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Commissioners Sworn In; Edge Appointed Chairman

FAYETTEVILLE – Four Cumberland County Commissioners took the oath of office this morning during the Board of Commissioners meeting. Newcomers Glenn Adams and Larry Lancaster were sworn in along with returning Commissioners Jeannette Council and Charles Evans.

Following the administration of the oaths, the new board elected Kenneth Edge to serve as chairman and Marshall Faircloth as vice chairman for 2015.

Adams, who represents District 1, was sworn in by his wife, resident Superior Court Judge Gale M. Adams. An attorney, Commissioner Adams has practiced law in Fayetteville since 1988 and is a partner at the law firm of Adams, Burge and Boughman, P.L.L.C.

Council also represents District 1 and has served as a commissioner since 2000. She served as the 2014 chair and recognized outgoing commissioners Billy R. King and Ed Melvin, both of whom did not seek reelection. District Court Judge Edward A. Pone administered the oath to Council, an educator who has served as chairman three times. She is the president of the Women of NACo (National Association of Counties).

Evans is an at-large representative and was sworn in by Helen Hooks-Farrior, a notary public. This is his second term on the board and he served two terms on the Fayetteville City Council from 2005-2009. He serves on the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners' Justice and Public Safety Steering Committee and is the executive director of Life is Worth Living – Project Fresh Start.

Lancaster is an at-large representative. Resident Superior Court Judge Jim Ammons administered the oath to the former educator, who retired in 1992 after 33 years with Cumberland County Schools where he served as a teacher, assistant principal and principal. Lancaster served 18 years on the Cumberland County Board of Education.

Edge, who represents District 2, was first elected to the Board of Commissioners in 2000 and is serving his third term as chairman. A retired school administrator and former member of the Cumberland County Board of Education, he is a past president of the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners. Edge said the commissioners will collectively establish goals for the year during a strategic planning process.

Faircloth and **Jimmy Keefe** also represent District 2 on the board. Faircloth is now serving his second term as vice chairman.

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