

CUMBERLAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
JUNE 1, 2022 – 5:30 PM  
117 DICK STREET, 5TH FLOOR, ROOM 564  
FY23 BUDGET WORK SESSION  
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

PRESENT: Commissioner Glenn Adams, Chairman  
Commissioner Toni Stewart, Vice Chairman  
Commissioner Jeannette Council  
Commissioner Jimmy Keefe  
Amy Cannon, County Manager  
Tracy Jackson, Assistant County Manager  
Sally Shutt, Assistant County Manager  
Brian Haney, Assistant County manager  
Rick Moorefield, County Attorney  
Vicki Evans, Finance Director  
Ivonne Mendez, Deputy Finance Director  
Deborah Shaw, Budget and Performance Manager  
Andrew Jakubiak, Budget and Management Analyst  
Kelly Autry, Budget and Management Analyst  
Tye Vaught, Management Analyst  
Candice H. White, Clerk to the Board  
Andrea Tebbe, Deputy Clerk  
Press

ABSENT: Commissioner Michael Boose  
Commissioner Charles Evans  
Commissioner Larry Lancaster

Chairman Adams called the special meeting to order and stated the purpose of the meeting is for a FY23 budget work session.

Amy Cannon, County Manager, asked the pleasure of the Board and stated she and staff were open to questions about the FY23 proposed budget. Commissioner Keefe stated he thinks it is a solid budget, but his concern is related to the current state of the economy and accelerated prices and although the 4% COLA makes sense, his concern is that it will not be enough in light of the 8.5% inflation rate. Commissioner Keefe asked how the county's ability to function would be sustained. Ms. Cannon stated recurring expenditures in the budget are offset by recurring revenues. Ms. Cannon also stated less of the fund balance was appropriate in the proposed FY23 budget compared to the last two budget years. Ms. Cannon stated the FY23 budget is sustainable and will fund the Board of Commissioners' priorities.

Commissioner Stewart referenced proposed funding for outside agency requests and suggested taking funds from the Salvation Army and giving them to Cumberland HealthNet, Inc. Commissioner Keefe asked why Cumberland HealthNet, Inc. had not been recommended for funding in the proposed budget. Ms. Cannon stated Cumberland HealthNet, Inc. was not recommended for funding because the county wanted to maintain the same funding allocation and thereby limit growth in the budget.

Chairman Adams referenced proposed funding for the Arts Council in the amount of \$68,000 and stated since there was a pandemic over the last two years, the Arts Council may not have spent all of its money. Chairman Adams stated the Arts Council still receives occupancy tax revenues which have gone up and suggested taking funds from the Arts Council and giving them to Cumberland HealthNet, Inc. to help those who do not have insurance. Chairman Adams also questioned whether the United Way can run the 211 Program with the \$5,500 in proposed funding.

Chairman Adams asked whether there was funding proposed to address previously discussed issues involving human resources. Ms. Cannon stated the proposed FY23 budget includes \$95,000 to conduct a study because there are not sufficient staff to conduct the study internally. Commissioner Keefe asked whether a study had previously been conducted. Ms. Cannon stated in 2018, the county looked at the market and conducted a cursory review that found minimum salaries

were problematic. Ms. Cannon stated other employers and inflation have outpaced the county. Chairman Adams stated he wanted to be sure this issue was on the county's radar.

Additional questions and discussion followed. There was consensus to take \$30,000 from the proposed funding for the Arts Council and give it to Cumberland HealthNet, Inc. and to take another \$3,000 in proposed funding for the Arts Council and give it to the Vision Resource Center which left proposed funding in the amount of \$35,000 for the Arts Council.

Commissioner Keefe referenced the recent boom in economic development in the county and stated he would like to find a way to provide \$50,000 to the Fayetteville Cumberland Economic Development Corporation, not for operations, but to market the community.

Chairman Adams provided closing remarks.

MOTION: Commissioner Council moved to adjourn.

SECOND: Commissioner Stewart

VOTE: UNANIMOUS (4-0)

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Approved with/without revision:

Respectfully submitted,

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Candice H. White  
Clerk to the Board