

At a meeting of the Cumberland County Board of Supervisors held at 6:00 p.m. on the 11th day of April 2023, at the Cumberland County Circuit Courtroom, 17 Courthouse Circle, Cumberland, VA:

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, Assistant County
Administrator/Finance Director
Kemper Beasley, County Attorney
Tiana Branch, Deputy Clerk

1. Call to Order

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. Roll Call of Members

Tiana Branch, Deputy Clerk, called the roll.

Vice Chairman Tyree arrived at 6:02 p.m. and joined the Board.

3. Adjourn into Closed Meeting

On a motion by Supervisor Tavernier, seconded by Supervisor Saunders and carried unanimously, the Board entered into closed meeting pursuant to the Virginia Code Section set forth below to discuss the subjects identified:

Subject Matter: Annual Evaluation of County Administrator
Purpose of Meeting: Allow Board Members to Evaluate the County Administrator's Performance over the Past Year and Make Recommendations in Response to Evaluation
Exemption: Pursuant to VA. Code § 2.2-3711.A.1: Personnel – Annual Performance Evaluation of the County Administrator

presented.

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

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

a. Cumberland County Public Schools

 Dr. Chip Jones, Superintendent, gave the following update to the Board:

- Mr. Joshua Fleenor, CTE Agricultural Teacher, was named Outstanding Early Career Agriculture Teacher by the Virginia Association of Agricultural Educators
- CHS Track Team co-hosted the 804 Run Invitational at Varina High School. 24 school divisions participated in the event. We estimate over 450 people were in attendance
- We celebrated National Assistant Principals Week as well as school Librarians Day
- CHS Theatre had a magnificent performance of The Dark Beyond the Door—we have some very talented students. A shout out to Mr. and Mrs. Haigh for writing the script
- Students had wonderful experiences at Bear Creek Lake, Longwood University’s Biomechanics/STEM Day, and Sea Quest
- CHS CNA students participated in SVCC’s Skills Simulation Day in Chase City
- Our very own Emily Ellinghausen, CMS School Counselor, was highlighted by the VA State Parks for visiting all the state parks across the Commonwealth within one year. Bear Creek Lake recognized her accomplishment
- CCES family raised \$4,000.00 in support of Kids Heart Challenge
- Three CHS students participated in the State Competition for Forensics. One placed fourth in Humorous Interpretation, one placed fifth in Dramatic Interpretation, and A. Carney was named the State Champion in Original Oratory
- The Southside Regional Technology Consortium recognized Ms. Ashley

Postans for the Instructional Support award recipient, Ms. Lisa Cortazar as the Technology Teacher recipient, and CHS Senior, S. Gills for the Technology Support award. Our very own, Dr. Jamerson, co-chairs this consortium

- Our Robotics team competed in an event in Portsmouth
- CCES hosted a STEAM Night for families
- CMS hosted the current fourth grade students for “Rising Up” Day
- CHS inducted over 25 new members into the National Honor Society
- We enjoyed working with the representatives from Summit to have student and staff focus groups related to the Cumberland County Comprehensive Plan. We learn a great deal from listening to students
- Our 2023 Spring Concert is scheduled for Thursday, April 13, 2023, in the middle/high school cafetorium
- Prom is scheduled for this Saturday, April 15, 2023
- Next week, schools will highlight Autism Awareness with a CuCPS Spirit Week
- Kindergarten Registration will be held on April 20, 2023, beginning at 9:00 am
- Senior Project Presentations are scheduled for Friday, May 5, 2023
- CHS Graduation is scheduled for Friday, May 12, 2023
- CHS Seniors are finalizing their plans for life after graduation. Today, I learned that one of our Seniors, received a full ride to William and Mary for the School of Engineering
- As always, thank you for your support of Cumberland County Public Schools

b. Cumberland Public Library

John Newman, Library Board of Trustees Treasurer, provided the Board with an update.

c. Cumberland Fire and EMS

Fire & EMS Chief, Andy Aigner, provided the Board with the following report:

Updates:

- Chief’s Meeting Update:
 - New mapping districts based on “boxes” approved. They are built

out to the 5th due.

- New CAD Nature codes approved for Fire and EMS. The volunteer Fire Chief's unanimously approved the fire run assignments and nature codes and the OMD approved the EMS Nature codes.

With the new maps and nature codes that have been entered into the CAD, the CAD will now "grab" the closest unit based on call type and tell the dispatcher exactly what to send on the call. This will take the guess work out of their job and they won't have to look up the calls on a piece of paper to figure out what to send on the call.

We started marking up Medic 4 Friday, April 7, 2023. The "how" and "where" we will be staffing is below;

- Medic 1 – Station 1 – 24/7/365
- Medic 3 – Station 3 - Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday
- Medic 4 – Station 4 - Friday, Saturday, Sunday, Monday

What's happening for the next few weeks:

- Both Medics will be running out of Station 1 for several reasons:
 - The EMS mapping is being updated. This could take a few weeks to complete.
 - Station 3 is redoing their bay floors and, therefore, their bay floors are off limits until the work is complete. I can't wait to see the new floors and how much they enhance the appearance of the building.

Now for an explanation of how we came to all this staffing and where we are putting our units:

- We have been looking at the EMS call statistics very closely since December trying to make sure we get the units where they need to be so we can reduce our response times.
 - The statistics:
 - 51% of the total EMS call volume is located in the 23040 zip code
 - 24% of the total EMS call volume is located in the 23901 zip code
 - Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday are statistically the busiest EMS days of the week in Cartersville.
 - Monday, Friday, and Saturday are statistically the busiest EMS days of the week in Randolph.
 - The 3:4 split decision: Sunday is statistically the slowest

EMS day of the week and since statistically the Randolph district runs more calls than the Cartersville District, we put the fourth day staffing day in Randolph.

Rescue Squad Assistance Fund – Office of EMS – \$392,091 - New Medic Unit, Stretcher

- State Funded - \$313,617.00
- County Funded - \$78,404.25
- If awarded, this will replace a unit that will be 20 years old at the time of replacement
- Award notification in June/July – if awarded unit would not be delivered for 33 months due to backlog

Special Office of EMS Grant - \$5000 – CAD Integration for our ESO reporting software

- State Funded - \$5000
- County Funded - \$0

Centra Grant – Still in application process – Due by May 1

- Will be requesting needed so we can finish the standardization of our units
- No match required by County

Hazard Mitigation Grant – Winter Storm 2022 - VDEM – Will be requesting generators for the pump stations and the fire stations that need them.

- 5% match by County

d. VDOT

Resident Engineer, Scott Frederick, was not present but provided the Board with the following report:

- Routine maintenance being completed throughout the County. Includes cutting brush, repairing potholes, removing litter, cleaning ditches, and various pipe repair work.
- Secondary 6 Year Plan – Public Hearing to be held on May 9, 2023
 - Previous plan will remain intact, no roads can be added this year.
 - 1) Guidance has come out requiring us to adjust project estimates for inflation.
 - 2) Our recently completed projects had a higher cost per mile due

to inflation. The remainders that we normally roll forward were smaller.

3) Funds are distributed statewide by mileage of unpaved roads each year. VDOT as a whole, updated the mileage of unpaved roads for each county. Allocations went down in the years past FY 25.

* Roads identified in this year’s workshop will be revisited next year.

e. Bear Creek Lake State Park

Joey Dayton, Bear Creek Lake State Park Manager, provided the Board with an annual update

f. Firefly Broadband Update

Gary Wood, President and CEO of Firefly Fiber Broadband, and Galen Creekmore, Key Accounts and Member Engagement Representative of Central Virginia Electric Cooperative (CVEC), provided the Board with a project update.

g. Finance Director’s Report

i. Monthly budget Report:

There was no discussion regarding this item.

ii. FY ’23 Budget Transfers and Supplements

On a motion by Supervisor Tyree, seconded by Supervisor Tavernier, and carried unanimously, the Board approved the FY’ 23 Budget Transfers and Supplements as presented:

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

iii. Refund on Overpayment of Taxes

On a motion by Supervisor Tavernier, seconded by Supervisor Brooks, and carried unanimously, the Board approved the refund on Overpayment of Taxes in the amount of \$3,981.20:

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

h. Planning and Zoning Administrator’s Report

i. Planning Project Updates

There was no discussion regarding this item.

i. County Attorney’s Report

County Attorney, Kemper Beasley, had nothing to report.

12. **Consent Agenda**

- a. Approval of Bills
- b. Approval of Minutes (March 14, 2023 & March 21, 2023)
- c. Request to Set Public Hearings
 - i. BI Fees
 - ii. Cartersville Voting Precinct

On a motion by Supervisor Tyree, seconded by Supervisor Saunders 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

13. **Old Business**

N/A

14. **New Business**

N/A

15. **Public Hearings**

a. Budget Appropriation for Capital Projects

County Administrator, Derek Stamey, presented the Board with an overview.

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

On a motion by Supervisor Saunders, seconded by Supervisor Tavernier, and carried unanimously, the Board approved the Budget Appropriation for Capital Projects:

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

b. County Administrator’s Proposed FY ’24 County Budget, the Proposed FY ’24 – FY ’28 Capital Improvement Program, Proposed School Board FY ’24 Budget, and Proposed 2023 Tax Rates

County Administrator, Derek Stamey, presented a review of the proposed budget.

The Chairman opened the Public Hearing.

Elizabeth Jamerson expressed her concern for programs the school currently offers potentially being canceled if the adopted budget does not reach the local match requested by the state.

Wendy Tillett expressed her concerns on how the lack of requested funding could affect the students in the school.

Ginny Gills her concerns regarding the school's portion of the budget and expressed the need for educational funding.

Mr. Stanley announced that the Public Hearing will remain open until April 17, 2023. Interested citizens will have until the opportunity to submit a written or oral comment to the Deputy Clerk, Tiana Branch by the close of business.

16. **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 – February 6, 2023 and February 27, 2023
- h) Approved EDA meeting minutes – N/A
- i) Approved BZA minutes – N/A

17. **Public Comments**

Betty Myers expressed her concern regarding Green Ridge's recent change to their disclosure agreement.

William Bailey expressed his concern regarding the county not having an operating 911 system to assist emergency calls.

18. **Chairman and Board Member Comments**

Vice Chairman Tyree expressed her understanding for the need to fund education being personally employed in that field.

19. **Adjourn -**

On a motion by Supervisor Tyree and seconded by Supervisor Brooks, the Board adjourned until the Budget Adoption Meeting at 6:00

p.m. on April 18, 2023 in the Cumberland County Board Meeting Room.

Brian Stanley, Chairman

Derek Stamey, County Administrator