

At a meeting of the Cumberland County Board of Supervisors held at 7:00 p.m. on the 10th day of May, 2016, at the Cumberland County Circuit Court Room:

Present: William F. Osl, Jr., District 1
Lloyd Banks, Jr., District 2, Chairman
Kevin Ingle, District 3, Vice-Chairman
David Meinhard, District 4
Parker Wheeler, District 5
Vivian Giles, County Administrator | Attorney
Sara Carter, Planning Director

Absent: Finance Director

1. Call to Order

The Chairman called the meeting to order.

2. Roll Call

County Administrator, Vivian Giles, called the roll.

3. Approval of Agenda

On a motion by Supervisor Meinhard and carried unanimously, the Board approved the Agenda as amended adding Cumberland Volunteer Rescue Squad - \$25,000 appropriation under section 7.e.:

Vote: Mr. Osl – aye Mr. Banks – aye
Mr. Ingle – aye Mr. Meinhard – aye
Mr. Wheeler – aye

4. Welcome, Moment of Silence and Pledge of Allegiance

The Welcome and Pledge of Allegiance were led by Chairman Banks.

5. State and Local Department/Agencies

a) Dr. Amy Griffin Superintendent of Cumberland County Schools

Dr. Amy Griffin, School Superintendent, gave the following report to the Board:

- Senior Night was last Friday night were over \$30,000 worth of scholarships were awarded to the seniors
- Senior Project Day is this coming Friday
- There will be 20 students graduating from SVCC this coming Saturday with their Associates Degree
- May 20, 2016 is graduation day for the 2016 Seniors
- The last day of school this year is May 25, 2016
- Mrs. Barley, teacher at the Elementary School retired with 47 years of service
- JROTC change of command took place last week and the JROTC Military Ball will take place on May 14, 2016
- The Drive4URSchool Event is this Saturday which is a fundraising event for the Cumberland Football Teams
- On April 22, the School Division participated in Earth Day.

b) VDOT

Mr. Scot Shippee informed the Board that VDOT has begun brush cutting and mowing on Secondary roads; cutting on primary roads will begin soon. Mr. Shippee suggested that the public hearing for the Secondary Six Year Plan be held in June. There are additional funds available for upcoming years; approximately \$373,000 for each 2021 and 2022. The current year plan funds appear to be able to fund both the Route 621, Stoney Point Mill Lane project, and the Route 605, Boston Hill Road project.

VDOT has also decided to consider options to permanently replace the Route 621 bridge on Fowlkes Bridge Road, instead of abandoning it. It is a fractured member bridge, so if there is any further damage, VDOT may need to close it temporarily for safety reasons, but they are looking to permanently replace it.

c) Mr. Gene Shores and Mr. Danny Lightfoot, Cartersville Volunteer Fire Department

Mr. Shores and Mr. Lightfoot request that the Board increase the Loan Guarantee for the Cartersville Volunteer Fire Department from \$150,000 to \$200,000 due to the rising cost of construction materials.

On a motion by Supervisor Osl and carried unanimously, the Board approved an increase in the loan guarantee for Cartersville Volunteer Fire Department from \$150,000 to \$200,000:

VOTE:

Mr. Osl – aye

Mr. Banks – aye

Mr. Ingle – aye

Mr. Meinhard – aye

Mr. Wheeler – aye

d) Ms. Robin Sapp, Cumberland Public Library –

Ms. Sapp informed the Board that the summer reading program will begin June 6, 2016. She is interested in starting book clubs for adults and DIY project clubs if there is interest.

e) Cumberland Volunteer Rescue Squad

Supervisor Ingle informed the Board that he spoke with Mr. Elswick, the President of the Cumberland Volunteer Rescue Squad. Supervisor Ingle states that the Rescue Squad is still working with the Revenue Recovery Company out of Kentucky who bought out the company they were originally working with. Since the takeover, the incoming revenue has been slow, and they are unable to pay the outstanding bills and regular operating costs. Supervisor Ingle requested that the Board consider supplementing the Rescue Squad \$25,000 so that they can continue to pay the Squad Personnel that provide coverage during the daytime hours. There has been no increase in membership, and they need volunteers as there are only 5 active members currently. Cartersville Rescue Squad has helped with sharing coverage times and crews.

Supervisor Banks stated that at some point there needs to be a consolidation of Fire and Rescue services in the County and control the costs. Supervisor Osl stated that the location is critical because of the size and layout of the county. We will need to go to paid fire and rescue services. Supervisor Ingle stated that there will be an emergency services meeting Thursday night at 7:00 p.m. at the Cumberland Fire Department where this can be discussed.

On a motion by Supervisor Ingle and carried by the following vote, the Board approved an appropriation in the amount of \$25,000 to the Cumberland Volunteer Rescue Squad:

VOTE: Mr. Osl – aye Mr. Banks – nay
 Mr. Ingle – aye Mr. Meinhard – aye
 Mr. Wheeler – aye

6. Public Comments

Ms. Carol Miller stated that she was upset with the meeting last month. The Standards of Conduct say to be tolerant. The Chairman controls the Board meeting. The Rights of the Board, the employees and the public should be protected. We need to be more tolerant of each other. Ms. Vacelo Moore stated that there is a misstatement in the minutes of the last meeting and she asked that it be corrected. Ms. Jenny Gills thanked the Board for funding the Schools, even though it was not the full request from the School Board. She hopes that the two Boards will work together going forward. Mrs. Patty Pedrick welcomed back Supervisor Osl. She also stated that she was embarrassed of the last meeting as some people were not addressed courteously. Ms. Pedrick also suggested all raises need to be frozen, and the elimination of the Land Use Program until the County is in a better financial situation.

7. Adjourn into Closed Session-

On a motion by Supervisor Wheeler and carried, the Board and Mr. Mark Burcham, Vice President of Lyttle Utilities, Inc., entered into closed meeting pursuant to the Virginia Code Sections below:

Pursuant to Virginia Code § 2.2-3711.A.7: Consultation with
Legal Counsel

Subject: Sewer Line Easements; Pending and possible civil
litigation; and Community Host Agreement

Vote: Mr. Osl – aye Mr. Banks – aye
Mr. Ingle – aye Mr. Meinhard – aye
Mr. Wheeler – aye

8. Reconvene in Open Session-

The Board returned to regular session on a motion by Supervisor Osl.

A motion was made by Mr. Wheeler and adopted by the following vote:

Mr. Osl - aye
Mr. Banks – aye
Mr. Ingle – aye
Mr. Meinhard - aye
Mr. Wheeler - aye

That the following Certification of a Closed Meeting be adopted in accordance with The Virginia Freedom of Information Act:

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of Cumberland County has convened a closed meeting on this date pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote and in accordance with the provisions of The Virginia Freedom of Information Act; and

WHEREAS, Section 2.2-3712 of the Code of Virginia requires a certification by this Board that such closed meeting was conducted in conformity with Virginia law;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Cumberland County hereby certifies that, to the best of each member’s knowledge, (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements by Virginia law were discussed in the closed meeting to which this certification resolution applies, and (ii)

only such public business matters as were identified in the motion convening the closed meeting were heard, discussed or considered by the Board of Supervisors of Cumberland County.

9. Public Hearings

a) Proposed 2016 Tax rates

i. Machinery and Tools

The Chairman opened the public hearing. With no citizens signed up to speak, the Chairman then closed the public hearing.

On a motion by Supervisor Meinhard and carried unanimously, the Board adopted a tax rate of \$3.75 for Machinery and Tools:

VOTE:

Mr. Osl – aye

Mr. Banks – aye

Mr. Ingle – aye

Mr. Meinhard – aye

Mr. Wheeler – aye

ii. Heavy Construction Machinery

The Chairman opened the public hearing. With no citizens signed up to speak, the Chairman then closed the public hearing.

On a motion by Supervisor Meinhard and carried unanimously, the Board adopted a tax rate of \$3.75 for Heavy Construction Machinery:

VOTE:

Mr. Osl – aye

Mr. Banks – aye

Mr. Ingle – aye

Mr. Meinhard – aye

Mr. Wheeler – aye

10. County Attorney/County Administrator Report

a) Consent Agenda

- 1) Approval of Bills for April 2016 and May 2016.
Approved bills for May 10, 2016 total \$48,966.41.
Ratified bills for April 13, 216 thru May 09, 2016 of warrants total \$324,221.82 with check numbers ranging from 72706 to 72816. Direct Deposits total \$151,890.64.
- 2) Approval of Minutes (April 5, 2016, April 12, 2016 and April 26, 2016)

On a motion by Supervisor Meinhard and carried unanimously, the Board approved the consent agenda:

Vote: Mr. Osl – aye Mr. Banks – aye
Mr. Ingle – aye Mr. Meinhard – aye
Mr. Wheeler – aye

b) Adopt FY 2016-17 Budget

On a motion by supervisor Osl and carried by the following vote, the Board adopted the FY 16-17 Budget:

Vote: Mr. Osl – aye Mr. Banks – nay
Mr. Ingle – aye Mr. Meinhard – aye
Mr. Wheeler – aye

Supervisor Meinhard stated that he voted in favor of the budget, however he reserves the right to make comments regarding the budget anytime someone comes up and

proposes spending money that was not included in the budget.

- c) Resolution in support of the Farmer's Market Promotion Grant Application by the Cumberland Extension Office

On a motion by Supervisor Osl and carried unanimously, the Board approved the Resolution in support of the Farmer's Market Promotion Grant Application:

Resolution in Support of Farmer's Market Promotion Program Grant

WHEREAS, the Cumberland County Extension Office is exploring the possibility of establishing community participation in an online farmers market and nutrition education program hosted by the Center for Rural Culture (CRC); and

WHEREAS, while the Cumberland County Extension Office has identified a means of staffing this initiative on a temporary basis, funding is an ongoing need; and

WHEREAS, a USDA grant – the Farmers Market Promotion Program Grant 2016: Sustaining Central Virginia's Rural Culture and Communities Through an On Line Farmers Market and Educational Program Series - is available, and if received, will assist with hosting the nutrition education and online farmer's market programs in Cumberland County; and

WHEREAS, because Cumberland County is a food desert, there is a community need for nutrition education and access to healthier food choices.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Cumberland County Board of Supervisors supports the application for the Farmers Market Promotion Program Grant 2016: Sustaining Central Virginia's Rural Culture and

Communities Through an On Line Farmers Market and Educational Program Series.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Cumberland County Board of Supervisors supports nutrition education and online farmers market opportunities for the benefit of Cumberland County citizens.

Vote: Mr. Osl – aye Mr. Banks – aye
Mr. Ingle – aye Mr. Meinhard – aye
Mr. Wheeler – aye

11. Finance Director’s Report

a) Monthly budget Report

There was no discussion regarding the monthly budget report.

b) School Appropriations

On a motion by Supervisor Wheeler and carried unanimously, the Board approved the School Appropriations as presented:

Vote: Mr. Osl – aye Mr. Banks – aye
Mr. Ingle – aye Mr. Meinhard – aye
Mr. Wheeler – aye

c) FY16 Revenue Appropriations

On a motion by Supervisor Osl and carried unanimously, the Board approved the FY16 Revenue Appropriations as presented:

VOTE: Mr. Osl – aye Mr. Banks – aye
 Mr. Ingle – aye Mr. Meinhard – aye
 Mr. Wheeler – aye

12. Planning Director’s Report

a) Planning Project update

 There was no discussion on the Planning Project updates.

13. Old Business

 N/A

14. New Business

 N/A

15. Public Comments (Part 2)

 Mr. Lou Seigel asked the Board how much the appropriation was for the School. Also, he stated that there is nothing mentioned in the Board minutes for the year 2015 that references paid Fire and Rescue. Mr. Seigel asked how many citizens live in each district and what is the call volume in each? What is the amount of contributions for each department? How much is received in revenue recovery? Ms. Vacelo Moore stated that the first mistake of this Board was to hire a County Attorney as a County Administrator as one person should not have that much authority, and there are no checks and balances. There is no one for employees to go to if they have a concern. The last meeting of the Board was outlandish, and the Chairman was disrespectful. What happened to the County reserve funds? The County needs someone to work on Economic

Development as she constantly hears that Cumberland is not business friendly.

Ms. Emily Trent represents Teenagers for Change, and they are having a fundraiser on June 25, 2016 from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. in the gym at the Cumberland Community Center for the children, and asks for a donation for the group. The purpose of the group is to take the local children on trips, school shopping, tutoring, etc. Ms. Suzanne Moore apologized for letting her anger get the better of her at the last Board meeting. Ms. Moore asked why Cumberland can't get ahead of development and growth. Cumberland has many intelligent citizens and the Board needs to ask the citizens for help.

16. Board Member Comments

Supervisor Osl thanked everyone for the thoughts, prayers and kind regards while he was healing. Mr. Osl also stated that while he was preparing for this meeting, he was looking over the check registers, and noticed that CSA cost is very high. Mr. Osl also mentioned that as it relates to Mr. Seigel's question earlier, there are approximately 10,000 citizens in the county, and each district should have close to equal number of citizens in each district. This is the purpose of redistricting; it is a rebalancing of the districts. Mr. Osl said that comments are being made about not being business friendly; and these are generalities. The Board needs specifics to work with. If you have business ideas, contact the Economic Development Authority. The County needs to diversify. Supervisor Osl states that he feels that the majority of the Board has focused too much on cost cutting and not enough on revenue growth through business growth.

Supervisor Ingle stated that he will be at the Cumberland Fire House on Thursday, May 12, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. to have more in-depth discussions regarding emergency services/rescue squads. Supervisor Ingle also stated that there is nowhere else to cut the budget. We need to keep the employees that we have. We need to promote information sharing.

Supervisor Wheeler stated that for years, he has heard that Cumberland is not business friendly. The Planning Director and the Planning Commission work very hard to position the County to be positive for business.

17. Additional Information

- a) Treasurer's Report
- b) DMV Report
- c) Monthly Building Inspections Report
- d) Approved Planning Commission meeting minutes-N/A
- e) Approved IDA meeting minutes-N/A
- f) VDACS recognition of Willis Meadows

18. Adjourn -

On a motion by Supervisor Banks and carried, unanimously, the Board adjourned the meeting until the next regular meeting to be held on June 14, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in the Circuit Courtroom of the Cumberland Courthouse, Cumberland, Virginia.

Vote: Mr. Osl – aye Mr. Banks – aye
 Mr. Ingle – aye Mr. Meinhard – aye
 Mr. Wheeler – aye

Lloyd Banks, Jr., Chairman

Vivian Giles, County Administrator/County Attorney