

CUMBERLAND COUNTY POLICY COMMITTEE
February 10, 2000
SPECIAL MEETING

PRESENT: Commissioner Ed Melvin
Commissioner Talmage Baggett
Commissioner Breeden Blackwell
Cliff Strassenburg, County Manager
James Martin, Deputy County Manager
Grainger Barrett, County Attorney
Marsha Fogle, Clerk

1. Approval of Minutes: January 20, 2000

MOTION: Commissioner Blackwell moved to approve.

SECOND: Commissioner Baggett

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

2. Consideration of a funding request for the Douglas Byrd High School Band Washington, DC trip.

Cliff Strassenburg, County Manager, told the Committee he e-mailed the county managers in North Carolina to see if any counties have a policy relative to the appropriation of funds for this type of request. By and large counties have moved away from providing funding for these special circumstances. Mr. Strassenburg offered some potential policy elements such as:

WHO: an organization having a formal structure (not for profit; membership organization) that is affiliated or sanctioned by a public entity i.e., Board of Education Recreation Department, etc.;

open nondiscriminatory membership opportunity.

WHAT: an activity for which the county has authority to fund;

An activity/event that offers positive regional (multi-state) or national recognition or exposure for Cumberland Countyimage building;

an unsolicited honor bestowed on the organization by a state or national organization or an honor won through competition;

not a leisure activity;

not pre-planned.

WHERE: Out of state

HOW MUCH: Not a regular budgeted expense for the organization

Multiple funding sources (private and public)

Projected budget showing objects of expenditure & sources
Of revenue;

Post event actual expenditure/revenue report

Not more than 25% of total cost with a \$1,000 cap.

The Committee discussed the above criteria.

MOTION: Commissioner Baggett moved that the Policy Committee recommend to the Board of Commissioners that the following Policy be established to determine special funding for recreation/arts activities:

- **The organization must have a formal structure (not-for-profit, membership organization) that is affiliated with or sanctioned by a public entity;**
- **The organization must have open, non-discriminatory membership;**
- **The organization must represent recreation or the arts;**
- **The activity/event for which funding is requested must be an extraordinary event bringing distinction to Cumberland County;**
- **The activity/event must be an unsolicited honor bestowed on the organization by a state or national organization, or an honor won through competition;**
- **The activity/event can not be a "leisure activity";**
- **Participation in the activity/event can not have been preplanned by the organization requesting funding;**
- **The organization must be the only organization selected to represent the State of North Carolina;**
- **The location of the activity/event must be at least 150 miles from Cumberland County and participation must require an overnight stay;**
- **The activity/event can not be a regular budgeted expense for the organization;**

- **The organization must secure funding from multiple sources including public and private contributors;**
- **The organization must submit a proposed budget showing objects of expenditure and sources of revenue for the activity/event;**
- **The organization must submit a post activity/event actual expenditure and revenue recap; and**
- **The County's contribution can not be more than 25% of the total cost of the activity/event and the maximum County contribution per participant can not exceed \$50.00 (excluding chaperones, coaches & staff).**

SECOND: Commissioner Blackwell
VOTE: UNANIMOUS

3. Other matters of concern:

- A. Election of Chairman for Policy Committee

MOTION: Commissioner Bagget moved to appoint Ed Melvin chairman until such time as Commissioner Bacote comes back; and then the Committee will reconsider the issue of who will chair the committee.

SECOND: Commissioner Blackwell
VOTE: UNANIMOUS

MEETING ADJOURNED.