

CUMBERLAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SPECIAL MEETING, BUDGET WORKSHOP
JUNE 17, 2002, 5:30 PM

PRESENT: Chairman J. Breeden Blackwell
Vice Chairman Talmage S. Baggett
Commissioner Jeannette Council
Commissioner Kenneth S. Edge
Commissioner Billy R. 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

The purpose of the Special Meeting is for budget deliberation on the FY03 Budget.

MOTION: Commissioner Council moved to go into Closed Session for a Personnel Matter.

SECOND: Commissioner King

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

MOTION: Commissioner King moved to go back into Open Session.

SECOND: Commissioner Council

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

James Martin, County Manager, told the Board that a Special Meeting for a public hearing may have to be called in July, prior to July 15, for the purpose of receiving public input regarding an additional ½ cent sales tax that the NC General Assembly may authorize for counties to replace reimbursements. The Board chose July 8, 2002, 7:00PM as the date and time for the public hearing.

Commissioner King inquired if the worse case scenario comes true and the Governor withholds the reimbursements and we don't get a sales tax, can the county survive? The Manager indicated the county could survive by taking money from the county's fund balance.

Commissioner Warren inquired if the three Solid Waste Department rified employees have been placed elsewhere in the County. The County Manager indicated he was confident they could be placed if they followed procedures by filling out an application for the vacancies that are available.

Commissioner Henley inquired if there was adequate funding to complete the new Industrial Park. The County Manager indicated there was funding for Phase I only.

Commissioner Warren inquired if there were funds for a new building for Animal Control. The Manager said there is \$200,000 in a reserve fund that can be used for that purpose.

Commissioner Billy King noted his concern about the number of children who were suspended from school this year, namely 810. He said you can't teach children if they are not in school. He said this figure is unacceptable and he challenges the Superintendent and Board of Education to do a better job. Commissioner King will author a letter to be sent to the school board regarding this matter. Commissioner Henley said he would like to see the ending school budget figures for this fiscal year.

MOTION: Commissioner King moved to adopt the budget ordinance with amendments as noted.

SECOND: Commissioner Edge

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

The Board of Commissioners hereby adopts and enacts the proposed 2002-03 fiscal year budget as recommended by the County Manager with the amendments incorporated herein as the County of Cumberland's budget for FY2002-03 under the following terms and conditions:

1. The Budget Ordinance shall govern only dollar department appropriations as shown subject to the Resolution of September 7, 1982, after any additional personnel costs are factored into each department's appropriation.
2. The amendments to the County Manager's recommended budget as approved by the Board of Commissioners (Attached A) includes all adjustments approved by the Board of Commissioners from June 3, 2002 through adoption of the Budget on June 17, 2002 and any subsequent adjustments approved through June 30, 2002.
3. The County-wide Ad Valorem Tax Rate and levy of 92.5 cents per \$100 valuation is hereby adopted.
4. A two percent tax discount approved for early payment of county property taxes prior to September 1st of each year is hereby **repealed**.
5. The Special Recreation Tax Rate and levy of 5 cents per \$100 valuation is hereby adopted.
6. The Fire Tax District Rates as shown below are hereby adopted and taxes levied:

	<u>Approve Tax Rate Per \$100 valuation</u>
Beaver Dam Fire District	10 cents
Bethany Fire District	10 cents
Bonnie Doone Fire District	10 cents
Cotton Fire District	10 cents
Cumberland Road Fire District	10 cents
Eastover Fire District	10 cents
Godwin-Falcon Fire District	10 cents
Grays Creek Fire District	10 cents
Lafayette Village Fire District	10 cents
Lake Rim Fire District	10 cents
Manchester Fire District	10 cents
Pearces Mill Fire District	10 cents
Stedman Fire District	10 cents
Stoney Point Fire District	10 cents
Vander Fire District	10 cents
Wade Fire District	10 cents
Westarea District	10 cents
Special Fire Service District	.5 cents

7. The Cumberland County Board of Education's current expense appropriation is hereby adopted at \$57,150,000.
8. A one-time stipend of at least \$825 is provided for all full-time employees and a pro-rata share for most part-time employees who have at least one year of service as of June 30, 2002.
9. Encumbrances outstanding in the prior fiscal year will be included in the coming year (FY2003) budget.

10. Any shortfalls in revenues created by the above adopted budget shall be adjusted by a like amount appropriation from the fund balance of the County of Cumberland so that the 2002-03 fiscal year budget of the County of Cumberland is balanced pursuant to Chapter 159 of the NC General Statutes.
11. Storm Water Utility Fee: The monthly service charge per equivalent service unit under the Storm Water Public Enterprise Ordinance shall be One Dollar (\$1.00) effective on July 1, 1995 and shall remain in effect until subsequently amended by appropriate act of the governing body.
12. Solid Waste Management Fee is hereby adopted at \$48.00 per household.

Adopted this 17th day of June, 2002.

Meeting Adjourned: 6:22 PM

Marsha Fogle, Clerk