

At a meeting of the Cumberland County Board of Supervisors held at 7:00 p.m. on the 7th day of April 2009, at the Cumberland County Circuit Court Room:

Present: William F. Osl, Jr., Chairman, District 1
Timothy Kennell, District 2
Van Petty, Vice Chairman, District 3
Elbert Womack, District 4
Robert Oertel, District 5
Judy Ownby, County Administrator
Jill Matthews, Assistant County Administrator
Mike Cooper, Assistant County Administrator
Stephany Johnson, Deputy Clerk

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 2009-2010, Capital Improvements Plan for 2009-2010 – 2013-2014, and tax levies for 2009. The hearings were advertised in accordance to State law.

1) Public Hearing-FY 2009-2010 budget and CIP for 2009-2010 – 2013-2014 and tax levy for 2009

The Assistant County Administrator gave an introduction to the budget, and gave a presentation of the proposed budget, 5-year CIP, and proposed tax rates. (Copy in Official Board File)

The Chairman opened the public hearing and there were no citizens signed up to speak.

The Chairman closed the public hearing and stated that the budget will be considered for adoption at the April 14, 2009 meeting.

Assistant County Administrator Jill Matthews informed the Board that Melodi Goff, on behalf of the Cumberland Library Board of Trustees, is requesting a work session with the Board of Supervisors. The purpose of the work session is to discuss the possibility of the library

operating as a county agency in the future. It was the consensus of the Board to meet with the Library Board of Trustees. The date and time will be determined at a later date.

2) Additional Information-

a) Dominion Power request for base rate increase

County Administrator, Judy Ownby, received information from Dominion Virginia Power that consists of a base rate increase for Virginia residential customers. The fuel rate is proposed to decrease by approximately 3 percent for residential consumers effective July 1, 2009, however, the base rate will constitute an overall increase of 6.9% for the average residential customer. This base rate does not affect localities, as VACo/VML negotiated a separate contract for localities.

b) Letter from the Cumberland Ruritan Club

The Cumberland Ruritan Club has adopted a plan to pursue erection of a Virginia Highway Historical Marker which will note the first call for independence by Henry Carter Harrison in 1776. The Club requests the endorsement of the project by the Board of Supervisors. The Board stated their approval of the project by unanimous consent.

c) Sesquicentennial Committee

Supervisor Oertel spoke to the Board regarding the Sesquicentennial Committee's recent actions. He noted that the Committee has approved the creation of a tri-fold brochure with local historic information. The Committee hopes to have these brochures completed and available to pass out at the Patriot Day Festival. The Committee has received an estimate in the amount of \$260 from Farmville Printing. Supervisor Oertel, on behalf of the Sesquicentennial Committee, asked the Board for financial support. The Committee is in the process of soliciting funds from multiple sources, although no funds have been received to date.

The Chairman and Supervisor Womack committed their assistance to the committee in soliciting donations for the project.

It was the consensus of the Board to support the Sesquicentennial Committee with the printing of the brochures. Because of time constraints, the County will cover the costs of the brochures, and will be reimbursed with donations.

d) Mis-Utility Application

Assistant County Administrator of Community Development, Michael Cooper informed the Board that as a utility operator, the County is required to join Miss Utility in accordance with the Virginia Underground Utility Damage Prevention Act. Membership in the Miss Utility system does not require any installation or set-up fees; rather the County is charged \$1.00 each time a notification is sent regarding a request to mark utility lines. An addendum to the application was provided to the Board which provides authorization for Mr. Cooper to execute all documents necessary for membership in the Miss Utility System.

On a motion by Supervisor Womack and carried, the Board approved the application as presented and authorized the Assistant County Administrator to execute all documents:

VOTE: Mr. Osl – aye Mr. Kennell – aye
 Mr. Petty – aye Mr. Womack – aye
 Mr. Oertel – aye

(A copy of the application is located in the official Board File)

3) Closed Session

On a motion by Mr. Osl and carried, the Board entered into closed meeting under VA Code Section 2.2-3711 A(6) investment of public funds regarding the landfill; water reservoir; and waterline extensions project.

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

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

Mr. Osl – aye
Mr. Kennell – aye
Mr. Petty – aye
Mr. Womack – aye
Mr. Oertel - 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 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.

No action was taken on the items discussed.

Mr. Oertel stated that the Juneteenth Festival Committee requested a contribution from the Board of Supervisors to cover the cost of their insurance, which is approximately \$500. Although the Board did not approve their request, a resolution will be adopted at the April 14th meeting supporting the event.

The Board requested an update on the status of the Northfield project. Mr. Cooper stated that he will get this information to the Board.

The Board agreed to continue contributions toward the Farmville Area Chamber of Commerce and the Commonwealth Regional Council, as advertised in the proposed FY 2009-2010 budget.

4) Adjourn

With no additional business to come before the Board, the Chairman adjourned the meeting until the next regular meeting of the Board to be held on Tuesday, April 14, 2009 at 7 p.m. in the Circuit Courtroom.

Chairman

County Administrator