

At a meeting of the Cumberland County Board of Supervisors held at 7:00 p.m. on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of August 2023, 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, Assistant County  
Administrator/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. **County Administrator Comments**

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

- As a reminder, September 9, 2023, our Second Annual 9/11 Memorial Ceremony at 9:30 on the Courthouse Lawn and the rescheduled Patriot's Day Event to following Noon-4pm.

- The Comprehensive Plan is still in the process. We ask that the public continue to submit surveys to provide feedback. Workshops with Planning Commission and the Board will be scheduled soon.
- Cumberland County has been recognized for the second year in a row for another VACo Achievement Award. This year the county received an award for the development and implementation of the County's Parks and Recreation Master Plan.

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

- We are excited to welcome students back to school tomorrow, August 9, 2023
- The entire school team has been preparing for the start of the school year
- Ms. Dawson was named the School Nutrition Coordinator and CuCPS alumni and former Culinary Arts student, Mr. Earl Lee, was named our new Culinary Arts teacher.
- We are still recruiting for teachers
- Open House 2023 was a success
- Thank you to Ms. W. Hannah, Cumberland Emergency Services, and Sheriff Hodges for hosting the National Night Out Event–the weather was not the best but the collaboration was great
- We honored Mr. James “Jimmy” Johnson as the CuCPS Alumni of the

Year

- Ms J. Johnson, CCES School Counselor, arranged for students to receive haircuts to prepare for school
- We appreciate the various community organizations that have provided supplies for students
- Sergeant S. Baker will be the School Resource Officer at CCES
- School team members participated in the Civilian Response Casualty Care training at CuCPS. DCJS was on site and Ms. Banks stopped by
- Farmville Area Chamber of Commerce hosted a new teacher welcome for new teachers from Cumberland County, Prince Edward County, and Fuqua School
- Five Cumberland High School students participated in a one-day interest camp with Trane Technologies on July 17. The interest camp introduced the young ladies into the energy efficiency field. Several Trane staff members were on site to share their educational and work experience with our students about the energy industry
- CHS hosted back to school orientations
- The track is progressing–next steps is the striping
- CMS playground has been completed
- Thank you for your support of CuCPS

b. Cumberland Public Library

Glenn Mozingo, Library Board of Trustees Chairman, provided the Board with an update.

c. Cumberland Fire and EMS

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

Updates:

- Chiefs Meeting Scheduled for August 22, 2023
- HOT Weather – partnered with Cumberland Library as cooling location.
- Training Update –Emergency Vehicle Operator Course – 9/19, 9/21, and 9/23
- Working with the Volunteer Chiefs to set a schedule for the Basic Pump Operator and Rural Water Supply Courses.

The goal:

- Once the above classes have been taught within the county, have a county-wide training day that will incorporate all of the philosophies that are taught in these 3 classes.
  - Get more people released to drive fire and EMS apparatus
- CPR (Officially a Health and Safety Institute (HSI) Organization)
  - Planning – Fire Stations (Volunteers):
    - September, October, November, and December
  - Planning – Community Members (Citizens):
    - Starting first of 2024 and holding at least quarterly maybe more frequent, depending on demand
- EMT Class in Prince Edward (Starts in September)
  - Currently have 5 volunteers signed up to take the class.

Training Received:

- Firefighter 1 – 162 hours (classroom and practical)
  - This certification is designed to provide trainees with all of the basic knowledge they need about operations and methods on a fire department. This means both theoretical training on strategies and principles in firefighting and practical training with equipment.
- Firefighter 2 – 57 total hours (classroom and practical)
  - Trainees can learn a wider range of operations skills that will help them on a fire scene. This includes further training on fire damage mitigation, how to rescue people from the scene and how to use the best equipment for the job. Trainees will also learn about communication methods and what to do after the fire is out.
- Hazardous Materials – Operations – 44 total hours (classroom and practical)
  - Teaches members how to safely identify a chemical and to how safely operate in a defensive mode (they do not touch the product) on hazardous materials incidents.

Other certifications received:

- CPR
- NIMS 100, 200, 700, and 800

d. VDOT

Resident Engineer, Scott Frederick, was absent but left the following report:

- Clinton Road and Brown Road were submitted after last month's meeting to Traffic Engineering and they are studying the curves and seeing if signage is warranted.
  - General Maintenance is ongoing, lots of patch work is underway. 6 crossline drain pipes have been replaced. Rural rustic work has begun on Angola Road which is route 664 and 679.
  - Cartersville 45/616/684 Update
    - Resurfacing of the intersection is scheduled for next week.
    - Contractor will mill the road and repave, then install tape pavement markings.
    - VDOT will then come in and install new signage and new tape pavement markings along with message boards for new traffic pattern.
    - The intersection will be monitored for several weeks to ensure everything is working properly. Then new pavement marking will be placed in permanent form.
- e. Department of Forestry

Shannon Lewis, Forest Manager of Cumberland State Forest, provided the Board with the following updates for Fiscal Year 2022-2023:

- Updated recreational and hunting maps have been generated and submitted for review. New maps should be posted on our website in upcoming months ([www.dof.virginia.gov](http://www.dof.virginia.gov)).
- The 10-year forest management plan for Cumberland State Forest is scheduled for renewal this fall. The new plan will cover years 2024-2033. Our pine rotation age will drop from 40 years old to 30 years old allowing ten to twenty percent of the pine resource to remain in older age classes. We will be happy to provide a copy of the management plan if anyone is interested.
- Southern pine beetle has been talked about for the last couple of years. The fall of 2022 incurred the worst damage that we have seen in many years. Approximately 15 beetle spots were identified across

the middle and northern sections of the forest. Many spots consisted of less than 25 trees. The largest spot killed 35 acres of loblolly pine timber. The spot was located on Sugar Fork Road north of Quarry Road.

- This spring our forest health division placed three southern pine beetle traps on Cumberland State Forest and one on private property to estimate SPB and predator beetle populations. The data collected was placed into a pine beetle prediction model to estimate the likelihood of having spots or an outbreak. The model predicted a 44.5 percent chance of beetle spots and a 15.3 percent chance of a beetle outbreak in the areas that were trapped. The ratio of predator beetles to southern pine beetles captured was encouraging.
- The swinging bridge on Warner Forest Road remains a work in progress. Soil testing has been completed. Permits from DCR for creating a structure in the floodplain of the Willis River have been obtained. Engineering was submitted to the Bureau of Capital Outlay Management (BCOM) and minor changes were requested. The requested changes have been addressed and resubmitted to BCOM. Once approved, we should enter the construction phase of the project. Weather conditions and contractor availability will likely determine when the bridge gets completed. It could possibly be this fall, but we are expecting the summer of 2024 to be the completion date.
- The wood market has been tough throughout the past year. Both hardwood pulp and pine pulpwood have dropped in demand and price. Pine thinning in pulpwood sized timber seems to be almost impossible. Pine sawtimber has remained somewhat stable. However, we have experienced a slight drop in stumpage prices with several sales that have gone out since the beginning of June. Hardwood logs are selling well. White Oak prices are good. Red oak and yellow poplar prices are not what they have been but seem to be moving well.

- The northern long-eared bat was recently placed on the endangered species list by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS). Previous recordings of the northern long-eared bat on Cumberland State Forest have halted timber harvests on the southernmost third of the forest until proper guidance for harvesting has been provided by the Virginia Department of Wildlife Resources (DWR) and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

County Payment

- Timber Sales FY 2022-2023; Income was generated from five clearcut sales and two salvage sales. One thinning sale had no bids.
  - Clearcut sale acreages totaled 221.1 acres including:
    - 158 acres loblolly pine
    - 1.8 acres Virginia pine
    - 61.3 acres upland hardwood
- Firewood Sales FY 2021-2022
  - 15.04 cords of standing dead or fallen dead firewood trees sold to the public.
- Income Generated
  - Total from Timber Sales: **\$550,483.26**
  - Income from Firewood Sales: **\$ 225.53**
  - Total Income: **\$550,708.79**
  - ***Cumberland County Payment:* \$ 68,838.60**

f. Finance Director’s Report

i. Monthly budget Report:

There was no discussion regarding this item.

ii. Appropriation for CuCPS

On a motion by Supervisor Tyree, seconded by Supervisor Tavernier, and carried unanimously, the Board approved the budget supplement for the CuCPS in the amount of \$45,000:

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

iii. Budget Transfers and Supplements -- FY '23

As County staff prepares for finalizing the FY '23 financial statements and closing out the year, the Finance Department is requesting the Board of Supervisors approve the following budget transfers and supplements for fiscal year ending June 30, 2023.

The budget transfers total \$397,355.62. The budget supplements total \$79,321.94.

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

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

g. Planning and Zoning Administrator's Report

i. Planning Project Updates

There was no discussion regarding this item.

h. County Attorney's Report

County Attorney, Kemper Beasley, had nothing to report.

7. **Consent Agenda**

- a. Approval of Bills
- b. Approval of Minutes (July 11, 2023)
- c. Appointments
  - i. Planning Commission – District 3 – Matthew Seal
- d. Request to Set Public Hearings



- i. CA 22-03 Short Term Rentals
- ii. CA 23-01 Manufactured Homes
- iii. CA 23-02 Solar Ordinance
- iv. CUP 23-01 Jamerson Solar I
- v. CUP 23-02 Jamerson Solar II
- vi. REZ 23-02 CEP Plank Road Solar
- vii. REZ 23-04 CEP Plank Road Solar
- e. Budget Appropriation
- f. Contract Award – Courthouse Evaluation
- g. MOU – CYAA

On a motion by Supervisor Tavernier, 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	

8. **Old Business**

N/A

9. **New Business**

a. Resolutions

i. In Remembrance of Mr. Sherman Langhorne

**Resolution in Remembrance of the Life  
and Service of Sherman Langhorne**

**August 8, 2023**

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Sherman Langhorne, born on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of January 1946 to Andrew and Bertha Goff Langhorne, left this earth on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of June 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Langhorne was a devoted husband of fifty-six years to his wife Rose Langhorne, son Greg; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Langhorne was always involved in Cumberland County as a community advocate. he served as dedicated member of his church Rocky Mount Baptist Church (Cumberland, VA); and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Langhorne was also served on Cumberland County Board of Zoning Appeals from July 10, 1996 through January 31, 2020 and volunteered with the 4-H Extension Office in Cumberland; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Langhorne 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 Mr. Sherman Langhorne, 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 8<sup>th</sup> day of August 2023.**

On a motion by Supervisor Tyree, seconded by Supervisors Tavernier and carried unanimously, the Board adopted the Resolution in Remembrance of Mr. Sherman Langhorne as presented:

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

ii. Retiree – Mr. Lloyd Martin

**Resolution of Appreciation Upon the Retirement of  
Electoral Board Secretary Lloyd Martin, Jr.**

**August 8, 2023**

**WHEREAS**, Lloyd Martin, Jr. has retired from his position as Chairman of the Cumberland County Electoral Board on May 30, 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, On March 1, 1994, Lloyd Martin, Jr. was initially appointed to the Electoral Board by the Judges of the Circuit Court; and

**WHEREAS**, Lloyd Martin, Jr., has been a long-standing member of this community, contributing to its success through service; and

**WHEREAS**, Lloyd Martin, Jr. has earned the respect and support of his fellow Board members, the Cumberland Board of Supervisors and the citizens of Our Community by

demonstrating an unwavering commitment to the Law and to the electoral process; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Martin has tirelessly served the County and its citizens with integrity and has earned deep respect, and esteem of those with whom he 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 Mr. Lloyd Martin, Jr. has performed for the County of Cumberland and its citizens over the years, and wish him much success in his future endeavors.

**Adopted the 8<sup>th</sup> day of August 2023.**

On a motion by Supervisor Tavernier, seconded by Supervisors Saunders and carried unanimously, the Board adopted the Resolution for Mr. Lloyd Martin as presented:

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

iii. National Fentanyl Prevention/Awareness Day

**Resolution for National Fentanyl Prevention and Awareness Day**  
(August 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023)

**August 8, 2023**

**WHEREAS**, it has been reported that over 100,000 Americans have died of drug overdose in 2021; and

**WHEREAS**, Fentanyl related deaths occur approximately every nine minutes and are expected to increase over time; and

**WHEREAS**, National Fentanyl Prevention and Awareness Day™ was established in remembrance of those lost to illicit fentanyl poisoning and to acknowledge the devastation this drug has brought to hundreds of thousands of affected family members and friends; and

**WHEREAS**, we acknowledge that we must work together as a community to increase awareness and prevention of Fentanyl related deaths and contribute to promote the social and emotional well-being of citizens in a safe, stable, and nurturing environment; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Cumberland County Board of Supervisors do hereby proclaim August 21, 2023 as NATIONAL FENTANYL PREVENTION AND AWARENESS DAY in Cumberland County, Virginia and encourage all citizens to recognize this day by dedicating ourselves to the task of educating and informing others of the harms of illicit Fentanyl use to promote awareness.

**Adopted the 8<sup>th</sup> day of August 2023.**

On a motion by Supervisor Saunders, seconded by Supervisors Brooks and carried unanimously, the Board adopted the Resolution for National Fentanyl Prevention/Awareness Day as presented:

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

iv. Personal Property Tax Relief Act Rates for 2023

**RESOLUTION PURSUANT TO CUMBERLAND COUNTY CODE § 58-291  
ADOPTION OF the CALENDAR YEAR 2023 PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX RELIEF  
ACT PERCENTAGE TO BE APPLIED TO TANGIBLE PERSONAL PROPERTY**

**August 8, 2023**

**WHEREAS**, Va. Code § 58.1-3524.C(2) requires the governing body of each locality annually to establish a rate at which personal property tax relief is applied to tangible personal property; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Cumberland County Code § 58-291, the Board of Supervisors is required to establish, by resolution, the percentage of tax relief at such a level that it anticipates to fully exhaust the Personal Property Tax Relief Act funds received from the Commonwealth; and

**WHEREAS**, the Commissioner of the Revenue has determined that for calendar year 2023, the rate at which the Personal Property Tax Relief Act funds received from the Commonwealth would be exhausted in Cumberland County, when applied to tangible personal property, is 31.93%.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Supervisors of Cumberland County, Virginia hereby established the calendar year 2023 Personal Property Tax Relief Act percentage to be applied to tangible personal property taxed in Cumberland County, Virginia to be 31.93%.

**Adopted the 8<sup>th</sup> day of August 2023.**

On a motion by Supervisor Tavernier, seconded by Supervisors Tyree and carried unanimously, the Board adopted the Resolution for the Personal Property Tax Relief Act Rates for 2023 as presented:

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

b. Contract Award – EMS

On a motion by Supervisor Tyree, seconded by Supervisors Tavernier and carried unanimously, the Board authorized the County Administrator to execute the agreement between the County and Delta Response Team:

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

c. Appointments

i. Social Services Board Reappointment – Verna Mahan

On a motion by Supervisor Tavernier, seconded by Supervisors Tyree and carried unanimously, the Board reappointed :

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

ii. Planning Commission – District 5

On a motion by Supervisor Tavernier, seconded by Supervisors Tyree and carried unanimously, the Board adopted the Resolution for Mr. James R. Turney as presented:

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

10. **Public Hearings**

a. District 2 Polling Place

County Attorney, Kemper Beasley, presented the Board with an overview.

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

On a motion by Supervisor Tavernier, seconded by Supervisor Tyree, and carried unanimously, the Board approved the District 2 Polling Place changes as presented:

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

11. **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) Cumberland Extension Office Monthly Newsletter – N/A
- g) Approved Planning Commission meeting minutes – May 8, 2023, May 15, 2023 and June 26, 2023
- h) Approved EDA meeting minutes – N/A
- i) Approved BZA minutes – N/A

12. **Public Comments**

Betty Myers thanked the Sheriff Department, EMS, VDOT and everyone else whom assisted with clean up on Deep Run Road after a recent storm. She also invited Board Members to attend the upcoming CCLA meeting.

13. **Chairman and Board Member Comments**

N/A

14. **Adjourn -**

On a motion by Supervisor Brooks and seconded by Supervisor Saunders, the Board adjourned until the next meeting of the Board to be held at 7:00 p.m. on September 12, 2023 in the Circuit Court Room located at 17 Courthouse Circle, Cumberland, Virginia.

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Brian Stanley, Chairman

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Derek Stamey, County Administrator