

At a meeting of the Cumberland County Board of Supervisors scheduled for 7:00 p.m. on the 10th day of January 2026, at the Cumberland County Circuit Courtroom:

Present: Bryan Hamlet, District 1
John Newman, District 2, Chairman
Eurika Tyree, District 3, Vice-Chairman
Paul Stimpson, District 4
Robert Saunders, Jr., District 5
Derek Stamey, County Administrator
Jennifer Crews, Assistant County
Administrator/Finance Director
Tiana Branch, Deputy Clerk
Kemper Beasley, County Attorney

Absent: None

1. Call to Order

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

Roll Call of Members

Tiana Branch, Deputy Clerk, called the roll.

2. Welcome and Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the Chairman.

3. Invocation

The Invocation was led by the Supervisor Tyree.

4. County Administrator Comments

County Administrator, Derek Stamey, provided the Board with the following updates:

leadership. This award was presented on February 6 in Richmond and highlights the hard work of the staff at the elementary.

During the winter weather event that occurred the weekend of the 24th, our staff the division demonstrated exceptional coordination and care for our students. Over 3,200 meals were sent home with our students on the 23. The following week, from Wednesday through Friday, families were able to come to the school and pick up meals if needed. We distributed around 60 meals over the course of those 3 days. We also want to highlight members of our maintenance, custodial and transportation staff for working diligently to clear our sidewalks and parking lots.

Looking ahead, we are excited for the Division Spelling Bee, scheduled for February 19 at the elementary school. That same day, a public hearing on the proposed budget will also be held, providing an opportunity for the community to hear what our focuses are and to have input on our plans for the budget.

This month is School Board Appreciation Month, and we also recognized School Counselor Appreciation Week, which was observed February 2–6, and expressed our gratitude to our counselors for their invaluable support of students and families.

Finally, we remind the community that the next School Board meeting will be held on February 16, and we encourage continued engagement and support of our schools.

b. VDOT

Assistant Residency Administrator, Brian Lokker, provided the Board with the following monthly report:

- FY 26 – Budget Update
 - Routine Maintenance Budget
 - \$1,623,052 planned
 - \$803,743 expended
- Construction Project Update

UPC 127078 – PM3C26 – Plant Mix

Rt 45

Salem Church Rd to Bee Dr –2.9 mi

Farmville Town Line to Jamestown Rd – 2.2 mi

Oak Forest Rd to Pipjunge Rd – 1.4 mi

Jennings Rd to Columbia Rd – 2.0 mi

Rt 600

S. Airport Rd to Bear Branch Rd – 3.4 mi

- Miscellaneous Items

- General Maintenance

- Buggy Signage/Beacons

- Citizens Inquiries

- Rt 601 – Clinton Rd – Study Ongoing

- Rt 60 School Photo Enforcement

- Rt 60 Courthouse Paving/Markings

c. Finance Director's Report

i. Monthly budget Report:

There was no discussion regarding this item.

ii. CuCPS Appropriation

On a motion by Supervisor Tyree, seconded by Supervisor Stimpson and carried unanimously, the Board approved the appropriation request in the amount of \$5,000 to Cumberland County Public Schools for the purposes as outlined in the grant as presented:

Vote: Mr. Hamlet – aye Mr. Newman – aye
Mrs. Tyree – aye Mr. Stimpson – aye
Mr. Saunders – aye

iii. Appropriation for Animal Control

On a motion by Supervisor Tyree, seconded by Supervisor Newman and carried unanimously, the Board approved the appropriation request funding a third ACO position, salary and benefits included, in the amount of \$41,727 as presented:

Vote: Mr. Hamlet – aye Mr. Newman – aye
Mrs. Tyree – aye Mr. Stimpson – aye
Mr. Saunders – aye

iv. Appropriation for Emergency Services Department

On a motion by Supervisor Saunders, seconded by Supervisor Tyree and carried unanimously, the Board approved the request for funds received and expenditure in the amount of \$700 be appropriated in the FY'26 budget as presented:

Vote: Mr. Hamlet – aye Mr. Newman – aye
Mrs. Tyree – aye Mr. Stimpson– aye
Mr. Saunders – aye

v. Appropriation for Cumberland Volunteer Fire Department

On a motion by Supervisor Stimpson, seconded by Supervisor Hamlet and carried unanimously, the Board approved the appropriation request in the amount of \$1,000, received through the 2026 REPP allocation, to the Emergency Services Department’s current budget as presented:

Vote: Mr. Hamlet – aye Mr. Newman – aye
Mrs. Tyree – aye Mr. Stimpson– aye
Mr. Saunders – aye

d. Planning and Zoning Administrator’s Report

i. Planning Project Updates

e. County Attorney’s Report

8. Consent Agenda

- a. Approval of Bills
- b. Approval of Minutes (January 13, 2026 and February 5, 2026)

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

Vote: Mr. Hamlet – aye Mr. Newman – aye

Mrs. Tyree – aye
Mr. Saunders – aye

Mr. Stimpson– aye

9. **Old Business**

10. **New Business**

a. EOP Resolution

**Resolution Adopting
County of Cumberland Emergency Operations Plan and
Continuity of Operations Plan**

February 10, 2026

WHEREAS, Va. Code § 44-146.19 requires that each locality conduct a comprehensive review and revision of its emergency operations plan every four years; and

WHEREAS, the County of Cumberland Emergency Operations Plan was last reviewed and revised on February 9, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the County of Cumberland Emergency Operations recently has undergone a comprehensive review and revision, which has been submitted to the Board of Supervisors of Cumberland County for consideration.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Cumberland County Board of Supervisors that the County of Cumberland Emergency Operations Plan and Continuity of Operations Plan are hereby adopted in the form attached effective immediately.

Adopted the 10th day of February 2026.

On a motion by Supervisor Saunders, seconded by Supervisor Tyree and carried unanimously, the Board adopted the 2026 EOP Resolution as presented:

Vote: Mr. Hamlet – aye
Mrs. Tyree – aye
Mr. Saunders – aye

Mr. Newman – aye
Mr. Stimpson– aye

b. Resolution – Reaffirming Second Amendment Rights

**RESOLUTION RENEWING AND
REAFFIRMING STEADFAST SUPPORT FOR
SECOND AMENDMENT RIGHTS**

February 10, 2026

WHEREAS, the Second Amendment to the Constitution of the United States declares that “*the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed*”; and

WHEREAS, Article I, Section 13 of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Virginia provides that “*the right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed*”; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Cumberland County Board of Supervisors have sworn an oath to support and defend the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Virginia; and

WHEREAS, on or about December 10, 2019, the Cumberland County Board of Supervisors adopted a resolution declaring Cumberland County a Sanctuary County for Second Amendment rights; and

WHEREAS, during the current session of the Virginia General Assembly, legislation has been proposed that would impose firearm prohibitions, magazine capacity limits, firearm type bans, restrictions on lawful possession, or other measures that would materially burden or infringe upon the constitutional rights of law-abiding citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Supreme Court of the United States, in *New York State Rifle & Pistol Association, Inc. v. Bruen*, 597 U.S. 1 (2022), held that government restrictions on the right to keep and bear arms are unconstitutional unless they are consistent with the Nation’s historical tradition of firearm regulation, and rejected interest-balancing or “means-end” scrutiny as incompatible with the Second Amendment; and

WHEREAS, the *Bruen* decision reaffirmed that the Second Amendment protects the right of ordinary, law-abiding citizens to possess and carry arms in common use for lawful purposes, that modern firearm regulations lacking historical analogues are presumptively unconstitutional, and that, through the Fourteenth Amendment, these constitutional protections fully apply to the states and prohibit state and local governments from infringing upon this fundamental right; and

WHEREAS, the Cumberland County Board of Supervisors recognizes that the lawful ownership and responsible use of firearms by citizens is a fundamental right that predates the Constitution and remains essential to individual liberty, personal security, and the preservation of a free society;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cumberland County Board of Supervisors hereby renews, reaffirms, and declares its steadfast support for the Second Amendment to the United States Constitution and Article I, Section 13 of the Constitution of

Virginia; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Cumberland County reaffirms its designation as a Sanctuary County for Second Amendment rights, and its opposition to any law, rule, or regulation that infringes upon the constitutional rights of law-abiding citizens to keep and bear arms; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Cumberland County Board of Supervisors formally expresses its opposition to proposed legislation during the current session of the Virginia General Assembly that would impose firearm bans, magazine capacity limits, or other restrictions inconsistent with the historical tradition of firearm regulation as articulated by the Supreme Court of the United States in *NYSRPA v. Bruen*; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that no county funds, personnel, or resources shall be knowingly appropriated or utilized to enforce any law or regulation that is determined to be unconstitutional under the Second Amendment to the Constitution of the United States or Article I, Section 13 of the Constitution of Virginia, except where otherwise required by lawful court order; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Cumberland County Board of Supervisors urges the Governor and the members of the Virginia General Assembly to respect their constitutional obligations and to refrain from enacting legislation that conflicts with the rights secured by the Second Amendment and reaffirmed by the Supreme Court of the United States; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

On a motion by Supervisor Stimpson, seconded by Supervisor Saunders and carried by the following vote, the Board decided to table the discussion until the May 12, 2026 Board meeting:

Vote:	Mr. Hamlet – nay	Mr. Newman – aye
	Mrs. Tyree – aye	Mr. Stimpson – aye
	Mr. Saunders – aye	

11. Public Hearings

a. CUP 25-03 Arcola Towers

Planning/Zoning Administrator, Stephany Johnson, presented the Board with an overview.

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

On a motion by Supervisor Tyree, seconded by Supervisor Stimpson, and carried unanimously, the Board approved CUP 25-03 Arcola Towers as presented:

Vote:	Mr. Hamlet – aye	Mr. Newman – aye
	Mrs. Tyree – aye	Mr. Stimpson – aye
	Mr. Saunders – aye	

12. Additional Information

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

13. Public Comments

Thomas Schwartz gave an update on the opening status of his medical office in the County. The proposed opening date is May 1st. He also mentioned he would like to set up a time to meet with Board members.

Betty Myers wished County Administrator, Derek Stamey, well on his next adventure; even though she felt a few things were “left unattended”. She also addressed her opinion on the “fairness” of the Board in regards to people being allowed to speak.

April Morris provided the Board with event updates on behalf of the Cartersville Volunteer Fire Department. She also commended staff, volunteers and citizens for their assistance during the inclement weather. She also thanked the staff and

encouraged people to support Camp Parsons.

Travis Harris provided the Board with an update on the Grocery Store opening. Proposed opening will be in May 2026. He thanked County Administrator, Derek Stamey, for his assistance. He also expressed his disappointment in the Board's decision to table the 2A Resolution.

Tim Martin addressed his concerns regarding Data Centers.

Reed Terry, District Field Representative for Congressman John J. McGuire III, introduced himself and encouraged everyone to contact him with any concerns he can assist with.

14. Chairman and Board Member Comments

Each Board Member thanked County Administrator, Derek Stamey, for all of his hard work with the County and wished him well.

Chairman Newman also thanked the school for their decision to keep children safe during the most recent snow storm. He also thanked Camp Parsons for their recent donations made to both the Food Pantry and the Volunteer Fire Departments.

15. Adjourn -

On a motion by Supervisor Tyree and seconded by Supervisor Saunders, the Board adjourned until the Budget Workshop to be held at 10:00 a.m. on February 17, 2026 in the Cumberland County Board Meeting Room located at 1 Courthouse Circle, Cumberland, Virginia.

John Newman, Chairman

Derek Stamey, County Administrator