

At a meeting of the Cumberland County Board of Supervisors held at 7:00 p.m. on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of April 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

Absent: Stephany Johnson, Zoning Administrator

**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. County Administrator Comments**

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

- Just a reminder -- Patriot's Day Event is scheduled for April 23, 2022 here at the Courthouse from Noon to 4 pm. Rain Date will be April 24, 2022 from 2 pm to 6 pm.

- Invitation for Bid for renovations of the Randolph Fire Station have been posted on the county website. There will be a mandatory pre-bid on the 15<sup>th</sup> of April. Bids are due May 4<sup>th</sup> and it is anticipated to be awarded on May 10<sup>th</sup>.

**5. Approval of Agenda**

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

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

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

a. Cumberland County Public Schools

Dr. Jones gave the following update to the Board:

- Congratulations to our Teachers of the Year: Ms. Lauren Bryant at CCES, Ms. Hill at CMS—who was selected as the Division Teacher of the Year, and Ms. Rachel Taylor at CHS
- Congratulation to our Aftershocks Robotics Team for making it to State competition
- Congratulations to our Forensics team for a fabulous season. The team participated in the VHSL State Competition. Congratulations to two students for placing third in Serious Duo and one student for placing third in Original Oratory.
- Congratulations to our CMS Softball Team for a victory over Powhatan
- Spring sports are underway
- Our band and chorus programs had a fabulous spring concert
- CMS students participated in the marker dedications at Roanoke College in Salem and Rt. 45 in Cumberland. Another is planned at the William and Mary campus.

- The “Taking Flight” Club from H-SC gave away 21 bicycles to CMS students. Justin Stimson, class of 2019, helped arrange this as well as Ms. Sandy Cooke (Cumberland resident).
- CHS students visited the JA Finance Park in Richmond to take part in activities associated with personal finance, career-readiness, & entrepreneurship activities.
- CHS juniors and seniors had a great time at prom.
- 21st Century 4th graders and parents are excited to explore the James River and learn about the Chesapeake Bay watershed connections.
- CCES had a great science day with participation from community partners such as Central VA Electric, Bear Creek Lake, Dept. of Wildlife Resources, Peter Francisco SWCD, and Cumberland Extension Office
- During the month of April, we are Autism Acceptance Month 2022.
- Over 40 students from Cumberland, Prince Edward, and Fuqua participated in the Farmville Area Chamber of Commerce (includes Cumberland) 2022 Youth Summit at Hampden Sydney College. Students learned about investments, financing, marketing, business startup, and entrepreneurship.

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:

- Last month we had our highest attendance since the pandemic began in March 2020. The library is open on a regular schedule with few restrictions and an average attendance of about 35 people per day. The attendance on Saturdays is increasing.
- Two staff members are currently taking cataloging courses set up by the Library of Virginia through Niche Academy. Once completed, both of them will be able to catalog books in the Evergreen system.
- Small groups are meeting in the public meeting room on a regular basis.

- During business hours, the library is still distributing at-home rapid-response Covid-19 test kits.
- We will be requesting ARPA reimbursement for items we have already purchased. The router to determine how many people are accessing our wireless network is now available and will be ordered soon. We will also continue the Zoom licensing for teaching hybrid classes and holding meetings.
- I did apply for the grant to cover 1/3 of the cost of replacing the four remaining heat pumps and am awaiting notice of whether or not we were selected.
- The \$3000 grant to help cover the cost of a community survey has been received. I plan to begin passing out paper surveys at the Patriot Day celebration. This information will help inform future planning.
- I am planning to write a Dollar General Youth Literacy grant. As part of preparing for the grant, I will be doing a survey of students on their favorite YA (Young Adult) authors and series as well as their favorite graphic novels. The grant will be written to purchase materials to update our YA collection in these areas.
- I will be buying some new computers for patrons and have already replaced the laptop for my office.
- The community calendar is up and operational. Most of the sub-calendars are now being used.
- We are a Dolly Parton Imagination Library affiliate and our local children are receiving their books each month. 64 children will receive books in April and 78 children in May.
- During the Patriot Day celebration, the library will be providing a craft table and BINGO for children in attendance. Several items are being gathered for giveaways, including some brand-new books provided by the Library of Virginia last week. The surveys and signups for upcoming events (including Summer Reading) will also be available.
- I will be participating in Cumberland High School's Career Day event on April 22. While there, I will be surveying the students about their YA and graphic novel interests as well as talking about how to become a librarian and what the job entails.
- Sweets in the Stacks will be held on Saturday, April 30, from 4 to 6 PM. Entry tickets and raffle tickets are now available for the event. A variety of baskets and gift items are available.

- I will also be meeting with CCES staff soon in order to plan how we will coordinate with them for their Summer School program, which runs from June 6 to June 30.
- The library's Summer Reading Program will be held on Monday nights from June 6 to July 25. This year's theme is "Oceans of Possibilities". We will be utilizing Checker's Library TV this summer for part of the program. The next planning meeting is scheduled for May 6.

d. Cumberland Fire and EMS

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

- There have been a total of 54 fire calls and 107 EMS calls (March 1-April 12, 2022).
  - 2 Mutual Aid Fire Calls for Goochland
  - 2 Assists by VA State Police/Med flight Helicopter
  - No mutual aid requested by CuCo Fire & EMS
  - Paid EMS staff from Station 1 will relocate to RDVFD May 1, 2022 from 1000-2000 hrs daily, weather permitting
- The radio system project is progressing well in cooperation with CSO, County IT Department, and Fire & EMS. Finalizing details to receive bids on the project.
- The addition to Randolph Station 4 is out for bid.
- State EMS inspection on April 19<sup>th</sup>.
- Grant Submitted for two Lucas CPR devices which will enhance our capabilities for critical patients. Expected to be awarded in July 2022.
- The EMS staffing contract went out for RFP according to county procurement policy.
- Our current vendor, Emergency Services Solutions, was the only vendor to respond and has been awarded the contract with Cumberland Fire & EMS.
- Chief's Corner Kudos For Above-And-Beyond This Month
  - Volunteer FF Chet Taliaferro of CVFD #2 – Chet regularly anticipates needs and offers assistance even above what has been requested.
  - Volunteer FF Josh Diesen of Randolph #4 – Josh traveled to Alabama with the Central Virginia Flammable Liquids Task Force on April 6-10. The trip was grant funded and allowed

Josh to enhance his knowledge of flammable liquid fires in an industrial setting.

- EMS Supervisor Allen Beach – Allen maintains EMS transport units and reconciles all calls with the state; this month he has also been working to ready the stations for the upcoming EMS inspection.

e. Finance Director’s Report

i. Monthly budget Report:

There was no discussion regarding this item.

ii. RFP for Kinex

On a motion by Supervisor Tavernier, seconded by Supervisor Saunders, and carried unanimously, the Board awarded a contract to Kinex, Inc. for the purpose of providing broadband services to unserved and underserved areas of Cumberland County:

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

iii. Appropriation for CRC Refund

On a motion by Supervisor Brooks, seconded by Supervisor Tyree, and carried unanimously, the Board approved the appropriation in the amount of \$4,953.46 to reinvest the county’s share of the fund balance with Commonwealth Regional Council for the next fiscal year:

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

iv. Appropriation for Clerk of Circuit Court

On a motion by Supervisor Tavernier, seconded by Supervisor Saunders, and carried unanimously, the Board approved a budget supplement in the amount of \$9,581.26 for the new sound system and the hearing assistance system for the Circuit Court as requested:

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

v. Appropriation for General Properties

On a motion by Supervisor Tavernier, seconded by Supervisor Brooks, and carried unanimously, the Board approved a budget transfer from the Commonwealth’s Attorney’s budget to the General Properties budget:

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

f. Planning and Zoning Administrator’s Report

g. Planning Project Updates

There was no discussion regarding this item.

h. County Attorney’s Report

N/A

**7. Consent Agenda**

a. Approval of Bills for March 2022

- b. Approval of Minutes – March 08, 2022, March 10, 2022, March 14, 2022 & April 5, 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

- c. Resolutions

- i. Resolution for Mrs. Deborah “Debbie” Kennell

**Resolution in Remembrance of the life  
and service of Deborah Kennell**

**April 12, 2022**

**WHEREAS**, Mrs. Deborah “Debbie” Clements Kennell, born on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of July 1959 to James Clements and Betty Webb and raised by her stepmother, Patricia Robbins, left this earth on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of February 2022; and

**WHEREAS**, Mrs. Kennell was a devoted wife of forty-four years to her husband Tim Kennell, mother to her two children, Chris and Sarah, and grandmother to three grandchildren, Zara, Ryan, Dustin; and

**WHEREAS**, Mrs. Kennell was always involved in Cumberland County as a community advocate. She served as dedicated Election Official, President of the Cumberland Women’s Club FWC, Chairman of the Cumberland County Social Services Board, member of the Cumberland Christmas Mother, a founding member of the Friends of Bear Creek Lake State Park, and a softball coach for the Cumberland Recreation League; and

**WHEREAS**, Mrs. Kennell has earned the deep respect of all those with whom she 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 Mrs. Deborah “Debbie” Clements Kennell,



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 of the Cumberland County Board of Supervisors, and that a copy be given to the family.

**Adopted the 12<sup>th</sup> day of April 2022.**

On a motion by Supervisor Tavernier, seconded by Supervisor Tyree and carried unanimously, the Board approved the resolution in honor of Mrs. Deborah “Debbie” Kennell:

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

ii. Resolution for Ms. Patricia Scales

**Resolution of Appreciation  
Upon the Retirement of  
Patricia D. Scales**

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Patricia D. Scales, a lifelong resident of Cumberland County, has dedicated herself to service the County of Cumberland and to its citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, she began her service to Cumberland County as the Commonwealth’s Attorney on June 1, 1995. Ms. Scales, who was the first African-American Commonwealth’s Attorney elected in Central Virginia, believed wholeheartedly in the Justice System and dedicated majority of her working career to her service; and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Scales was recognized in the Virginia Lawyers Media List of Influential Women in Virginia in 2015 and received numerous certificates for public service in the community; and

**WHEREAS**, during her twenty-six years of service, Ms. Scales has dedicated countless hours speaking to local groups, volunteering at school and other events and hosting programs

in the community to educate the public on topics such as battling the Opioid Crisis and preventing child abuse, identity theft and domestic violence; and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Scales is a devoted daughter, sister and aunt. Her parents, Robert L. Scales and Betty Gilliam Scales, both of whom were educators, also committed their lives to serving of the community. Because of her mother’s dedication, the Cumberland County Board of Supervisors proclaimed each December 2<sup>nd</sup> as Betty Scales Day of Service in 2015; and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Scales has tirelessly served the County and its citizens with integrity and has earned deep respect, and esteem of those with whom she has worked over the years; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Cumberland County Board of Supervisors, through this resolution, express its high regard and profound appreciation for the service that Ms. Patricia D. Scales has performed for the County of Cumberland and its citizens over the past twenty-six (26) years, and wish her much success in her future endeavors.

**Adopted the 12<sup>th</sup> day of April 2022.**

On a motion by Supervisor Tyree, seconded by Supervisor Saunders and carried unanimously, the Board approved the resolution in appreciation of Ms. Patricia Scales for her twenty-six years of service:

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

iii. Retiree Health Insurance Resolution

**Resolution  
Concerning Participation by Retirees Not  
Eligible for Medicare in Health Insurance Program**

**April 12, 2022**

**WHEREAS**, Cumberland County provides all full-time employees with medical health insurance through a health insurance plan “the Plan”; and

**WHEREAS**, the Cumberland County Board of Supervisors has the option to provide employees retiring from Cumberland County’s service the ability to purchase health care insurance through the County’s plan until such time as they become eligible for Medicare health coverage as determined by the federal government. At that time retiree coverage will end; and

**WHEREAS**, only those employees retiring who meet the eligibility requirements retiring after 50 years of age and ten years of service with Cumberland County or 55 years of age and five years of service with Cumberland County may participate in this plan. Age and service requirements are waived if the retiring employee is documented to be disabled; and

**WHEREAS**, the option is available only to those retiring on or after July 1, 2022; and

**WHEREAS**, Cumberland County reserves the right to modify or discontinue health care plans and third-party providers at its discretion.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Cumberland County Board of Supervisors does hereby extend the option for retired employees not eligible for Medicare to purchase health care insurance coverage through the Plan.

**Adopted the 12<sup>th</sup> day of April 2022.**

On a motion by Supervisor Tavernier, seconded by Supervisor Saunders and carried unanimously, the Board approved the resolution to extend the option for retired employees not eligible for Medicare to purchase health care insurance coverage through the County:

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

iv. Resolution for Child Abuse Awareness Month

## **Resolution for Proclamation of Child Abuse Prevention Month**

**April 12, 2022**

**WHEREAS**, in Federal fiscal year 2020, 3.9 million reports were made to child protective services; and

**WHEREAS**, child abuse and neglect are a serious problem affecting every segment of our community, and finding solutions requires input and action from everyone; and

**WHEREAS**, our children are our most valuable resources and will shape the future of Cumberland County; and

**WHEREAS**, child abuse can have long-term psychological, emotional, and physical effects that have lasting consequences for victims of abuse; and

**WHEREAS**, protective factors are conditions that reduce or eliminate risk and promote the social, emotional, and developmental well-being of children; and

**WHEREAS**, effective child abuse prevention activities succeed because of the partnerships created between child welfare professionals, education, health, community- and faith-based organizations, businesses, law enforcement agencies, and families; and

**WHEREAS**, communities must make every effort to promote programs and activities that create strong and thriving children and families; and

**WHEREAS**, we acknowledge that we must work together as a community to increase awareness about child abuse and contribute to promote the social and emotional well-being of children and families in a safe, stable, and nurturing environment; and

**WHEREAS**, prevention remains the best defense for our children and families.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Cumberland County Board of Supervisors do hereby proclaim April 2022 as NATIONAL CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH in Cumberland County, Virginia and urge all citizens to recognize this month by dedicating ourselves to the task of improving the quality of life for all children and families.

**Adopted the 12<sup>th</sup> day of April 2022.**

On a motion by Supervisor Tyree, seconded by Supervisor Tavernier and carried unanimously, the Board approved the resolution proclaiming April 2022 as National Child Abuse Prevention Month:

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

d.        Appointments

i.        Appointment of FOIA Officer – Tiana Branch

On a motion by Supervisor Tyree, seconded by Supervisor Tavernier and carried unanimously, the Board approved the appointment of Tiana Branch as FOIA Officer effective April 13, 2022:

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

ii.       Appointment of DSS Board member – Tim Kennell

On a motion by Supervisor Tavernier, seconded by Supervisor Stanley and carried by the following vote, the Board approved the appointment of Tim Kennell on the Local Department of Social Services Board (District 2 Representative) to fill the vacancy of the late Mrs. Deborah “Debbie” Kennell:

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

iii.      Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA) Reappointment – A. Quinten Parker

On a motion by Supervisor Tyree, seconded by Supervisor Brooks and carried unanimously, the Board approved the reappointment of Mr. A. Quinten Parker on the Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA):

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

e.            Petition for a Writ of Election

VIRGINIA;

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR CUMBERLAND COUNTY

IN RE:            SPECIAL ELECTION FOR COMMONWEALTH’S ATTORNEY FOR  
CUMBERLAND COUNTY, VIRGINIA

**PETITION FOR A WRIT OF ELECTION**

COMES NOW, the Cumberland County Board of Supervisors (the Board), by counsel, pursuant to Virginia Code Section 24.2-228.1 of the 1950 Code of Virginia, as amended, and represents at follows:

1. That the Commonwealth’s Attorney is a constitutional office and is elected by vote of the citizens of the county; and
2. That there is an interim currently serving in that office due to a vacancy created by the retirement of the elected Commonwealth’s Attorney, effective April 1, 2022; and
3. That the current term of the office will expire on December 31, 2023; and
4. That the next General Election in Cumberland County, Virginia, is scheduled for November 8, 2022, which is more than ninety days from the date of the vacancy; and
5. That Virginia Code Section 24.2-226 of the 1950 Code of Virginia, as amended, provides (in part): *A vacancy in any elected local office, whether occurring when for any reason an officer-elect does not take office or occurring after an officer begins his term, shall be filled as provided by § 24.2-228 or for constitutional officers as provided in § 24.2-228.1, or unless provided otherwise by statute or charter requiring special elections within the time limits provided in this title. The governing body or, in the case of an elected school board, the school board of the county, city, or town in which the vacancy occurs shall,*

*within 15 days of the occurrence of the vacancy, petition the circuit court to issue a writ of election to fill the vacancy as set forth in Article 5 (§ 24.2-681 et seq.) of Chapter 6.*

6. That Virginia Code Section 24.2-228.1 of the 1950 Code of Virginia, as amended, provides (in part): *Notwithstanding any provision of a charter to the contrary, a vacancy in any elected constitutional office, whether occurring when for any reason an officer-elect does not take office or occurring after an officer begins his term, shall be filled by special election, except as provided in subsection B. Within 15 days of the occurrence of the vacancy, the governing body of the county or city in which the vacancy occurs shall petition the circuit court to issue a writ of election to fill the vacancy as set forth in Article 5 (§ 24.2-681 et seq.) of Chapter 6. Either upon receipt of the petition or on its own motion, the court shall promptly issue the writ ordering the election for a date determined pursuant to § 24.2-682. However, the governing body may request in its petition that the special election be held on the date of the next general election in November, and the court may order the special election to be held on that date.*
7. That the Board of Supervisors is requesting that the special election to fill the vacancy be held on November 8, 2022.

WHEREFORE, the Cumberland County Board of Supervisors petition this Court to issue a writ of election to fill the vacancy existing in the Office of the Commonwealth's Attorney for Cumberland County, Virginia, all as set forth in Article 5 (Section 24.2-681 et seq.) of Chapter 6 of the Code of Virginia and for such other relief as the Court might deem appropriate.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Cumberland Board of Supervisors

On a motion by Supervisor Tavernier, seconded by Supervisor Tyree and carried unanimously, the Board approved the writ of election to fill the vacancy existing in the Office of the Commonwealth's Attorney:

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

**8. Old Business**

N/A

**9. New Business**

N/A

**10. Public Hearing Notices/Set Public Hearings**

N/A

**11. Public Hearings**

- a. County Administrator's Proposed FY2023 County Budget, the Proposed FY2023-FY2027 Capital Improvement Program, Proposed School Board FY2023 Budget, and Proposed 2022 Tax Rates

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

The Chairman opened the Public Hearing. No citizens signed up to speak during the meeting. Mr. Stanley announced that the Public Hearing will remain open until April 19, 2022. 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.

- b. CA 22-02 Commercial Fees

Casey Littlefield, Former Acting Building Official, 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, seconded by Supervisor Saunders, and carried unanimously, the Board approved CA 22-02 Commercial Fees:

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| Vote: | Mr. Stanley – aye  | Mr. Tavernier – aye |
|       | Mrs. Tyree – aye   | Mr. Brooks – 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
- f) Cumberland Extension Office Monthly Newsletter – N/A
- g) Approved Planning Commission meeting minutes – N/A
- h) Approved EDA meeting minutes – November 16, 2021
- i) Approved BZA minutes – N/A

## **13. Public Comments**

Bill Bailey expressed his concerns about the decision to have renovations being done to the Randolph Fire Station without notification. He explained that he and few other citizens in the county were members of a committee formulated by a previous Board of Supervisors to build the Fire Station originally. He requested that the volunteers and citizens be considered when making these decisions.

Betty Myers thanked the three Board members who attended the DEQ informational meeting regarding Green Ridge. She addressed a statement made during that meeting accusing members of the Board of having an "illegal meeting". She recommended a review and possible alterations of the By-Laws.

Tim Martin expressed how informational the DEQ meeting was. He expressed his curiosity of the communications happening between any Board members and groups involved with the proposed landfill. He also questioned if the Board was aware of a previous multi-million dollar fine against Green Ridge for a discrepancy in their business practice.

## **14. Chairman and Board Member Comments**

Supervisor Stanley requested clarification on the accusation of the “illegal meeting” made earlier in the meeting. County Administrator, Derek Stamey, asked County Attorney, Kemper Beasley, for an explanation on legal stance. Mr. Beasley clarified that a public meeting is only in occurrence if county business is being discussed or voted on and explained that there was nothing legally preventing the three members of the Board from attending a social or informational gathering.

Supervisor Tyree asked County Attorney, Kemper Beasley, to state the code sections in the Code of Virginia to have put on record. Mr. Beasley stated that the [§2.2-3701](#) defines a public meeting and [§2.2-3707](#) defines the requirements of a public meeting.

Supervisor Tavernier expressed his concerns of the status of the current FEMA Floodplains Map. He requested members of the Board request County Administration pursue the completion of a study.

**15. Adjourn -**

On a motion by Supervisor Tyree and seconded by Supervisor Saunders, the Board adjourned the meeting until the Budget Adoption Meeting at 6:00 p.m. on April 19, 2022 in the Cumberland County Circuit Courtroom located at 17 Courthouse Circle, Cumberland, Virginia.

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Brian Stanley, Chairman

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Derek Stamey, County Administrator