

At a meeting of the Cumberland County Board of Supervisors held at 7:00 p.m. on the 12th day of July 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
Jennifer Crews, Finance Director
Kemper Beasley, County Attorney
Tiana Branch, Deputy Clerk
Stephany Johnson, Zoning Administrator

Absent: Derek Stamey, County 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

Finance Director, Jennifer Crews, provided the Board with the following updates:

- The Cumberland Youth Leagues Minor team remains undefeated. They will be playing again this evening at 7:30 pm. They are currently two games away from the State Tournament and the World Series. We would like to

congratulate them on a job well done.

- The county is working on a slate of fall events with our community partners including a 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony, Trunk or Treat, as well as some holiday themed events. Additional information will be provided at a later date.

5. Approval of Agenda

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

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, Superintendent gave the following update to the Board:

- Congratulations to Cadet Dakota Hopper for receiving the JROTC Cadet Leadership Challenge Commanders award. Cadet Hopper was one of five cadets out of 124 attendees at the JCLC held at Massanutten Military Academy to receive this award.
- Summer learning was a success. Students participated in academic enrichment, took field trips, visited the public library, Bear Creek Lake, Holiday Lake staff visited us, flew drones, and had swimming lessons at the Farmville YMCA plus more.
- CCES staff visited Greenwood Elementary School for their spirit day and learned new things to bring back for the new year.
- CMS students were featured in the Roanoke College Magazine for their work on the Kim Kyuisk historic marker!
- Fall sports practices begin soon!
- Band camp was held.

- Custodial team has been working hard to prepare schools for the school year!
- The Cumberland FFA chapter has a National Gold rating & a state Superior rating for two consecutive years. Congratulations to Celeste M. for being state runner-up at FARM BUREAU young farmers discussion meet. Also, Celeste M. and Johnna S. both received state FFA degrees and five CMS students earned ribbons in a variety of categories.
- Excited for the Cumberland Recreation Minor League Baseball team!
- Our hashtag and theme for this school year is #WeAreCuCPS! We will celebrate all that it takes to make Cumberland a great place to be.
- Thank you for the continued support of Cumberland County Public Schools.

b. VDOT

Assistant Residency Engineer, Lindsey Hodges, provided the Board with the following report:

Work completed over the last two weeks:

- Route 608 & Route 609 - Stone has been placed and both routes are ready for surface treatment placement.
- Storm debris cleanup - Trees had fallen and been cut back on Route 690. They were cleaned up this week.
- Completed safety project on Route 637. There were washouts beside the edges of pavement and in the ditches. Shoulders were widened and paved in these areas and should be a permanent repair.
- Used boom axe to remove brush from shoulders at various locations throughout the county.
- Route 621 Bridge Replacement over Appomattox River - Both abutments have been poured.
- First round of primary and secondary route mowing complete.
- We have partnered with the Sheriff's Office for litter pickup on primary routes.
- Litter pickup on secondary routes is complete.
- Addressed customer concerns through our Work Order system.

Upcoming work:

- Mowing ongoing.

- Chip sealing areas that are experiencing surface cracks to prolong the life of the pavement in various locations.
 - Continuing storm debris cleanup.
 - Rural Rustics, Route 608 & Route 609 - Working to place surface treatment within the next few weeks.
 - Route 621 Bridge Replacement over Appomattox River - Truss assembly to begin the week of July 11, 2022.
 - Continuing to address customer concerns through our Work Order system as they are received.
- c. Cumberland Public Library

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

Hours and Staffing

- The library is open on a regular schedule with an average attendance of about 40 people per day.
- The library has had to close an hour early for four days each week for the last two weeks due to half of the staff being out.
- During business hours, the library is still distributing at-home rapid-response Covid-19 test kits and has a pretty good supply on hand.

Financial

- The soundproof pod for county residents to use for tele-medicine visits, online job interviews, and virtual meetings was approved and has been ordered. I am expecting a call this week about when it will be shipped, which should be before the end of the month. Once received, the company will assemble the unit for us and we will begin taking reservations for its use.
- The building assessment for replacing the four remaining heat pumps was held last week. The engineer who will be doing our report will be completing it soon and, once that is finished, we can begin our project.
- A focus group will be meeting next week to discuss our community survey responses. We look forward to using their input as well as the community's insights in planning for the future.
- Our three new computers have been installed and we will be installing Office 21 on all of our library PCs. Our Chromebox stations have also been set up. They will access the Internet and can be used for printing.

Programming

- The community calendar is up and operational. Besides sending an article to the newspaper about the calendar, the library will be reaching out to churches in the area in order to get their special services and activities posted for the county residents to access. In addition, I have designed a bookmark with a QR code which will help residents locate the calendar and then use it easier.
- As of today, we have 120 children registered with *Dolly Parton's Imagination Library* with 12 children who have already graduated from the program.
- The library offered a basic *Canva* class in May and June to help businesses, civic groups and churches design their own professional looking flyers, newsletters, social media graphics and more. The advanced class will be offered on Monday, August 15, from 5:30 to 6:30 PM. The free class will be held at the library and registered participants should bring their own devices.
- The library's Summer Reading Program will end in two weeks on July 25. This year's theme is "Oceans of Possibilities". We have utilized *Beanstack* or paper logs to keep track of reading and *Checker's Library TV* for part of the programming with Cooperative Extension also helping to provide activities for the children attending. We also held some adult programming on services provided by Cumberland Community Cares and about the latest research on Alzheimer's and Dementia by representatives from the Alzheimer's Association. Please check out schedules for more details about the last two week. Sign up is available at the library or through the Summer Reading Challenge on *Beanstack*.
- The library is planning a wide variety of classes and activities for the fall months. We are planning a genealogy series, another on grant writing, some crafts workshops for children and youth, and some adult classes on various subjects as well. The information will be posted online soon and will also be found in the fall Community Program Guide.

Events Calendar

+Details on the library's website or Facebook.

*Registration or entry fee required

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*Registration or entry fee required - see below.

July 2022

+*18 - Summer Reading Program - 5:30 - 6:30 PM

18 - Library Trustees' Meeting - 7 PM

#19 – Focus Group Meeting – 2-4 PM

#20 – Focus Group Meeting – 9-11 AM
#21 – Focus Group Meeting – 6-8 PM
+*25 - Summer Reading Finale - 5 - 6:30 PM

August 2022
+*15 – Advanced Canva Class - 5:30 - 6:30 PM

September 2022
5 – Library closed for Labor Day

A knitting/crocheting group meets weekly on Wednesdays from 1 to 3 PM.

Lunchtime Technology Support - Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday from 12 - 1 PM. No registration.

The *Beanstack* app is used for logging reading for children and adults as well as the awarding of badges/prizes for reading challenges. Contact the library for more details.

*We have a 2022 Reading Challenge going on now with a chance at a \$50 Amazon Card. This challenge ends December 31, 2022.

*We have our Summer Reading Challenge going on until July 24 with several \$50 gift cards available. Prizes will be awarded on July 25.

Rep. Bob Good's field director is at the library on the first Thursday of each month from 9-11 AM.

For more information, call (804) 492-5807.

Cumberland Co VA Happenings calendar:



Cumberland Happenings

<https://teamup.com/ksczax32pakoyzbi3a>

d. Cumberland Fire and EMS

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

- There has been a total of 123 calls for service.
 - 1 Mutual Aid Requests for Buckingham
 - 2 Mutual Aid Requested by Cumberland County Fire & EMS
- Current Projects
 - Radio system project is still moving forward. Final bids have come in with review pending by Staff
 - Proposed bids received on the RDVFD Station 4 addition.

Contract will be awarded once finalized by staff. Randolph members will be consulted as the project moves forward.

- Cumberland Fire & EMS was unfortunately denied in our latest grant application to the Office of EMS for the two Lucas CPR devices. A total of 90 agencies applied for two million dollars in grant funds, Denied due to 3 awards in the last 4 years, the new ambulance, tough books, and Lifepack cardiac monitors. We will discuss alternative funding with the County Administrator to obtain this equipment.

- Chief's Corner

- The Fire Chief's meeting was held on June 29, 2022. Discussion on all current projects as well as calls for service, and ongoing issues related to Fire & EMS.
- CVSO association held its regular monthly meeting on June 15. With high rise training in the City of Richmond.
- CVFCA meeting was held virtually on June 23. Roundtable discussions of ongoing issues related to Fire & EMS statewide.

- e. Finance Director's Report

- i. Monthly budget Report:

There was no discussion regarding this item.

- ii. Aid to Localities Funding

On a motion by Supervisor Brooks, seconded by Supervisor Tavernier, and carried unanimously, the Board approved the additional appropriation of \$4,074 in order to allocate 100% of the funding received through the Department of Fire Programs totaling \$40,685.00:

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

iii. Appropriation for CUCPS

On a motion by Supervisor Tavernier, seconded by Supervisor Tyree, and carried unanimously, the Board approved the budget supplement for the School Division in the amount of \$150,901.45:

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

f. Planning and Zoning Administrator’s Report

i. Planning Project Updates

There was no discussion regarding this item.

g. County Attorney’s Report

County Attorney, Kemper Beasley, had nothing to report.

7. Consent Agenda

- a. Approval of Bills for June 2022
- b. Approval of Minutes – June 14, 2022

On a motion by Supervisor Saunders, 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

8. Old Business

N/A

9. **New Business**

a. Contract for Randolph Fire Station

On a motion by Supervisor Saunders, seconded by Supervisor Stanley, and carried unanimously, the Board approved the contract with J.E.T. Group, Inc. to begin construction on the improvements of the Randolph Fire Station as presented:

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

b. Virginia 250 Committee Resolution

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF THE COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND RELATING TO THE
SUPPORT OF THE VIRGINIA AMERICA 250
COMMISSION RECITALS**

July 12, 2022

A. The Board of Supervisors of Cumberland County (“the County/City/Town”) is dedicated to the furtherance of economic development and tourism in Cumberland

B. The Virginia America 250 Commission (VA250) was created in 2020 by the General Assembly for the purpose of preparing for and commemorating the 250th anniversary of Virginia’s participation in American independence

C. VA250 has requested that each locality form a committee to aid in planning for the commemoration period.

WHEREAS, Cumberland County will form a local VA250 committee;

WHEREAS, the committee will plan and coordinate programs occurring within the locality and communicate regularly with VA250;

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors wishes to undertake this endeavor with VA250 to promote and commemorate this important historic milestone.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF CUMBERLAND, VIRGINIA:

- 1. The Board of Supervisors hereby desires to support the Virginia America 250 Commission and their efforts to commemorate the 250th anniversary of Virginia’s participation in American independence.
- 2. Cumberland County will form a committee to aid in the planning for the commemoration period.

Adopted the 12th day of July 2022.

On a motion by Supervisor Tavernier, seconded by Supervisor Tyree, and carried unanimously, the Board adopted a resolution supporting Virginia America 250 Commission:

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

- c. July is Parks and Recreation Month Resolution

JULY IS PARKS AND RECREATION MONTH RESOLUTION

July 12, 2022

WHEREAS parks and recreation is an integral part of communities throughout this country, including Cumberland County; and

WHEREAS parks and recreation promotes health and wellness, improving the physical and mental health of those who reside in and visit Cumberland County; and

WHEREAS parks and recreation promotes time spent in nature, which positively impacts mental health by increasing cognitive performance and well-being, and alleviating illnesses such as depression, attention deficit disorders, and Alzheimer’s; and

WHEREAS parks and recreation encourages physical activities by providing space for popular sports, hiking trails, water based recreation and many other activities designed to promote active lifestyles; and

WHEREAS parks and recreation increases a community's economic prosperity through increased property values, expansion of the local tax base, increased tourism, the attraction and retention of businesses, and crime reduction; and

WHEREAS parks and recreation is fundamental to the environmental well-being of our community; and

WHEREAS our parks and natural recreation areas ensure the ecological beauty of our community and provide a place for children and adults to connect with nature and recreate outdoors; and

WHEREAS Cumberland County is the home of multiple local and state, outdoor, indoor, and natural resource based recreational amenities including Bear Creek Lake State Park, High Bridge Trail State Park, the James and Appomattox Rivers, Madison Athletic Fields, and the Luther P Jackson School Complex, and

WHEREAS the U.S. House of Representatives has designated July as Parks and Recreation Month; and

WHEREAS Cumberland County recognizes the benefits derived from parks and recreation resources. NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY the Board of Supervisors that July is recognized as Park and Recreation Month in the County of Cumberland – this date.

Adopted the 12th day of July 2022.

On a motion by Supervisor Saunders, seconded by Supervisor Tyree, and carried unanimously, the Board adopted a resolution designating July as Parks and Recreation Month:

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

10. Public Hearing Notices/Request to Set Public Hearings

- a. CA 22-04 Animals in R-3

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

On a motion by Supervisor Tavernier, seconded by Supervisor Tyree, and carried by the following vote, the Board set a public hearing for CA 22-04 Animals in R-3 for Tuesday, August 9, 2022:

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

b. CA 22-06 Recreational Facilities

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

On a motion by Supervisor Tyree, seconded by Supervisor Brooks, and carried by the following vote, the Board set a public hearing for CA 22-06 Recreational Facilities for Tuesday, August 9, 2022:

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

c. CUP 22-01 M. Henry Design

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

On a motion by Supervisor Tavernier, seconded by Supervisor Tyree, and carried by the following vote, the Board set a public hearing for CUP 22-01 M. Henry Design for Tuesday, August 9, 2022:

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

d. CUP 22-05 Borrego Solar

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

On a motion by Supervisor Saunders, seconded by Supervisor Brooks, and carried by the following vote, the Board set a public hearing for CUP 22-05 Borrego Solar for Tuesday, August 9, 2022:

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

e. REZ 22-01 Cartersville Volunteer Rescue Squad Property

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

On a motion by Supervisor Saunders, seconded by Supervisor Tyree, and carried by the following vote, the Board set a public hearing for REZ 22-01 Cartersville Volunteer Rescue Squad Property for Tuesday, August 9, 2022:

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

11. Public Hearings

N/A

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 – N/A
- i) Approved BZA minutes – N/A

13. Public Comments

Connie Smith addressed her concerns regarding the renovations to the Randolph Fire Station. She asked why there was no community meeting regarding the plans for the project. Mrs. Smith also expressed her concern for the support of the volunteers that serve the community.

William Bailey expressed his concerns regarding the funding at the Randolph Fire Station and the requirements for certified audits. He also asked why the County does not have a 911 address system. Mr. Bailey also questioned the specifications of IFB for the Randolph Renovations in regards to the State Procurement Act.

Betty Myers passed out a handout to members of the Board regarding landfill. She expressed that she is still concerned about the updated FEMA Floodplain. She also asked about the plan for updating citizens on the Green Ridge project.

Barbara Speas addressed changes to the county website that she would like to see happen. She stated that she would like to see improvements to the swinging bridges that are pictured on the website. She also stated that the statements on the site of the Cobbs Creek page should be more detailed so citizens can know what is going on.

14. Chairman and Board Member Comments

N/A

15. Adjourn -

On a motion by Supervisor Tyree and seconded by Supervisor Brooks, the Board adjourned until the next regular monthly meeting at

7:00 p.m. on August 9, 2022 in the Cumberland County Circuit Courtroom located at 17 Courthouse Circle, Cumberland, Virginia.

Brian Stanley, Chairman

Derek Stamey, County Administrator