Perfect...Just Willing", to increase foster families within Cumberland County.

Ms. Long presented the following information about the campaign:

Free / Earned Media

Create graphics

Interview current foster parents, children who were in foster care in their lives and DSS workers

Create Radio Script

Brochures for future outreach events

Posters for Cumberland County departments, area organizations to post in common areas

Social media content for organic social media platforms (i.e. Cumberland County

NC Facebook/Instagram/Twitter)

Coordinate with partner organization to 'share' content

CCNCTV commercials

Radio PSA (to include government programming on the radio)

Paid Media

30-second radio ads

Boost social media content

Billboards

Print / digital ads

Other Possible venues

Newsletters of partner organizations

FBNC Community Information Brief

Coordinate with CCS for possible message

Coordinate with faith-based organizations to seek opportunities

Ms. Long displayed mockups of posters and responded to questions that followed.

B. Cumberland County Public Library's 13th Annual Storytelling Festival

BACKGROUND

Cumberland County Public Library Director Faith Phillips will present information on the 13th Annual Storytelling Festival that kicks off March 11, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. with an event at Segra Stadium. The library received a \$5,000 grant from the Arts Council of Fayetteville/Cumberland County to support the month-long festival. This year's theme is "The Sun, the Moon and the Stars."

RECOMMENDATION / PROPOSED ACTION

For information purposes only.

Faith Phillips, Cumberland County Public Library Director, stated the Cumberland County Public Library will kick off the 13th Annual Storytelling Festival at Segra Stadium on Friday, March 11, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. and everyone is welcome to this family friendly event. Ms. Phillips stated Dr. Brian Sturm, a feature storyteller, will share stories about the wondrous sky; stories, games and fun will be on-hand for all participants at the March 11 event.

Ms. Phillips stated the free storytelling festival will take place March 1-31 throughout the Cumberland County Library System with virtual and in-person stories and activities for children from birth to age 12. The Cumberland County Public Library received a \$5,000 grant from the Arts Council of Fayetteville/Cumberland County in August 2021 for the Storytelling Festival.

Ms. Phillips stated the theme for this year’s festival is “The Sun, the Moon, and the Stars” and programs and activities will focus on the solar system and the stars while exposing participants to stories and myths about the heavens from a variety of cultures.

Ms. Phillips shared the following schedule:

Segra Stadium

- Kick-off celebration, Friday, March 11
- 6:30pm – activities begin
- 7:00pm – storytelling begins
- FREE!
- Games for the family, pop-up maker activities, arts & crafts
- Featured storyteller: Dr. Brian Sturm

March 12, 2022 – 10:00am

- East Regional Library

March 12, 2022 – 2:00pm

- North Regional Library

Featured Storyteller: Dr. Brian Sturm

March 15, 2022 – 4:00pm

- West Regional Library
- Featured Storyteller: Donna Washington

March 23, 2022 – 4:00pm

- Hope Mills Library
- Featured Storyteller: Dr. Amy Sayle

Ms. Phillips stated storytelling and events like the storytelling festival are critical for encouraging literacy and promoting discovery and learning in our community; storytelling helps listeners be creative and to use their imagination, all skills that can foster literacy and a love of reading.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approval of February 21, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes

B. Approval of Proclamation Recognizing Silver Anniversary

BACKGROUND

A request was received for a proclamation recognizing Mary M. Holmes' 25th anniversary with the Cumberland Community Foundation and her years of dedicated support to the community.

RECOMMENDATION / PROPOSED ACTION

Respectfully request approval of the proclamation.

COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND

NORTH CAROLINA

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Mary Holmes is a native of Fayetteville, North Carolina, received her undergraduate degree from Wake Forest University, and her MBA from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill; and

WHEREAS, prior to joining the nonprofit sector, Mary Holmes was a hedge analyst for a commodities trading firm in New York, NY, a student fellow at the Peggy Guggenheim Museum in Venice, Italy, and Market President for First Union National Bank; and

WHEREAS, Mary Holmes joined Cumberland Community Foundation as Executive Director in 1997 and has served on many boards at the state and local level including the NC Association of Community Foundations, NC Network of Grantmakers, the NC Center for

Nonprofits, Center for Self-Help, Cape Fear Regional Theatre, Fayetteville/Cumberland Chamber of Commerce, and Museum of Cape Fear Historical Complex Foundation; and

WHEREAS, Mary Holmes is a 1997/1999 Fellow of the William C. Friday Fellowship for Human Relations and a 2001 Hull Leadership Fellow of the Southeastern Council on Foundations; and

WHEREAS, Mary Holmes' awards include the ATHENA Award of the Fayetteville/Cumberland Chamber of Commerce in 2001, the Greater Good Award of Methodist University in 2017 and in 2021, and "Business North Carolina" identified Mary Holmes as one of the state's 100 most influential leaders in the inaugural Power List 100.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that We, the Cumberland County Board of Commissioners, extend our sincere appreciation and thanks to Mary Holmes for her distinguished service to the Cumberland County community and join with many others to celebrate her silver anniversary of dedicated service to the Cumberland Community Foundation.

Presented this the 17th day of March 2022.

C. Approval of Sole Source Purchase of a New Software for Community Development

BACKGROUND

Funds in the amount of \$38,500.00 have been appropriated in the Community Development Department's fiscal year 2022 budget to purchase a new software to replace the current Loan's software. Cumberland County's Innovation and Technology Services staff worked with Community Development staff in recommending the best option. The recommended software will expand on what the current software offers by allowing Community Development to manage loans, applications, calculate loan payments, manage bid and contract information as well as provide inspection functionality for construction contracts, managed by Community Development staff.

This software is an advanced platform that no other hosted software is available to provide that can address in one solution the automation of the enrollment, qualification, administration and reporting for all of Cumberland County's Community Development programs.

Benevate Inc. is the producer and sole source vendor of Neighborly Software's Housing, Economic and Community Development hosted software. Benevate, Inc. further certifies that no other hosted software is available for purchase that can address all of Cumberland County's Community Development Department needs in one solution.

RECOMMENDATION / PROPOSED ACTION

Finance and Purchasing staff recommend utilizing the sole source bid exception based on North Carolina General Statute 143-129 (e) (6) (ii), as product is available from only one source.

D. Approval of Budget Ordinance Amendments for the March 7, 2021 Board of Commissioners' Agenda

BACKGROUND

General Fund 101

1) Emergency Services - Budget Ordinance Amendment B221055 to recognize North Carolina Department of Public Safety Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) funds in the amount of \$4,718

The Board is requested to approve Budget Ordinance Amendment B221055 to recognize North Carolina Department of Public Safety Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) funds in the amount of \$4,718. In the FY22 budget, \$78,000 was budgeted for this grant, but the total award amount will be \$82,718, an increase of \$4,718. These funds will be used to assist with the purchase of items and courses for the Emergency Management section.

Please note this amendment requires no additional county funds.

- 2) Public Safety Other – Budget Ordinance Amendment B220889 to appropriate fund balance in the amount of \$248,000 for youth detention subsidies

The Board is requested to approve Budget Ordinance Amendment B220889 to appropriate fund balance in the amount of \$248,000 for youth detention subsidies. The North Carolina Youth Detention Subsidy is based on the length of time a Judge remands a juvenile at their discretion. This amount includes projected expenses over the budgeted amount for the remainder of Fiscal Year 2022.

Please note this amendment requires appropriation of general fund balance.

- 3) Health Department - Budget Ordinance Amendment B221010 to budget Medicaid funds in the amount of \$278,345.

The Board is requested to approve Budget Ordinance Amendment B221010 in the amount of \$278,345 to budget Medicaid (Prepaid Health Plan) funds. As part of the transition to Managed Care on July 1, 2021, the cost settlement process has changed to a quarterly settlement for services rendered under a Prepaid Health Plan. Local Health Departments will receive 100% of the cost settlement funds from the Prepaid Health Plans but will be required to submit an Intergovernmental Transfer for the non-federal share of the settlement payment to North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Health Services.

Please note this amendment requires no additional county funds.

- 4) Department of Social Services – Budget Ordinance Amendment B220753 to recognize Pandemic Low Income Energy Assistance Program (LIEAP) funds in the amount of \$2,961,784 from the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Social Services

The Board is requested to approve Budget Ordinance Amendment B220753 to recognize Pandemic Low Income Energy Assistance Program (LIEAP) funds from the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Social Services in the amount of \$2,961,784. These funds will be used for a pandemic automatically authorized payment for households with children aged 0-10 that are receiving food and nutrition services (FNS) and received LIEAP Fiscal Year 2020-2021.

Please note this amendment requires no additional county funds.

Capital Investment Fund 107

- 5) Capital Investment Fund – Vehicles - Budget Ordinance Amendment B220683 to recognize insurance reimbursement funds in the amount of \$4,140

The Board is requested to approve Budget Ordinance Amendment B220683 to recognize insurance settlement funds in the amount of \$4,140. These funds represent a total loss vehicle incident which occurred on January 10, 2022.

Please note this amendment requires no additional county funds.

Stream Restoration Grant Fund 243

- 6) Stream Restoration Grant – Budget Ordinance Amendment B220002 to recognize the fiscal year 2022 allocation of the North Carolina Legislated State Directed Grants in the amount of \$2,000,000 for Methodist University Stream Restoration

The Board is requested to approve Budget Ordinance Amendment B220002 to recognize the fiscal year 2022 allocation of the North Carolina Legislated State Directed Grants in the amount of \$2,000,000 for Methodist University Stream Restoration. These funds will be utilized to reimburse

Methodist University for stream restoration expenditures incurred between the timeframe of July 1, 2021, and June 30, 2023.

Please note this amendment requires no additional county funds.

State Capital Infrastructure Fund (SCIF) 244

7) State Capital Infrastructure Fund (SCIF) – Budget Ordinance Amendment B220003 to recognize the fiscal year 2022 allocation of the North Carolina Legislated State Directed Grants – State Capital Infrastructure Funds (SCIF) in the amount of \$1,000,000 for the capital costs of a homeless shelter

The Board is requested to approve Budget Ordinance Amendment B220003 to recognize the fiscal year 2022 allocation of the North Carolina Legislated State Directed Grants – State Capital Infrastructure Funds (SCIF) in the amount of \$1,000,000 for the capital costs of a homeless shelter.

Please note this amendment requires no additional county funds.

REGARDING THE FOLLOWING ITEM #8 PLEASE NOTE:

Each fiscal year County departments may have projects that have been approved and initiated but were not complete by the fiscal year end (6/30/21) or items ordered that had not been received by fiscal year end. These projects or items were approved in the Fiscal Year 2021 budget; however, the money was not spent by June 30, 2021.

The following amendments seek to bring those funds forward from FY 2021 into the current fiscal year, allowing departments to complete and pay for these projects and items. These revisions are not using ‘new’ funds but are recognizing the use of FY21 funds in FY22.

Community Development Block Grant 264

8) Disaster Recovery Act 2017 – Budget Ordinance Amendment B221058 to re-appropriate FY21 North Carolina Disaster Relief Act 2017 and North Carolina State Acquisition and Relocation Fund (SARF) funds in the amount of \$890,300

The Board is requested to approve Budget Ordinance Amendment B221058 to re-appropriate FY21 funds in the amount of \$890,300. These funds are needed to complete buyout and or demolition of properties damaged by Hurricane Matthew.

RECOMMENDATION/PROPOSED ACTION

Approve budget ordinance amendments.

Chairman Adams referenced Item 4.D.2), Budget Ordinance Amendment B220889 to appropriate fund balance in the amount of \$248,000 for youth detention subsidies and stated the Department of Public Safety’s “Raise the Age” should have decreased the number of youths in detention because it allows them to be tried in juvenile court. Ms. Cannon stated she would get additional information to bring back to the Board.

MOTION: Commissioner Lancaster moved to approve consent agenda Items 3.A. – 3.D.8).
SECOND: Commissioner Stewart
VOTE: UNANIMOUS (6-0)

4. ITEMS OF BUSINESS

There were no items of business.

5. NOMINATIONS

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There were no nominations.

6. APPOINTMENTS

A. Board of Equalization and Review 2022 Officer Appointments

BACKGROUND

The resolution establishing the Board of Equalization and Review states the Board of Commissioners shall appoint a Chairman, a First Vice Chairman and a Second Vice Chairman to serve on the Board of Equalization and Review.

The Board of Equalization and Review recommends the following as officers for 2022:

Chairman - Charles McBryde Grannis
First Vice Chairman - Derwood Clark
Second Vice Chairman - Jassan Maranhas

The Board of Equalization and Review's 2022 officer recommendations are attached.

RECOMMENDATION / PROPOSED ACTION

Appoint a Chairman, First Vice Chairman and Second Vice Chairman as the Board of Equalization and Review's 2022 officers.

MOTION: Commissioner Stewart moved to appoint the following as the Board of Equalization and Review's 2022 officers:
Chairman - Charles McBryde Grannis
First Vice Chairman - Derwood Clark
Second Vice Chairman - Jassan Maranhas
SECOND: Commissioner Council
VOTE: UNANIMOUS (6-0)

B. Cape Fear Valley Health System Board of Trustees

MOTION: Commissioner Stewart moved to appoint Shannon Matthews to the Cape Fear Valley Health System Board of Trustees in the R.N. Position.
SECOND: Commissioner Lancaster
VOTE: UNANIMOUS (6-0)

There being two vacancies for the Cape Fear Valley Health System Board of Trustees General Public category and three nominees, the following votes were cast:

Pamela Suggs Story –Commissioners Lancaster, Council, Adams, Stewart, Evans and Keefe cast their votes for Ms. Story for a total of 6 votes
Jason Poole – Commissioners Adams and Keefe cast their votes for Mr. Poole for a total of 2 votes
Sanjay Shah, MD – Commissioners Lancaster, Council, Stewart and Evans cast their votes for Dr. Shah for a total of 4 votes

Having received the most votes, Pamela Suggs Story and Sanjay Shah, MD. were appointed to the Cape Fear Valley Health System Board of Trustees in the General Public category.

C. Cumberland County Local Emergency Planning Committee

MOTION: Commissioner Stewart moved to appoint George White to the Cumberland County Local Emergency Planning Committee in the Hospital Representative category.
SECOND: Commissioner Council
VOTE: UNANIMOUS (6-0)

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D. Cumberland County Workforce Development Board

MOTION: Commissioner Stewart moved to appoint Jennifer Watson and Sherri Turner to the Cumberland County Workforce Development Board in the Representative of Business category.
SECOND: Commissioner Evans
VOTE: UNANIMOUS (6-0)

E. Senior Citizens Advisory Commission

MOTION: Commissioner Stewart moved to appoint Tracy Honeycutt and Renata Simmons to the Senior Citizens Advisory Commission.
SECOND: Commissioner Council
VOTE: UNANIMOUS (6-0)

7. CLOSED SESSION

A. Economic Development Matter Pursuant to NCGS § 143-318.11(a)(4) and Prevent Disclosure of Privileged or Confidential Information Pursuant to NCGS § 143-318.11(a)(1).

MOTION: Commissioner Evans moved to go into closed session for an Economic Development Matter Pursuant to NCGS § 143-318.11(a)(4) and to Prevent Disclosure of Privileged or Confidential Information Pursuant to NCGS § 143-318.11(a)(1).
SECOND: Commissioner Stewart
VOTE: UNANIMOUS (6-0)

MOTION: Commissioner Stewart moved to come out of closed session.
SECOND: Commissioner Council
VOTE: UNANIMOUS (6-0)

MOTION: Commissioner Stewart moved to adjourn.
SECOND: Commissioner Council
VOTE: UNANIMOUS (6-0)

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Approved with/without revision:

Respectfully submitted,

Candice H. White
Clerk to the Board