

At a meeting of the Cumberland County Board of Supervisors held at 7:00 p.m. on the 8th day of February 2022, at the Cumberland County Circuit Courtroom:

Present: Brian Stanley, District 1, Chairman
Ron Tavernier, District 2
Eurika Tyree, District 3, Vice-Chairman
Gene Brooks, District 4
Robert Saunders, Jr., District 5
Derek Stamey, County Administrator
Jennifer Crews, Finance Director
Kemper Beasley, County Attorney
Tiana Branch, Deputy Clerk
Stephany Johnson, Zoning Administrator

Absent: None

1. Call to Order

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. Roll Call of Members

Tiana Branch, Deputy Clerk, called the roll.

3. Welcome and Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the Chairman.

4. Approval of Agenda

Supervisor Stanley suggested amending the agenda to have the Resolution in honor of Leland Leeds moved to directly after the approval of agenda. He also made a recommendation that subsequent to that resolution, County Administrator comments will be added to the agenda.

On a motion by Supervisor Tavernier, seconded by Supervisor Brooks and carried unanimously, the Board approved the agenda as amended.

Vote: Mr. Stanley – aye Mr. Tavernier – aye
Mrs. Tyree – aye Mr. Brooks – aye
Mr. Saunders – aye

5. Resolution for Leland Leeds

On a motion by Supervisor Tyree, seconded by Supervisor Brooks and carried unanimously, the Board approved a Resolution in honor of former Building Official, Leland “Lee” Leeds:

**Resolution in Remembrance of the life
and service of Leland H. Leeds**

February 8, 2022

WHEREAS, Leland “Lee” H. Leeds, born in Philadelphia on the 3rd day of April 1962 to Vernon L. Leeds and Dolores Rea Aspell, and left this earth unexpectedly on the 9th day of November 2021; and

WHEREAS, Lee was a family-oriented man who thoroughly enjoyed hunting season, and tirelessly dedicated himself to the residents of Cumberland County; and

WHEREAS, Lee was very mechanically and electrically inclined and held a Class C General Contractor License with many specialties for over 20 years; and

WHEREAS, during his twenty-two years as Building Official of Cumberland County Lee was instrumental in the success of many projects including the Renovation of the Public Schools and the Cumberland Community Center, The Cobbs Creek Reservoir, and the Renovation of the Old Flippen store building into the Public Safety Center; and

WHEREAS, Lee has earned the deep respect of all those with whom he has worked and volunteered with over the years; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Cumberland County Board of Supervisors, through this resolution, honors the life, and records the death of Leland H. Leeds, and extends to the family

its deepest sympathy; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Cumberland County Board of Supervisors directs that a copy of this resolution be made a part of the permanent records of the official minutes if the Cumberland County Board of Supervisors, and that a copy be given to the family.

Adopted the 8th day of February 2022.

Vote: Mr. Stanley – aye Mr. Tavernier – aye
 Mrs. Tyree – aye Mr. Brooks – aye
 Mr. Saunders – aye

6. County Administrator’s Comments

County Administrator, Derek Stamey, introduced himself to the public as his new County Administrator and expressed his appreciation to the Board and staff for such warm welcome.

7. State and Local Departments/Agencies

a. Cumberland County Public Schools

Dr. Jones gave the following update to the Board:

- This week is National School Counseling Week–thank you to our school counselors for all they do!
- On Saturday, February 5, 2022, CuCPS hosted the VA Region 1A/1B Wrestling Tournament. 12 school divisions participated. Three of our wrestlers earned second place honors and the team placed third of 12 schools. 12 wrestlers qualified to participate in States next week in Salem.
- The wrestling team was named the 2021-2022 James River Champions.
- Celebrated our winter sports with Seniors and their families.
- CUCPS participated in Longwood’s Southside Saturdays–CuCPS Middle Chorus sang the National Anthem, middle schools basketball teams played an exhibition game during halftime, Mr. Fleenor was

recognized as PSWD Conservation Teacher of the Year, and CuCPS was highlighted throughout the game.

- Our CTE teachers and students did a presentation at the February board meeting to highlight CTE month.
- CuCPS participated in #NationalWearRedDay to bring awareness to heart health. For one day we put away the blue/gold and went red!
- Held our division spelling bee.
- Honored Senior Nasir McDonald with a state championship ring for winning the 300 Meter Hurdles during the summer of 2021.
- Seniors are beginning to receive college acceptances to schools such as UNC, VT, VCU, UVA, Longwood, GMU, VSU, and more. Also, we are celebrating our students that will be joining the military or joining the workforce.
- Not too late to register for the CuCPS Foundation 5K which will be held on Saturday, March 12, 2022, at 9:00 am on the Camp Paradise Side of High Bridge.
- CCES celebrated the 100th Day of School.
- Thank you to Bryan Saxtan and the entire maintenance team for all they have done during the recent winter weather.
- We had a great visit with Mr. Stamey and excited to begin our partnership with him.
- Thank you to our community, families, and staff for everything–this past two years have been and continue to be interesting. I appreciate the support and understanding.

b. VDOT

Assistant Residency Engineer, Steven Snell, was absent and had nothing to report.

c. Cumberland Public Library

Mrs. Lisa Davis, Librarian, provided the Board with the following report:

- The library is still open on a regular schedule with few restrictions and an average attendance of about 40 people per day.

- Our at home rapid-response Covid-19 test kit distribution has been going very well. As of Friday, we had given out approximately two-thirds of the kits received. We will continue to give away the current kits until they are gone unless the VDH sends us a new shipment or the program is discontinued.
- I will be applying for several grants over the next couple of months, including for the grant to cover 1/3 of the cost of replacing the four remaining heat pumps. Other grants will be for programming and improvements at the library.
- We currently have 47 children signed up for Dolly Parton's Imagination Library, which will provide free books to children in Cumberland County from birth to 5 years of age. There will be 43 children receiving their welcome book in March. We have received several donations to help pay for our monthly costs. It costs just over \$25 per year per child to operate the program and we will be reaching out soon to community groups and organizations to help fund that program for the future as a service to our youngest residents.
- Our annual basket and gift item raffle, known as *Sweets in the Stacks*, will be held on Saturday, April 30, 2022, from 4 to 6 PM. Items are already being brought in and entry and raffle tickets are now available.
- TeamUp Calendar training for Cumberland County VA Happenings will be on Friday, February 18, at 1 PM. It will be a hybrid session – either in-person or virtual – to get the various entities set up and active. I have been reaching out to get the names of individuals who will be responsible for each group's calendar entries.
- All of our Black History BINGO cards have been distributed with clues posted to our Facebook page daily and to the website once per week. The rules have also been posted in both locations. We will be doing Women's History BINGO in March.
- Beginning February 28, there will be Lunch-time Technology Support sessions from 12 to 1 PM at the library on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. This will be an opportunity for individuals and small groups to learn how to use a computer or their personal devices, get help navigating online websites, and learn more about the library's online resources and apps. No registration is generally needed, although appointments may be set if several people show up needing help at the same time.

- We are holding a 2022 Reading Challenge using *Beanstack* with around 50 book categories for patrons to choose from. Reading may be recorded using the app on your phone or computer or patrons may bring the book titles and authors to the library for help by staff in entering the information
- We will be holding a four-week Financial Management class on Mondays in March from 5:30 – 6:30 PM. One participant will win a copy of Dave Ramsey’s book *The Total Money Makeover*. Registration is required for these classes, which will be offered in-person and by Zoom.
- AARP will NOT be doing the free tax preparation in Cumberland this year. However, individuals who are interested in having their taxes done for free should contact the Powhatan County Public Library to get more information on the drop-off tax preparation program that will be done there.
- Please don’t forget that:
 - Rep. Good’s field director is here on the first Thursday of each month from 9-12 PM to help with any issues you may be experiencing on the federal level. This includes issues with any federal department, including the VA, the IRS, and Social Security.
 - A knitting group meets every Wednesday from 1 to 3 PM. All levels are welcome - beginner thru experienced. In addition to for knitting, you can also get help for crocheting.

d. Cumberland Fire and EMS

Fire and EMS Chief, Tom Perry, provided the Board with the following update:

- Calls have slowed down over the past month
- Currently, there are two ambulances down for repairs but should be expecting them to be fixed soon
- Proposals for a new radio system will be finalized soon
- The next Fire Chief meeting will be held on February 22, 2022 at 6:30 pm at the Firehouse

e. Cumberland Community Cares/Delma’s Pantry

Doris Seal provided the Board with an update on the Cumberland Community Cares ongoing projects and changes.

f. Southside Center for Violence Prevention

Dr. Laaksonen, Executive Director, provided the Board with an overview of Southside Center for Violence Prevention (SSCVP) activities from 2021. SSCVP is a non-profit organization providing free, confidential and comprehensive services to those affected by sexual and domestic violence.

8. Public Hearing Notices/Set Public Hearings

N/A

9. Public Hearings

a. REZ 21-02 Spring River Farm, LLC

Planning and Zoning Administrator, Stephany Johnson, presented a review of the proposed rezoning request.

Donna Woods expressed her intentions for the rezoning request.

Jerry Woods also expressed his intentions for the rezoning request.

With no other citizens signed up to speak, the Chairman closed the Public Hearing.

On a motion by Supervisor Brooks and seconded by Supervisor Tyree, and carried unanimously, the Board approved REZ 21-02 Spring River Farm, LLC:

Vote:	Mr. Stanley – aye	Mr. Tavernier – aye
	Mrs. Tyree – aye	Mr. Brooks – aye

Mr. Saunders – aye

b. CA 21-11 Accessory Structures in Business and Industrial Zones

Planning and Zoning Administrator, Stephany Johnson, presented a review of the proposed code amendment.

With no citizens signed up to speak, the Chairman closed the Public Hearing.

On a motion by Supervisor Tavernier and seconded by Supervisor Brooks, and carried unanimously, the Board approved CA 21-11 Accessory Structures in Business and Industrial Zones:

Vote:	Mr. Stanley – aye	Mr. Tavernier – aye
	Mrs. Tyree – aye	Mr. Brooks – aye
	Mr. Saunders – aye	

c. CA 21-12 Solar Facility Ordinance Amendment

Planning and Zoning Administrator, Stephany Johnson, presented a review of the proposed code amendment.

With no citizens signed up to speak, the Chairman closed the Public Hearing.

On a motion by Supervisor Saunders and seconded by Supervisor Tavernier, and carried unanimously, the Board approved CA 21-12 Solar Facility Ordinance Amendment:

Vote:	Mr. Stanley – aye	Mr. Tavernier – aye
	Mrs. Tyree – aye	Mr. Brooks – aye
	Mr. Saunders – aye	

d. CA 21-13 Zoning Permit Expiration

Planning and Zoning Administrator, Stephany Johnson, presented a review of the proposed code amendment.

With no citizens signed up to speak, the Chairman closed the Public Hearing.

On a motion by Supervisor Tyree and seconded by Supervisor Brooks, and carried unanimously, the Board approved CA 21-13 Zoning Permit Expiration:

Vote: Mr. Stanley – aye Mr. Tavernier – aye
Mrs. Tyree – aye Mr. Brooks – aye
Mr. Saunders – aye

e. CA 21-14 Conditional Use Permit Expiration

Planning and Zoning Administrator, Stephany Johnson, presented a review of the proposed code amendment.

With no citizens signed up to speak, the Chairman closed the Public Hearing.

On a motion by Supervisor Saunders and seconded by Supervisor Tyree, and carried unanimously, the Board approved CA 21-14 Conditional Use Permit Expiration:

Vote: Mr. Stanley – aye Mr. Tavernier – aye
Mrs. Tyree – aye Mr. Brooks – aye
Mr. Saunders – aye

10. County Administrator Report

- a. Consent Agenda
1) Approval of Bills for January 2022
2) Approval of Minutes – January 11, 2022

On a motion by Supervisor Tyree, seconded by Supervisor Tavernier and carried unanimously, the Board approved the consent agenda as presented:

Vote: Mr. Stanley – aye Mr. Tavernier – aye
Mrs. Tyree – aye Mr. Brooks – aye

Mr. Saunders – aye

11. Finance Director’s Report

- a. Monthly budget Report:

There was no discussion regarding this item.

- b. Appropriation for Cumberland County Public Schools

On a motion by Supervisor Tyree, seconded by Supervisor Tavernier, and carried unanimously, the Board approved the appropriation for \$138,761.14 in grant funds to the Cumberland County Public Schools:

Vote:	Mr. Stanley – aye	Mr. Tavernier – aye
	Mrs. Tyree – aye	Mr. Brooks – aye
	Mr. Saunders – aye	

- c. Appropriation for Donation to Sheriff’s Department

On a motion by Supervisor Tavernier, seconded by Supervisor Tyree, and carried unanimously, the Board approved the appropriation for donations made to the Sheriff’s Department:

Vote:	Mr. Stanley – aye	Mr. Tavernier – aye
	Mrs. Tyree – aye	Mr. Brooks – aye
	Mr. Saunders – aye	

12. Planning Director’s Report

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There was no discussion regarding this item

13. County Attorney’s Report

N/A

14. Old Business

N/A

15. New Business

N/A

16. Public Comments

Longest Varner expressed his concerns in regards to the operation of the meeting based on his observations.

17. Board Member Comments

Supervisor Tavernier and Chairman Stanley explained the purposes for each of Mr. Varner's concerns.

Supervisor Brooks read an email he received from the 15th District Senator, Frank Ruff regarding Land Use.

18. Additional Information

- a) Treasurer's Report
- b) DMV Report
- c) Monthly Business License Report
- d) Monthly Building Inspections Report
- e) Commonwealth Regional Council Report
- f) Cumberland Extension Office Monthly Newsletter – N/A
- g) Approved Planning Commission meeting minutes – N/A
- h) Approved EDA meeting minutes – N/A
- i) Approved BZA minutes – N/A

19. Adjourn -

On a motion by Supervisor Tyree and seconded by Supervisor Brooks, the Board adjourned the meeting until the Joint Budget

Workshop with the School Board to be held at 7:00 p.m. on February 15, 2022 in the Cumberland County Middle/High School Cafetorium located at 16 School Road, Cumberland, Virginia.

Brian Stanley, Chairman

Derek Stamey, County Administrator