

At a meeting of the Cumberland County Board of Supervisors held at 7:00 p.m. on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2012, at the Cumberland County Circuit Court Room:

Present: William F. Osl, Jr., District 1  
Lloyd Banks, Jr., District 2, Vice-Chairman  
Kevin Ingle, District 3  
David Meinhard, District 4, Chairman  
Parker Wheeler, District 5  
Vivian Giles, County Administrator / Attorney  
Greg Baka, Director of Community Development  
Bret Schardein, Planning Director  
Meghan Huddleston, Deputy Clerk

Absent: NONE

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

**1. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance**

The Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance was led by Supervisor Banks.

**2. Approval of Agenda**

On a motion by Supervisor Wheeler and carried the Board approved the amended Agenda to add the following:

**6. County Administrator's Report**

- g) Piedmont Area Transit updated route information
- h) Northfield Ministries

- i) Water and Sewer Advisory Committee Re-appointments
- j) Consider proposal for County Reassessment
- k) Social Services request for appropriation of \$192.60 from the auction proceeds

Vote: Mr. Osl – aye                      Mr. Banks – aye  
Mr. Ingle – aye                      Mr. Meinhard – aye  
Mr. Wheeler - aye

**3. Public Hearing**

a) CA 12-01 Grocery Stores

Planning Director, Mr. Bret Schardein advised the Board that the amendment is adding the grocery stores to the B-3 Business Zoning in order to make it easier for a grocery store to be able to come to the County by increasing the number of available sites. He also stated that he has received some feedback about the amendment and that there were concerns with the possibility of a grocery store being put in the old True Value. The concerns were with parking and traffic flow. Mr. Schardein stated that if a store were to be put in the old True Value that those issues can be resolved at that time. He also stated that in July the Planning Commission approved the amendment unanimously.

The Chairman opened the Public Hearing. There was one citizen signed up to speak. The citizen retracted. With no other citizens signed up and no further comment from the Board the Chairman closed the Public Hearing.

On a motion by Supervisor Osl and carried the Board approved the amendment 12-01 to the County code to allow grocery stores in B-3 Business Zoning.

Vote: Mr. Osl – aye                      Mr. Banks – aye  
Mr. Ingle – aye                      Mr. Meinhard – aye  
Mr. Wheeler - aye

b) Lease of County Property located at 1550 Anderson Highway  
Old DSS Building

County Administrator, Vivian Giles advised the Board that an offer to lease the old Department of Social Services building had been received. The rent would be \$800 per month and the Tenant would be responsible for electric, water/sewer, etc. The lease will be a twelve month lease with the option to renew after the twelve months is up.

Supervisor Wheeler questioned how long the building has been vacant.

County Administrator, Vivian Giles stated that the building has been vacant for approximately eighteen (18) months.

Supervisor Ingle commented that it would be really good to get someone in there.

County Administrator, Vivian Giles advised the Board that if the Board approves the lease, the “Daily Bread” will be operating out of the building. They work with Meals on Wheels and offer a lot of services to the community.

The Chairman opened the Public Hearing. With no citizens signed up to speak on n further comment from the Board the Chairman closed the Public Hearing.

On a motion by Supervisor Osl and carried the Board approved the proposed lease of County Property

located at 1550 Anderson Highway, the old Department of Social Services building.

Vote: Mr. Osl – aye                      Mr. Banks – aye  
Mr. Ingle – aye                      Mr. Meinhard – aye  
Mr. Wheeler - aye

County Administrator, Vivian Giles also requested a motion that the Board approve to designate the County Administrator to execute the documents needed to complete the lease agreement.

On a motion by Supervisor Meinhard and carried the Board approved that the County Administrator be designated to execute the documents for the lease agreement.

Vote: Mr. Osl – aye                      Mr. Banks – aye  
Mr. Ingle – aye                      Mr. Meinhard – aye  
Mr. Wheeler - aye

**4. Public Comments**

There was one (1) citizen signed up to speak. Their comments for the Board included: a request to look into the IDA, that they are not doing their job to help the County. And they wished the best for the Daily Bread.

**5. State and Local Departments / Agencies**

a) VDOT

There was no representative from VDOT present.

b) Dr. Amy Griffin, Superintendent of Cumberland County Public Schools

Dr. Amy Griffin advised the Board that they have had numerous staff attending conferences all over the State. She also stated that School has started and everything has been running smoothly. She wanted to thank the County Maintenance and I.T. Department for all the hard work they have done at the schools. She also wanted to thank Mr. Meinhard for coming to the Opening Breakfast. Dr. Griffin wanted to thank the Community for the school supply donations. Sharon Baptist Church, Thomas chapel, Farmville United Methodist Church, Cartersville Baptist, Jennifer Stephens beauty pageant and Lynn Pack did a BBQ fundraiser. Fitzgerald Baptist Church did an optional prayer breakfast for the Staff, and the Cartersville, Cumberland Ruritan Club provided lunch and door prizes to the entire school staff on one of the opening days. She stated that the Open House Pre-registration was well attended. Cumberland Duke bumper stickers will be on sale starting Wednesday, August 15<sup>th</sup> at True Value. And all three (3) Schools are fully accredited by the State.

Supervisor Meinhard questioned the afterschool care program.

Dr. Griffin stated that she should have an update for the Board next month

Supervisor Meinhard stated that the YMCA commented on how great it was to work with Cumberland.

c) Gary Heiser, State Forest Manager

Mr. Gary Heiser introduced Mr. Shannon Lewis, the new Manager of Cumberland State forest to the Board. Mr. Lewis has fourteen years of experience working in forestry and if you need anything, please call Mr. Lewis or himself. He advised the Board that \$30,000 in forest use permits, such as hunting and horse riding were sold. There has been \$419,000 in timber sales, \$3,500 in rent. The total revenue of \$452,845 and the County's payment in lieu of taxes is \$56,435.45.

Supervisor Osl thanked them for the good job that they do.

**6. County Administrator's Report**

a) Consent Agenda

- 1) Approval of Minutes
- 2) Approval of Bills for July and August 2012. Approved bills for August total \$134,339.21. Ratified bills for July of warrants total \$370,729.94 with check numbers ranging from 64356-64562. Direct Deposits total \$166,621.32.
- 3) Year-end budget transactions
- 4) FY 2012-13 budget calendar and FY 2012-13 – 2016-17 CIP Calendar

On a motion by Supervisor Osl and carried the Board approved the Consent Agenda

Vote:	Mr. Osl – aye	Mr. Banks – aye
	Mr. Ingle – aye	Mr. Meinhard – aye
	Mr. Wheeler - aye	

b) Social Services Request financial assistance for program

County Administrator Vivian Giles advised the Board that she just wanted to remind the Board that Social Services still may need help in the future. Right now they have been receiving donations.

Supervisor Ingle also commented that they have been receiving numerous donations from churches and other organizations, but in a few months that may not be the case and he just wants the County prepared for when they are in need of money.

c) Mrs. Margret Atkinson – Request waiver of fee for water line connection

County Administrator, Vivian Giles advised the Board that Mrs. Margret Atkinson is requesting that the water line tap connection fee be waived. In 2010 the fee was reduced to \$50 for residents with homes or plans for building on a lot and that Mrs. Atkinson was not able to participate at that time.

On a motion by Supervisor Wheeler, the Board approved to table this item until the next meeting when more information can be presented to the Board.

Vote:	Mr. Osl – aye	Mr. Banks – aye
	Mr. Ingle –abstain	Mr. Meinhard – aye
	Mr. Wheeler - aye	

d) Refinancing update

County Administrator, Vivian Giles advised the Board that the closing date for the first phase on the larger of the two loans is scheduled for the sixteenth and the other has to postdate the first closing by at least fifteen days.

Supervisor Wheeler questioned what the rate was and whether there were any issues as far as the interest rate changing.

Ms. Giles advised Mr. Wheeler that the interest rate was locked in until the August 25<sup>th</sup> at the 2.96 and the other loan's rate was locked in until the latter part of September.

e) Piedmont Senior Resources

County Administrator, Vivian Giles advised the Board that in their packet is a copy of a letter from Piedmont Senior Resources thanking them for their contribution.

f) Piedmont Area Transit update route information

County Administrator, Vivian Giles advised the Board that the Piedmont Area Transit has updated their route due to the Board's decision to reinstate the funding. She also stated that this copy was a draft and they are open to requests for changes.

Supervisor Meinhard questioned if the public will have access to the route sheet.

Supervisor Ingle questioned if the sheet could be put on the County's website.

Ms. Giles stated that it will be put on the website and they are working on trying to get more information on there.

There was much discussion about some of the routes and Ms. Giles advised the Board that she would



contact Piedmont Area Transit and let them know of the Board's concerns and try to provide the Board with some more information.

g) Northfield Ministries

County Administrator Vivian Giles advised the Board that Northfield Ministries would like to attend next month's meeting to present to the Board their application for real estate tax exemption.

h) Water and Sewer Advisory Committee Reappointments

County Administrator, Vivian Giles advised the Board that there were three reappointments for the Water and Sewer advisory Committee.

On a motion by Supervisor Wheeler and carried the Board approved to reappoint Doris Brown of District three (3), Roger Hatcher of District four (4), and Lester Nyce of District five (5) to the Water and Sewer Committee.

Vote: Mr. Osl – aye                      Mr. Banks – aye  
Mr. Ingle – aye                    Mr. Meinhard – aye  
Mr. Wheeler - aye

i) Consider proposal for County Reassessment

County Administrator Vivian Giles, advised the Board that there were two (2) proposals submitted for the County Reassessment. Only the proposal submitted by Pearson's Appraisal Company met the criteria for the RFP because they are bonded, which was a requirement, and the other company's proposal did not.

Supervisor Banks questioned if Pearson was the same company that was used in the last assessment.

Ms. Giles stated that they were the same company and the rate proposed is cheaper than the last time.

Mr. Banks commented that he had a lot of complaints about the past appraisal.

Ms. Giles stated that if the Board is not satisfied with the proposals submitted they have the option to resubmit the RFP for new proposals.

After much discussion the Board decided to resubmit the RFP for the County Reassessment.

On a motion by Supervisor Wheeler and carried the Board approved to resubmit the request for proposal

Vote: Mr. Osl – aye                      Mr. Banks – aye  
Mr. Ingle – aye                      Mr. Meinhard – aye  
Mr. Wheeler - aye

j) Social Survives request for appropriation of \$192.60 from auction proceeds

On a motion by Supervisor Osl and carried the Board approved the appropriation of \$192.30 from the auction proceeds.

Vote: Mr. Osl – aye                      Mr. Banks – aye  
Mr. Ingle – aye                      Mr. Meinhard – aye  
Mr. Wheeler - aye

7. **Planning Director's Report**

a) Update on Planning Commission Activities

Planning Director Mr. Bret Schardein advised the Board that the survey is complete, and he should have the results for the Board at the next regular monthly meeting. He also stated that the Planning commission will be having a regional meeting in September and will be working on updating the business zoning.

b) Bodatious Update

Planning Director Mr. Bret Schardein advised the Board that a meeting was held with the Bodatious Event Promoters and discussed the issues with the past events. He stated that there was not going to be one solution that would solve the problems but there is an understanding that many things need to change to help make the Bodatious event better. The Club is looking at hiring private security in addition to hiring off duty deputies from the Sheriff's Department. They are also going to try to get all club members security certified but they probably will not be certified until the 2013 events. He also stated that for the September event the club will be handing out a flyer with all the rules, and they are also spreading the word on Facebook and by word of mouth that the County is watching and hopefully that will help the trouble makers act better. Mr. Schardein stated that ultimately it is the people who come and their behavior that will determine how it will go. He also stated that there will be signs up to help direct the traffic to the event and that the residents that live near Bodatious have offered to put up signs in their yards stating that it is not Bodatious property. Mr. Schardein stated that during the fall and winter they will be working on conditions for the long term conditional use permit.

Supervisor Banks commented about the underage drinking issues.

Sheriff Darrell Hodges commented that the ABC Board will have as many officers as they can present to help fight the problem. There will be more police presence in the camping areas where the underage drinking seems to be more of a problem.

Supervisor Osl commented that the discussion at the meeting was excellent and very candid regarding all the issues going on and they basically told the Promoters that they had to get their act together or they won't be having their event in Cumberland. They are going to be advertising more about the no tolerance for underage drinking. He stated that the promoters cannot site individuals for underage drinking that is a law enforcement issue; therefor law enforcement needs to be there.

Supervisor Meinhard questioned if Bodatious was zoned or licensed for a campground.

Mr. Schardein advised the Board that for the 2013 events that the Club would need a Conditional Use Permit for a Special Recreational Event the Board can include any conditions they want that pertain to the event.

Supervisor Wheeler questioned who was paying for the Sheriff's Department Deputies to be at the events.

Sheriff Hodges stated that the event promoters were paying for the deputies.

Supervisor Ingle commented that if alcohol is going to be consumed on the premises, then they could control them by having people at the gate denying them of leaving if they are under the influence of alcohol, that would keep them off of the road and endangering others.

And hopefully September's event will show that a little bit of pre-planning can go a long way.

**8. Community Development Director's Report**

Community Development Director Greg Baka went over the list of project updates that was in the Board packet. There were no questions from the Board.

**9. Public Comments (Part Two)**

There was one citizen signed up to speak, they retracted.

**10. Board Member Comments**

Supervisor Ingle stated that he wanted to thank everyone who came to the meeting. He held a town meeting for district three at the firehouse and he had one person come. He stated that he will be having another meeting on the first Sunday of September, at 2pm to 4pm and invited everyone to come out. He also commented that he wanted to thank all the County Staff for all their hard work.

Supervisor Wheeler commented that it was a good move in the right directions approving adding grocery stores to B-3 Zoning, and that anything they could to attract business to the County is good.

Supervisor Meinhard stated that the wanted to thank everyone who came and he wished that more people signed up for the Public Comments. They need all

the input they can get from the citizens. He also wanted to thank the County Staff.

**11. Additional Information**

- a) Treasure's Report
- b) Building Inspections Report
- c) DMV Report
- d) Recycling Report

**12. Adjourn - Next monthly meeting, September 11, 2012**