

At a meeting of the Cumberland County Board of Supervisors held at 7:00 p.m. on the 11th day of September 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

A moment of silence in remembrance of 9/11, the Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance was led by the Chairman.

2. Approval of Agenda

On a motion by Supervisor Wheeler and carried the Board approved the Agenda as amended:

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

3. **Public Comments**

There were two (2) citizens signed up to speak. One (1) citizen retracted. The comments for the Board included: a proposal to use the old True Value for a possible indoor farmers market, to have auctions once a month, and offer computer classes to the public. A handout was given to the Board members. (A copy of the handout is in the Official Board File)

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

a) VDOT

There was no representative from VDOT present.

b) Dr. Amy Griffin, Superintendent of Schools

Dr. Amy Griffin advised the Board that students have been in school for five (5) weeks now and everything is going good. They have been promoting students to take part in public speaking engagements to help them to be comfortable getting in front of people to speak. The Building trades class has been working on a model home. The business class has taken over the Duke Store, they named it Duke Enterprises, and this will teach them about managing a store or business. Ms. Flesichman's class is preparing floral arrangements for a local wedding. Mrs. Olmos' Spanish IV class did a news cast all in Spanish. Ms. Whittaker's renewable energy high school class has started a recycle bowl. The students will be going to the elementary school and teaching the students and teachers about recycling. Senior Bryant Wimbush attended the School Board meeting and presented on the "Call Me Mr." program. He attended the program over the summer that was offered at Longwood University to help encourage African American males to become elementary school teachers. If Mr. Wimbush completes the program he will be given a scholarship to attend Longwood University to become an

elementary school teacher. Check out the School's Facebook page, you don't have to be on Facebook to look at it. Soon they will be trying to get students to "BYOD", bring your own device. Any students who have laptops or ipads will be able to bring them and work off of them. The Registrar's Office is planning to come to all the Government Classes and show students how to use the voting machines, they also will be registering students to vote who are eighteen (18) and have not been registered. Judge Dunkum and Jody Fariss came out and spoke to the students to re-iterate that bullying and truancy will not be tolerated. The Community Lunch will be on September 26th at the Elementary School, the NAACP will be the guests. The School is offering Rosetta Stone foreign language classes for \$50 to anyone who would like to learn a new language. The YMCA afterschool care program currently has five (5) students and would like more students to come. And Next week starts the Fall Afterschool Program.

c) Earnest Green, Dominion Virginia Power

There was no representative from Dominion Virginia Power present.

d) Nathan Rutherford, Forestry Department

Mr. Nathan Rutherford, Forestry Department advised the Board that he wanted to update the Board on changes that have taken place due to budget and personnel shortages. They have grouped together counties into work areas Cumberland is grouped with Buckingham, Appomattox, and Prince Edward, that would provide seven (7) employees to handle those areas. They have received approval for a grant to install a dry hydrant on meadow road scheduled to be installed by the end of 2012. There have been three (3) wild fires in Cumberland they were all started by down power lines. As of September 1, 2011 Cumberland has had 87 total harvesting jobs, 63% of those were clear cuts, the rest commercial thinning. 2153 acres

total were clear cut and 1751 acres were thinning cuts, with 3,904 total acres harvested, which puts Cumberland at 24th in the State of acres harvested.

5. **County Attorney / County Administrator Report**

a) Consent Agenda

- 1) Approval of Minutes
- 2) Approval of Bills for August and September 2012. Approved bills for August total \$98,840.77. Ratified bills for August warrants total \$469,581.81 with check numbers ranging from 64466 – 64726. Direct Deposits total \$164,530.51.
- 3) Monthly Budget Report

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) Refinancing Update

County Administrator Vivian Giles advised the Board that the refinancing of the 2008 and 2001 Bonds was complete and everything went as planned.

c) Mrs. Margaret Atkinson – Request

County Administrator, Vivian Giles, advised the Board that Mrs. Margret Atkinson was requesting a reduced rate for the water tap fee. A program offering the reduced rate was offered in 2010-2011 and Mrs. Atkinson did not qualify for this rate at that time. Ms. Giles and County staff provided information to the Board about what properties qualified for the program and why administrative approval

for participation in the program was not granted at this time.

On a motion by Supervisor Meinhard and carried the Board denied the request by Mrs. Atkinson to allow a water line tap at a reduced rate.

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

d) Piedmont Area Transit

County Administrator, Vivian Giles advised the Board that Mr. Schardein had been working with the Piedmont Area Transit to gather information.

Mr. Schardein advised the Board that if the Board desired the bus to make additional stops they will need to reorganize the entire route. He also stated that they requested that if the Board wishes to make any changes to do so as soon as possible so they can print a new route map for the public.

There was a lot of discussion between the Board Members on where the bus should and should not be stopping.

Supervisor Banks made a motion and failed to limit all stops to Route 60 and 45 only.

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

e) Northfield Ministries – Request

County Administrator Vivian Giles advised the Board that Northfield Ministries is requesting a real estate tax exemption for their business. She advised the Board that the request is supposed to go up for a public hearing but did not want to have Northfield incur the expense of a public hearing if the Board did not foresee the need to.

Gwen Seiler, Founder, and Executive Director of Northfield Ministries advised the Board that they are a non-profit organization and they run off donations. She stated that she understood if the Board couldn't approve the entire exemption but they would accept any form of a discount to their taxes to help ease some of their financial burdens.

After some discussion between the Board Members, they decided for Mrs. Giles to gather more information and present it to them at the next monthly meeting.

f) Reassessment RFP bids received

County Administrator Vivian Giles, advised the Board that they received three (3) bids for the County Reassessment. All bids met the requirements that were stated in the RFP. Ms. Giles noted that with talking to other localities and doing some research, there were some issues with one of the companies on the list.

On a motion by Supervisor Wheeler the Board approved to appoint the winning bid to Pearson Appraisal Company.

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

g) Audit Update

County Administrator Vivian Giles advised the Board that the Auditors were here this past week and so far everything was going well and they had no audit exceptions.

h) Reappointment of Members to IDA

County Administrator Vivian Giles advised the Board that there were two positions on the IDA that expired this month.

Supervisor Osl nominated Darlene Pelot to be reappointed to the IDA

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

Supervisor Ingle nominated John Godsey to be appointed to the IDA.

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

Supervisor Osl nominated Darlene Pelot to be reappointed to the IDA.

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

Supervisor Ingle nominated Leroy Pfeiffer Sr. to be appointed to the IDA.

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

i) Reappointment of Members to Planning Commission

County Administrator Vivian Giles advised the Board that Carol Miller’s term would be expiring in October.

Supervisor Osl nominated Carol Miller to be reappointed to the Planning Commission.

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

Supervisor Meinhard nominated Hubert Allen to be appointed to the Planning Commission.

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

j) Appropriation of \$100 for Animal Control

On a motion by Supervisor Wheeler and carried the Board approved the appropriation of \$100 for Animal control.

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

6. Planning Director's Report

a) Update on Planning Commission activities

Planning Director, Mr. Bret Schardein advised the Board that staff had received numerous complaints about the condition of the road for Hamilton Transfer Station. He stated he had spoken to a couple of contractors, one stated they would tear out the entire road and re-pave it, another contractor stated they could patch the potholes. Mr. Schardein also stated that he was checking into the possibility of moving the Transfer Station closer to the road to prevent future maintenance of the existing road.

Mr. Schardein also advised the Board that the Planning Commission discussed the issues of the Bodacious event at their last meeting. They have come up with two (2) proposals for the event promoters; No alcohol or allow the alcohol but no camping. The event promoters were going to discuss their thoughts and get back with the Planning Commission.

b) CUP 12-02 National Communication Towers

On a motion by Supervisor Wheeler and carried the Board approved to set CUP 12-02 for a public hearing.

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

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

a) Update on Projects

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.

b) Route 60 Waterline Project

Community Development Director, Greg Baka commented that he would like to thank Mr. Gary Thompson for all his hard work on the waterline extension project.

County Administrator Vivian Giles advised the Board that there is some grant money left over from the current waterline extension project and there is a proposal to extend the waterline up to Route Thirteen (13) and up three hundred (300) feet on Route Thirteen (13). This would possibly benefit the County Ball Fields and the Cumberland Volunteer Fire Department.

On a motion by Supervisor Osl and carried the Board approved to authorized the County Administrator to approve the change order not to exceed the dollar amount that is left over from the project and to execute the letter that the county would be responsible if there were a shortfall.

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

8. Public Comments (Part Two)

There was one (1) citizen signed up to speak. Their comments for the Board included: a request to have a sign with the landfill attendants' duties and rules.

9. Board Member Comments

Supervisor Ingle commented that he has received some complaints from citizens about the potholes on route 622. He wanted to thank everyone for coming out. He also commented on the citizen comment about putting signs up at the landfills that list the landfill attendants' duties, he agreed and stated he would see what he could do to get something put up.

Supervisor Wheeler commented that he would like Ms. Giles to get back with them on her legal opinion on the Cobbs Creek Reservoir project.

Supervisor Meinhard commented that he wanted to thank all who came out. He wanted to thank the people who served on the Planning Commission and the IDA for their service. He stated that there was nothing personal, but he wanted to see some change on the current Boards. He stated that he would like to see more people come out. And he also wanted to welcome the new Cumberland News Reporter for the Farmville Herald Ms. Ilsa Loeser.

Supervisor Banks commented that he wanted to thank all the people from District 2 who came out, and if anyone needs anything or has any question to please call him.

10. **Additional Information**
a) Treasure's Report
b) Building Inspections Report
c) DMV Report
d) Recycling Report

11. **Adjourn** – Scheduled Monthly Meeting: October 9, 2012

David Meinhard, Chairman

Vivian Giles, County Administrator