

### **Biography of Van H. Petty, Sr.**

Van H. Petty, Sr. is the Vice-Chairman of the Cumberland County Board of Supervisors, representing District 3.

Mr. Petty spent 24 years with the Virginia Cooperative Extension as a county Extension Agent for Cumberland and Prince Edward Counties and as a Unit Coordinator and Regional Director. He also served five years as an instructor of vocational agriculture in the Buckingham County Public School System.

Van has served on the Cumberland County Planning Commission, Cumberland County Economic Development Committee, Virginia Heartland Partnership, Cumberland Prevention Policy Board, Hunter Safety Instructor, Cumberland County Christmas Parade Committee, and Holiday Lake 4-H Board of Directors. He currently serves on the Cumberland Social Services Board, Meals on Wheels Board of Directors, Cumberland County Public Schools Foundation, Cumberland Wireless Authority, and the Selective Services Board.

Van believes that “By working together, we can make a difference in the County.” He was instrumental in developing the Capital Improvement Program (CIP), Office on Youth, Cumberland Leadership Development Program, Technology Opportunity Program (TOP), Cumberland Community Web Page, Cumberland Leadership Forums, and the Cumberland High School after Prom Party. Other plans that are still being developed are a Cumberland Community Center, construction of roads, and economic development.

Van and his wife, Joanne, have lived in Cumberland County since 1976, and have three children. He and his family are members of the Tearwallet Baptist Church, where he serves as Chairman of the Board of Deacons.