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At a regular meeting of the Cumberland County Board of Supervisors held at 7:00 p.m. on the 13th day of April 2004, at the Cumberland Courthouse:

- Present: W.F. Osl, Jr., Chairman, District 1
- Clifton C. White, District 2
- Van Petty, District 3
- Elbert Womack, District 4
- Jeremiah Heaton, District 5
- Darvin E. Satterwhite, County Attorney
- Judy O. Hollifield, County Administrator
- Sherry Swinson, Assistant County Administrator
- Sandy Sullivan, Deputy Clerk

The Chairman called the meeting to order. The Deputy Clerk called the roll. Pastor Cameron Cloud of Hatcher Baptist Church gave the invocation and the Boy Scouts led in the pledge of allegiance.

1. Approval of Agenda

On a motion by Mr. Womack and carried, the agenda was amended as noted.

- 1) Add under Departments/Agencies:
 - a) Linda Staylor, Cumberland County Schools
Adoption of Resolution in support of the Center for Education and Training for Employment (grant application to VA Tobacco Commission)
- 2) Add to County Administrator's Report
 - d) Board vote to authorize Patriot Day Committee to organize and plan annual event

Vote: Mr. Osl - aye	Mr. White - aye
Mr. Petty - aye	Mr. Womack - aye
Mr. Heaton - aye	

2. Public Hearings

- a) Proposed School Budget

The Chairman gave an overview of the budget process and stated that the County is facing a \$600,000 shortfall pursuant to the budget requests that have been received for FY 2004-2005.

Mr. Reid, School Board Chairman, gave an overview of the proposed school budget and Mr. Willis, Superintendent presented the proposed school budget for FY 2004- 2005.

The Chairman opened the public hearing. There were several speakers in favor of the proposed school budget as presented and a speaker who requested that the School Board re-examine its budget proposal to include raises for support staff such as custodians and secretaries. Following the last speaker, the Chairman closed the public hearing.

3. Departments/Agencies

a) Linda Staylor - Cumberland County Schools

Ms. Staylor requested that the Board of Supervisors adopt a resolution in support of the school's proposed Center for Education and Training for employment. The school is hoping to receive up to \$300,000 in grant money from the VA Tobacco Commission for this center. In addition the school requested that the Board of Supervisors match the grant in funds totaling \$283,000.

On a motion by Mr. Womack and carried, the Board adopted the following resolution and suggested that the proposed center be named the Luther P. Jackson Center for Education:

WHEREAS, Cumberland County Public Schools and the Cumberland County Public Schools Foundation, Inc. are partnering with other agencies in the County of Cumberland and surrounding areas to develop a center for education and training for employment; and

WHEREAS, the concept for the development of this project is based on the Mount Rogers Regional Adult Education Program and Governor Mark Warner's "21st Century Approach to Workforce Development"; and

WHEREAS, Cumberland County Public Schools and the Cumberland County Public Schools Foundation, Inc. in partnership with Southside Virginia Community College and its partnering agencies will bring together at one location all of the key components of a GED program, resources that employers and employees need for workforce services, and training that is needed for economic development; and

WHEREAS, the County of Cumberland is located in a region of Southside Virginia that has a high percentage of adults without a GED or high school diploma and an area that has seen little or nor economic growth; and

WHEREAS, the establishment of such a comprehensive workforce center would provide needed services and training in a more cost-effective manner and would allow proactive training for employers and future employers in a more timely manner; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Cumberland, Virginia endorses the submission of a grant application to the Virginia Tobacco Indemnification and Community Revitalization Commission for \$300,000 for construction of the center and the County of Cumberland will support the center with an additional \$283,000 for the construction and operation of the center and respectfully requests the Tobacco Commission's support of this project.

Vote: Mr. Osl - aye Mr. White - aye
Mr. Petty - aye Mr. Womack - aye
Mr. Heaton - aye

4. County Administrator's Report

a) Consent Agenda

The County Administrator explained each item in the consent agenda and the following actions were taken:

On a motion by Mr. Petty and carried, the Board approved the following consent agenda items:

1. Approved the minutes for March 9th, March 22nd and March 23rd 2004.
2. Approved bills for April 2004 totaling \$115,469.38 and ratified bills for March 2004 of warrants totaling \$190,855.28 with check numbers ranging from 41537 to 41786. Direct Deposit totaling \$51,462.06.
3. Voted to advertise for public hearing on Proposed County budget, CIP budget and Tax levy on May 18, 2004.

Vote: Mr. Osl - aye Mr. White - aye
Mr. Petty - aye Mr. Womack - aye
Mr. Heaton - aye

b) Consider scheduling public hearing re: District 3 Polling Place

On a motion by Mr. Petty and carried, the Board set a public hearing to consider moving the District 3 Polling Place from the Old Clerk's Office to the Cumberland Rescue Squad building for May 11, 2004.

Vote: Mr. Osl - aye Mr. White - aye
Mr. Petty - aye Mr. Womack - aye
Mr. Heaton - aye

c) Appointment to Social Services Board - District 1

On a motion by Mr. White and carried, the Board appointed Hazel Urquhart to serve on the Social Services Board in District 1 for a term ending April 2008.

Vote: Mr. Osl - aye Mr. White - aye
Mr. Petty - aye Mr. Womack - aye
Mr. Heaton - aye

d) Board voted to authorize Patriot Day Committee to organize and plan annual event.

The County Administrator explained that this is for liability purposes.

Mr. Womack

No Comments

Mr. Heaton

No Comments

8. **Public Comments**

Citizens had concerns for road conditions on Bonbrook Creek Road and Jenkins Church Road. Others had concerns of the proposed Public Safety position being considered by the Board of Supervisors and would rather see a position created for EMS calls on week days when volunteers are not available.

Mr. Osl stated that the Board of Supervisors are looking into a number of options through the budget process and that the Public Safety position is only one of several options being tabled for discussion at this time.

Several speakers stated that they are in favor of implementing 911 markers for the County however, their first priority is improvements to radio and communications equipment needed to improve the emergency team's response time and performance.

One citizen stated that Board Members need to focus on their positions and that the County staff is doing an outstanding job.

9. **Closed Meeting**

The County Attorney explained the items to be discussed in closed session.

On a motion by Mr. Womack and carried, the Board entered into closed meeting under VA Code Section 2.2-3711 A(1) personnel

The Board returned to regular session on a motion by Mr. Osl.

A motion was made by Mr. Petty and adopted by the following vote:

Vote: Mr.Osl - aye	Mr. White - aye
Mr. Petty - aye	Mr. Womack - aye
Mr. Heaton - aye	

that the following Certification of a Closed Meeting be adopted in accordance with The Virginia Freedom of Information Act:

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of Cumberland County has convened a closed meeting on this date pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote and in accordance with the provisions of The Virginia Freedom of Information Act; and

WHEREAS, Section 2.2-3712 of the Code of Virginia requires a certification by this Board that such closed meeting was conducted in conformity with Virginia law;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Cumberland County hereby certifies that, to the best of each member's knowledge, (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements by Virginia law were discussed in

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the closed meeting to which this certification resolution applies, and (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion convening the closed meeting were heard, discussed or considered by the Board of Supervisors of Cumberland County.

Vote:	Mr. Osl - aye	Mr. White - aye
	Mr. Petty - aye	Mr. Womack - aye
	Mr. Heaton - aye	

No action was taken under closed session.

10. Additional Information

N/A

11. Adjourn

The Chairman ordered the meeting adjourned until Monday, April 19th, 2004, at 9:00 a.m. in the Old Clerk's Office.

Chairman

County Administrator