



CUMBERLAND COUNTY CONNECTION

Commissioners Adopt FY2012 Budget

THE CUMBERLAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS adopted the FY2012 budget on June 14. The general fund budget totals more than \$291 million and includes a property tax rate of 74 cents per \$100 valuation, the same as the current year.

As with last year's budget, the county has again earmarked six-tenths of a penny of the county-wide tax rate for the Detention Center expansion capital project.

The budget includes the reinstatement of a 1 percent employer contribution to a 401-K retirement plan for employees eligible to participate in the Local Government Employees Retirement System. Employees who work 20 or more hours per week are considered eligible. The contributions will begin with the first full pay period in July. The county discontinued its employer contributions to 401-K accounts two years ago.

The adopted budget includes funding to the Cumberland County Schools at the same level as last year, \$76,220,676.

County Honored for Excellence in Financial Reporting

THE GOVERNMENT FINANCE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION of the United States and Canada has awarded Cumberland County with the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for the county's comprehensive annual financial report (CAFR) for fiscal year 2010. The award is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting, and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management.

Deputy County Manager Amy Cannon, the county's financial director, will receive a Certificate of Achievement plaque commending the county for achieving the highest standards in government accounting and financial reporting.

The county's CAFR was judged by an impartial panel to meet the high standards of the program including demonstrating a constructive "spirit of full disclosure" to fully communicate its financial story and motivate potential users and user groups to read the report.





JAMES MARTIN

County Manager's Message

THE COMMISSIONERS adopted the FY 2012 County budget on June 14. Unlike many other counties, we are very fortunate that employee furloughs or job cuts were not needed to balance the budget. The tax rate remains at the FY2011 rate of 74 cents per \$100 valuation.

For employees, we were able to reinstate the 1 percent employer contribution to 401-K employee retirement accounts. Two years ago, we discontinued those contributions. Employees who work 20 or more hours per week are eligible for the contributions, which will begin with the first full pay period in July.

The Human Resources' Training and Development program is in full swing, and a new training catalog will be available soon. I encourage you to read HR's "In Focus" newsletter and look for new training course offerings, which are posted on the HR page of the Intranet.

Finally, I hope you enjoy safe and well-deserved vacations, day trips and other recreational activities this summer. There is a lot going on in our county, and you can learn more about the activities through our website, www.co.cumberland.nc.us, and the facebook pages for the county, the library system and the Crown Center.

New Deputy Clerk

KELLIE BEAM is the new Deputy Clerk to the Board of Commissioners. She started June 6 and has been with the County for the past seven years, most recently as the Administrative Assistant for Public Health Director Buck Wilson.



KELLIE BEAM

Commissioners Recognize Colgan

MARIE COLGAN, who retired June 30 as the Clerk to the Board of Commissioners, and her family pose for a photo with the Commissioners, who recognized Colgan at their June 20 meeting. Her grandson, Trenton Ray Atwater, a second-grader at Gray's Creek Elementary School, led the Commissioners and other attendees in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance at the beginning of the meeting.

Candice White will be sworn in as the Clerk to the Board on July 1.



King Receives County Commissioner Leadership Award

CUMBERLAND COUNTY COMMISSIONER BILLY R. KING has received the North Carolina Council of Community Programs 2011 County Commissioner Leadership Award in recognition of his commitment and support to those in need of mental health, developmental disabilities and substance abuse services.

King was honored at a special awards luncheon hosted by the North Carolina Council of Community Programs on May 23 in Raleigh.

“Commissioner King’s support has significantly increased communication and collaboration with other local agencies leading to the successful implementation and operation of the crisis intervention team, drug court, and DWI court in Cumberland County,” said Sharon Yates, Public Relations Director with the Cumberland County Mental Health Center.

Commissioner King is the longest serving Cumberland County Commissioner liaison to the Mental Health Center, serving from 1992-2010.



L to R; Commissioner Marshall Faircloth, Commissioner Billy R. King; Mental Health Director Hank Debnam



Mileage Rate Increased

THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE has announced an increase in the optional standard mileage rate. Beginning July 1, all travel for official County business performed by County employees in their personal vehicle will be reimbursed at the rate of 55.5 cents per mile. This is an increase of 4.5 cents from the prior rate.

Health Advisory Tips for High Temperatures

THE CUMBERLAND COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH advises the community to be cautious during the high temperatures. Prolonged exposure to high temperatures can cause injury and death to residents and their pets, especially children and the elderly.

Make sure to keep children well hydrated with water and juice. Limit outdoor activities, especially during the heat of the day. Playground equipment can cause burns in high temperatures, so be sure to check playground equipment before allowing children to play. Children should never be left alone in a parked car. Cars can heat up to 120° F in as little as 10 minutes.

Take time to check on elderly neighbors, family, and friends without air conditioning. Make sure that they are protected and have plenty of fluids.

Be aware of stages of heat-related illnesses:

- **Heat Cramps:** Muscle pain and cramps due to lack of water, which is an early sign that the body is having trouble with the heat.
- **Heat Exhaustion:** The body loses a significant amount of fluid, which can result in mild shock.
- **Look for these signs and symptoms:**
 - Cool, moist, pale, flushed or red skin (the skin may be red right after physical activity)
 - Heavy sweating
 - Headache
 - Dizziness and weakness or exhaustion
 - Nausea
- **Heat Stroke:** This is a life-threatening condition and requires immediate medical attention.

Look for these signs and symptoms:

- Vomiting
- Decreased alertness or complete loss of consciousness
- High body temperature (sometimes as high as 105° F)
- Dry, red, hot skin
- Rapid, weak pulse
- Rapid, shallow breathing

Here are some tips for staying safe in the heat:

- Stay indoors as much as possible and limit exposure to the sun.
- Stay on the lowest floor out of the sunshine if air conditioning is not available.
- Consider spending the warmest part of the day in public buildings such as libraries, schools, movie theaters, shopping malls, and other community facilities.
- Eat well-balanced, light, and regular meals.
- Avoid using salt tablets unless directed to do so by a physician.
- Drink plenty of water.
- Limit intake of alcoholic beverages.
- Dress in loose-fitting, lightweight, and light-colored clothes that cover as much skin as possible.
- Protect face and head by wearing a wide-brimmed hat.
- Use sunscreen.
- Avoid strenuous work during the warmest part of the day. Use a buddy system when working in extreme heat, and take frequent breaks.





Extreme Makeover Coming to Crown Center and Fayetteville

ABC's "Extreme Makeover: Home Edition" is coming to Fayetteville in July to rebuild one lucky family a dream house.

The name of the family and the exact location of the home will not be released until July 14 when the design team and a crew of volunteers surprise the lucky family with their well-known "Good Morning" wake-up call. Five families in the area are being considered as finalists.

To volunteer, donate services, equipment, funds and expertise, go to www.joinextreme.com/northcarolina or www.blueridgelogcabins.com for details.

To become a sponsor, call Beverly Roseman with Blue Ridge Log Cabins at (888) 348-5888 or email extreme@blueridgelogcabins.com.

A pep rally for volunteers is scheduled July 7 at the Crown Coliseum at 5 p.m. Construction begins July 14, and the home will be revealed on July 21. The segment will air sometime in the fall.

July 4 County Closings

CUMBERLAND COUNTY GOVERNMENT OFFICES will be closed for the Independence Day Holiday on Monday, July 4. This includes all public libraries, as well as all Solid Waste landfills and container sites.

Long Named Honorary Commander at Pope

CROWN CENTER DIRECTOR KAREN LONG was appointed as an honorary commander at Pope Field on June 3. As part of her duties as the Honorary Commander of the 43rd Airlift Group Chief of Staff, Long will support the men and women of Pope Field and serve as a good ambassador for the United States Air Force and the community. Long served four years in the Air Force.

Bland Accredited; Sanders Re-elected

MONISHIA BLAND has been accredited by the National Association of County Veteran Service Officers. The office now has four staff members who hold state and national certification.

Sharon Sanders was elected to a second term as Secretary for the North Carolina Association of County Veteran Service Officers.

Thank You

Iwould like to thank everyone that donated leave when I was out of work.

It is greatly appreciated.

CHRISTINE FOSTER SMITH,
CUMBERLAND COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Editor's Note: The County's voluntary shared leave program allows employees to donate annual leave to other employees who have exhausted all other leave and who meet the requirements spelled out in the county policy. The policy is posted on the Intranet.



August 17 Blood Drive

THE CAPE FEAR VALLEY BLOOD DONOR CENTER will be conducting blood drives at two Cumberland County facilities on August 17. The bloodmobile will be at Headquarters Library from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. and then in the Courthouse parking lot off Cool Spring Street from noon until 3 p.m.

As part of the center's Save Our Summer campaign, all blood donors will receive a free t-shirt, while supplies last. Donors will also be entered into a weekly raffle for a \$50 gas card.

All blood donated stays here in our community for patients in need. The Blood Donor Center needs help from 1,200 volunteers each month to maintain a safe supply of blood and to be prepared for unforeseen events.



Contact Susan Parrish at 483-7727 ext. 119 or sparrish@cumberland.lib.nc.us

to sign up at the library or Sally Shutt at 437-1921 or sshutt@co.cumberland.nc.us to sign up for the Courthouse drive.

The June 9 blood drives were a tremendous success. The library had 24 registrations and 20 units collected, which will help save up to 60 lives. The Courthouse drive had 29 registrations and 23 units collected, which will help save up to 69 lives.

Veteran Services Scholarships Awarded

THE NORTH CAROLINA ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY VETERAN SERVICE OFFICERS has awarded six scholarships to the children of veterans in North Carolina. Two students sponsored by the Cumberland County Veteran Service Office were awarded scholarships.

Jamila Terrell, a senior at Gray's Creek Senior High, and Frank Vazquez, a senior at Terry Sanford Senior High, each won one of the \$500 scholarships. These scholarships are awarded annually to high school seniors whose parent must have received an honorable discharge. The scholarship is given by the Association in memory of County Veteran Service officers who have died.

American Heart Association News



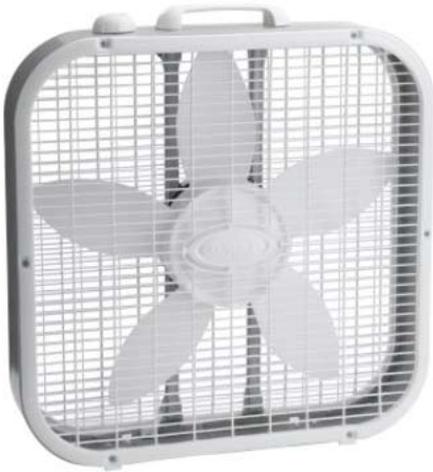
Be on the lookout soon for news regarding the winners in the American Heart Association raffle drawing, and mark your calendars for the 2011 Sandhills Heart Walk on Saturday, October 8 at Festival Park. If you are interested in participating, contact Emily Walsh at (919) 568-2144 or go to www.sandhillsheartwalk.org.

The Tax Administration Office has a fundraising event each year in support of the American Heart Association.



Learn and Live.

Donate a Fan to Help Others Stay Cool



THE CUMBERLAND COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES is accepting donations of new box fans from civic organizations, churches, businesses and individuals in the community.

Fans may be dropped off at the DSS building, 1225 Ramsey St., between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. Contact the Adult Services Department at 910-677-2388 for more information about making a fan donation.

Fans are currently available at the DSS building for those in our community whose income falls below 200 percent of the current poverty level, and who have a family member in the home under the age of 2, over the age of 60, or with a heat-sensitive medical condition.

On days when heat advisories are issued because the heat index is expected to surpass 100 degrees, the DSS building will open an auxiliary lobby as a measure of relief to people who have no other way to escape the oppressive heat.

The lobby areas will be open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday throughout the summer when a heat advisory is issued or the heat index reaches 100.

Contact the Adult Services Department at 910-677-2388 for more information.

TVs, Computers Banned from Landfill

CUMBERLAND COUNTY residents are reminded that county Solid Waste sites offer recycling for televisions and computer equipment, which as of July 1 are banned from North Carolina landfills.

These electronics may be recycled at any of the 17 county container sites.

“The Cumberland County Department of Solid Waste has been recycling electronics for years, and each of our container sites collects these items to keep them out of our landfills,” said Jan Daniel, the Safety/Recycling Coordinator for the Department of Solid Waste.

Session Law 2010-67 bans from landfill disposal televisions and computer equipment, which includes laptops, desktops, monitors, printers, scanners and peripherals such as mice and keyboards. Other components of the law are designed to create recycling opportunities for discarded electronics across the state and to place significant responsibilities on electronics manufacturers to help fund and create those opportunities.

For a list of container sites and recycling centers in Cumberland County, visit http://www.co.cumberland.nc.us/solid_waste.aspx.





Cooperative Extension Offering Crafts for Kids

THE CUMBERLAND COUNTY COOPERATIVE EXTENSION ASSOCIATION will be hosting children between the ages of five and 12 for a morning of crafts on Tuesday, July 19. Sign-in begins at 8:45 a.m., and classes run from 9 a.m. until 11:30 a.m.

The cost is \$10 per child and includes four crafts and a snack. The registration deadline is July 12, and class sizes are limited.

Classes will be held at the Cooperative Extension office at 301 Mountain Drive in Fayetteville. For more information or to register, please contact Vickie Mullins at 910-484-8967.

Cumberland's Agricultural Roots

AS CUMBERLAND COUNTY'S population continues to swell, many new residents may not be aware of the county's agricultural beginnings or how much this sector contributes to our local economy.

Cumberland County Cooperative Extension hosted a tour of county agricultural sites for local elected officials and management staff in May. At the first stop, Charlie Allen, vice president of operations for Green Biz Nursery and Landscaping, led the group on a tour of the nursery's 120 acres that reach the banks of the Cape Fear River. Green Biz is a key part of Cumberland County's agri-economy, shipping its trees, plants and nursery products from Maryland to Miami.

Tour participants also got a glimpse into Cumberland County's newest attraction, the Cape Fear Botanical Garden



Visitors Center. In addition to providing a serene place for Cumberland County residents to reflect with nature, the Botanical Garden offers self-guided and guided tours, events, facility rentals and education programs for all ages.

The final stop on the farm tour was a visit to the Fayetteville Farmers Market, located this year at the Fayetteville Transportation Museum. The market is open on Wednesdays from 3 p.m. until 7 p.m. and Saturdays from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m.

All food vendors must grow their produce within 50 miles of Cumberland County, making this a true local growers market. The available products range from fresh eggs and fragrant herbs, to sweet potatoes and oversized bunches of broccoli. The farm tour showcased an industry that has been key to our local economy in the past, and will play a large role in our county's future.

FEMA Extends Deadline to July 5

PEOPLE IN CUMBERLAND AND 18 OTHER NORTH CAROLINA COUNTIES who suffered damage and loss as a result of the April 16 storms and tornadoes have until Tuesday, July 5 to register for federal disaster assistance. The original deadline was June 20.

North Carolina Emergency Management asked the Federal Emergency Management Agency for an extension, based on continued registrations that indicate some are still assessing their damage and need additional time to apply for aid. FEMA approved the extension, which also extends the deadline to return applications for disaster loans from the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA).

To register for FEMA disaster assistance, call 800-621-FEMA (3362). TTY 800-462-7585 is for deaf and hard-of-hearing callers. Registration can be done online at www.DisasterAssistance.gov or with a web-enabled mobile device or smartphone at m.fema.gov and link to “apply online for federal assistance.”



Crisis Counseling for Tornado Victims

THE CUMBERLAND COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH CENTER, in coordination with the State

Division of Mental Health, Developmental

Disabilities and Substance Abuse Services, applied for and received an \$81,000 Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Crisis Counseling Grant. The grant will allow additional full-time staff to go directly to any person in Cumberland County who has been negatively impacted by the April 16 tornadoes and provide free anonymous crisis counseling services.

This current grant is for 45 days, and the Mental Health Center has applied for an extension of the services for up to one year. The grant will allow individuals, families and children to get brief counseling services without having to open mental health charts. For individuals identified as needing more intensive services, referrals can be coordinated. Crisis counselors are all master’s level staff.

Individuals interested in the services can call (910) 303-5933, 973-1649 or 988-7083.

There is also a 24-hour hotline available at (866) 451-7760.

For additional information regarding the crisis counseling, please contact Vince Wagner at (910) 222-6129.

Cumberland County Deputy To Compete In Ironman Competition

CUMBERLAND COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPUTY PETER POGGETTI has been selected to compete in the 2011 Florida Ironman Competition, an ultra-distance triathlon consisting of a 2.4 mile swim, a 112 mile bike ride and a 26.2 mile run.

"I started doing triathlons two years ago, and as I did more of them, I had a passion to go further and further and race longer distances. The Ironman is the pinnacle of the triathlon," said Deputy Poggetti.

Poggetti will begin strength endurance training on June 7. Training consists of a 20 week program and includes swimming, biking and running.

After two knee surgeries, 48-year old Poggetti is feeling that just being able to compete in the race is a personal accomplishment – but he set a goal of finishing in less than 14 hours.

Deputy Poggetti says all sponsor proceeds will be donated to Sheriff Butler's "Shop with the Sheriff" program. The yearly event helps bring Christmas cheer to less fortunate children in the community.

Local businesses or individuals that are interested in sponsoring Deputy Poggetti should contact Debbie Tanna at the Cumberland County Sheriff's Office at (910) 677-5487.

The Florida Ironman Competition is scheduled for November 5, 2011 in Panama City, Florida.



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DSS Senior Health Fair July 27

THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES ADULT SERVICES DIVISION is sponsoring the seventh Annual Senior Health Fair on July 27 at the Department of Social Services, 1225 Ramsey Street. The hours will be from 8:30 a.m. until 12:00 p.m.

This celebration of good health is open to all Cumberland County seniors and their caregivers.

More than 40 participating vendors will provide health-related educational materials, blood pressure checks and promotional items along with entertainment, door prizes and refreshments. If you are a senior citizen, please join us. If you know someone who is, please share the news. For more information about the Senior Health Fair, contact Makkitia Brown at (910) 677-2316 or makkitabrown@ccdssnc.com.

CUMBERLAND COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES SENIOR HEALTH FAIR

JULY 27, 2011
8:30 AM UNTIL 12:00 PM

- Health Awareness & Information from Agency Providers
- Door Prizes • Refreshments • Entertainment



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July

- SAT 9 Miller-Motte College Graduation
- SAT 30 Carolina Crown MMA
- SAT 30 All Star Rock Show

August

- SAT-SUN 6-7 Gun & Knife Show
- WED-FRI 17-19 Hugs & Kisses Consignment Sale

Coming This Fall....

- SEPT. 14 Carnival of Madness 2011 Rock Concert
w/Theory of a Deadman, Alter Bridge & More!
- SEPT. 15-25 Cumberland County Fair
- OCT. 14 Royal Comedy Tour w/Sommore & Friends

Tickets Available At The Crown Center Box Office, Ticketmaster.com,
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**Tuesday
July 19
6:30 p.m.**

Bordeaux Branch
3711 Village Drive



4th Friday Presents

Cape Fear

Gem & Mineral Society

See fossils and minerals on display and jewelry artists at work, as ordinary looking slabs of rock are turned into beautiful stones ready for making into jewelry. Refreshments provided by Systel.

Friday, July 22

7 p.m.

Headquarters Library
300 Maiden Lane



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**Registration is required by calling
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Tuesday, July 26

6:30 p.m.

Headquarters Library
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CUMBERLAND COUNTY
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EAP professional work with you to solve your issues. Your supervisor does not have to be made aware you are using the program, unless you choose to share that information.

To initiate the assistance of the Employee Assistance Program, please call 222-6157. If you call, you'll find a friend who wants to help.

Upcoming County Holidays



**Independence Day
July 4, 2011**