

At a meeting of the Cumberland County Board of Supervisors held at 7:00 p.m. on the 3rd day of April 2007 at the Cumberland County Circuit Courtroom, Cumberland, Virginia:

Present: William F. Osl, Jr., Chairman, District 1
Clifton C. White, District 2 (left early)
Van H. Petty, District 3 (arrived late)
Elbert R. Womack, District 4
Robert J. Oertel, District 5
Judy Ownby, County Administrator
Jill Matthews, Asst. County Administrator

The Chairman called the meeting to order and the County Administrator called the roll.

The meeting was for the purpose of conducting a public hearing on the proposed budget for FY 2007-08, Capital Improvements Plan for 2007-08 – 2011-12, and tax levy for 2007. The hearings were advertised according to State law.

Public Hearing – FY 2007-08 budget and CIP for 2007-08 – 2011-12 and tax levy for 2007.

Chairman of the School Board, George Reid, Jr., expressed his appreciation to the Board of Supervisors for assisting the schools in reaching their goals. He turned the presentation over to Superintendent of Schools Jim Thornton who gave a power point presentation on the school's plans for next year, based on the requested budget. Dr. Thornton thanked the Board of Supervisors for support given to the school system.

The County Administrator and Assistant County Administrator gave a presentation of the proposed budget, 5-year CIP, and proposed tax rates, as advertised.

The Chairman opened the public hearing and three citizens spoke regarding the budget. One speaker asked for full funding of the library's budget request, one speaker asked questions about the Board's involvement in the budget process, how schools were being financed, and requested a better format for advertisement of the budget. One other speaker had questions about the current financing of the school and other capital projects. The Board answered many questions during the hearing and encouraged citizen participation.

The Chairman stated that the Board would continue to look at the budget throughout the next week to decide if any further reductions in the machinery and tools tax, and heavy construction equipment tax could be made.

The Chairman closed the public hearing.

Mr. Oertel asked the Board to consider recognizing Mrs. Dorothy Putney through a resolution, for her involvement in the establishment of the Cumberland County Public Library. Staff will research and gather information, and present a draft resolution to the Board for consideration.

The Chairman adjourned the meeting until the regular meeting on April 10, 2007.

Chairman

County Administrator