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## **Commissioners Elect Keefe as Chairman, Council as Vice Chairman**

FAYETTEVILLE, NC – The Cumberland County Board of Commissioners unanimously elected Jimmy Keefe as their new chairman today. Keefe, who served as vice chairman this year, accepted the chairman's seat from outgoing 2012 chairman Marshall Faircloth. Commissioner Jeannette Council was unanimously elected to serve as vice chairman for 2013.

Keefe is a Cumberland County native who graduated from Pine Forest High School and the Citadel in Charleston, S.C. Keefe served in the Army and attained the rank of captain before moving back to Cumberland County to work in his family's business. He served on the Fayetteville City Council from 2001-2005 and was first elected to the board of commissioners in 2008.

Council is a Cumberland County native who graduated from E.E. Smith High School and Fayetteville State University. She was first elected to the board of commissioners in 2000 and has twice served as chairman. Council is a pre-K coordinator for Cumberland County Schools.

During the morning meeting, Keefe, Faircloth and Commissioner Kenneth Edge received their oath of office for their four-year terms on the board. The three were re-elected in November.



Cumberland County Board of Commissioners Chairman Jimmy Keefe (left) presents Commissioner Marshall Faircloth, outgoing chairman, a plaque during Board of Commissioners meeting on Dec. 3.

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