

CUMBERLAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
SPECIAL MEETING – PUBLIC HEARING FY 03 BUDGET  
JUNE 6, 2002, 6:30 PM  
R00M 118, CUMBERLAND COUNTY COURTHOUSE

PRESENT: Chairman J. Breeden Blackwell  
Vice Chairman Talmage Baggett  
Commissioner Kenneth Edge  
Commissioner Billy King  
Commissioner John Henley  
Commissioner J. Lee Warren, Jr.  
James Martin, County Manager  
Juanita Pilgrim, Deputy County Manager  
Cliff Spiller, Asst. County Manager  
Amy Cannon, Asst. County Manager  
Grainger Barrett, County Attorney  
Marsha Fogle, Clerk to the Board

ABSENT: Commissioner Jeannette Council (illness)

The Chairman called the meeting to order and announced the purpose of the Public Hearing is to receive comments concerning the Proposed FY 2003 Budget.

SPEAKERS:

1. Susie Gnann – Fayetteville Area Sentencing: Thanked the Board for its support. Noted the Governor has cut funding for the program; however, the Legislature may fund; although there may be some cuts. She noted her program works with offenders and statistics indicate that 72% of the offenders her program works with stay out of the system, once they have served their time.
2. Nancy Szymkowiak – The ARC – Ms. Szymkowiak noted the ARC works on behalf of people with developmental disabilities. She said when mental health programs and education programs are cut, it affects these people also. She noted that the Mental Health Department took a large cut last year.
3. Brian Irving – Mr. Irving said the proposed budget is not realistic. He said it does not reflect the elimination of \$5.2 million reimbursements the Governor is proposing. Mr. Irving said the Board should look at making cuts in the area of Outside Agencies and cut back on county services. He noted that 17 new positions were in the budget, and if the county has to cut, it should start there first.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 6:40 PM

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Clerk to the Board