

At a meeting of the Cumberland County Board of Supervisors held at 7:00 p.m. on the 9th day of August 2022, at the Cumberland County Circuit Courtroom:

Present: Brian Stanley, District 1, Chairman
Ron Tavernier, District 2
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
Stephany Johnson, Zoning Administrator

Absent: Eurika Tyree, District 3, Vice-Chairman

Call to Order

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

1. 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. County Administrator Comments

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

- Cumberland County has been selected as a 2022 Virginia Association of Counties (VAC) Achievement Award Winner for its "Cumberland County Unified Fire and EMS System. The VACo Awards recognize excellence in local government

programs. This year's slate of nominations included 100 submissions. Other localities honored this year included Chesterfield, Henrico, Hanover, Loudoun, Pulaski, Rappahannock Richmond, Stafford, Sussex, Wythe, and Prince William Counties, placing Cumberland in great company among its peers.

- We do have an upcoming event we would like to get on your collective calendars, we do have a 9/11 Ceremony scheduled for Saturday September 10, at 10 am here at the Courthouse on the front lawn. We will be setting aside time as a County to remember those who lost their lives on September 11, 2001. Cumberland's public safety departments will be represented - goal is to have participation from all 3 volunteer departments as well as the Sheriff's Office. This is an open to the public event.

4. **Approval of Agenda**

Chairman Stanley made a motion to amend the agenda before the approval. The amendment was to postpone the Cumberland Minor League State Champions Resolution until the September 2022 Board Meeting.

On a motion by Supervisor Tavernier, seconded by Supervisor Saunders and carried by the following vote, the Board approved the agenda as amended.

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

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

a. Cumberland County Public Schools

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

- School began yesterday! Students arrived, ate, and got home!
- Last week we held pre-service week with professional learning and Convocation 2022, The cheerleading team participated and we celebrated all that makes up #WeAreCuCPS.
- Ms. Barbara Gamage was inducted into the CuCPS Alumni Hall of Fame.
- Thank you to Officer Jeff Minter, Officer James Turney of the Cumberland Sheriff's Office for safety training for all team members.
- Cumberland Health Dept. hosted a vaccination clinic for our families.
- Longwood University Nurse Dept. provided an opportunity for student athletes to receive a sports physical at no charge.
- CHS Class of 1972 hosted a 50 year reunion at Charley's.
- CHS's Sarah J. was named as a finalist for the Farm Bureau Outstanding Young Farmer Award! She spoke at the Young Farmer's Expo in Wytheville, VA.
- Mr. Dingeldein and Steven G., CHS Senior, presented at the VSBA Conference on Education regarding the Technology Student Intern program at Cumberland.
- In June the CuCPS administrative team visited JA Finance Park in Richmond (hands on learning for students) which focuses on personal finance. During lunch, Drew McNulty of M&T Bank (Cumberland County property owner) visited with us.
- Thank you to the Cumberland County Maintenance Team for helping us get ready for school.
- Thank you for the continued support of Cumberland County Public Schools

b. 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.
- I have hired another employee who will be filling in when we need someone to cover vacations, illnesses, and other issues that have made us short-staffed at times.
- During business hours, the library is still distributing at-home rapid-

response Covid-19 test kits and has a pretty good supply on hand. Last week was our busiest week in months with 23 tests distributed.

Financial

- The soundproof pod for county residents to use for tele-medicine visits, online job interviews, and virtual meetings should be installed before the end of the month.
- I have received the building assessment for the grant I wrote to replace the four remaining heat pumps and other projects. I am awaiting bids on some projects and then will be meeting with the funders once we have decided which projects to undertake. We hope to complete these projects as soon as possible.

Programming

- The community calendar is up and operational. However, it is only as good as the information that is entered into it. Please share the calendar with your friends as well as organizations to which you belong.
- As of today, we have 126 children registered with *Dolly Parton's Imagination Library* with 15 children who have already graduated from the program.
- The free advanced Canva class will be offered on Monday, August 15, from 5:30 to 6:30 PM at the library with registered participants bringing their own devices.
- The library's Summer Reading Program ended on July 24 with our finale held on Monday, July 25. The rain passed through which allowed us to cook hamburgers and hot dogs for those attending. During the months of June and July,
 - There were 60 people who participated in the program with 43 of those being new accounts.
 - There were 163 activities completed.
 - There were 827 badges earned – challenge badges as well as reading and activity badges.
 - There were 1030 books logged with 52,105 minutes of reading recorded in June and July.
- Our year-long reading challenge is still ongoing which records books read with a couple of monthly minute challenges planned for the remainder of the year. These challenges do have prizes attached for reading.
- The library is excited about the classes and activities being planned for the fall months. The information is being posted online and will also be found in the fall Community Program Guide.

Events Calendar

+Details on the library's website or Facebook page or in the county's Program Guide.
*Registration and/or entry fee required.

August 2022

- *15 - Advanced Canva Class - 5:30 - 6:30 PM - bring own device
- 19 - Volunteer Training - 10 AM—12 PM
- 26 - Library Closed for Staff Development

September 2022

- 5 - Library closed for Labor Day Holiday
- *7 - Genealogy Class
- *10 - Puppet Workshop
- *12 - Class - Saving Money—Coupons & Discounts
- *21 - Children's Crafting Workshop
- *22 - Youth Crafting Workshop
- *26 - Grant Writing Class

October 2022

- *5 - Genealogy Workshop
- *8 - Puppet Workshop
- *10 - Computer Basics Class
- *19 - Children's Crafting Workshop
- *20 - Youth Crafting Workshop
- *24 - Grant Writing Class

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 and the awarding of badges/prizes for reading challenges. We have a 2022 Reading Challenge going on now with a chance at a \$50 Amazon Card and a couple of monthly challenges coming up soon.

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:

<https://teamup.com/ksczax32pakoyzbi3a>

c. 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 113 calls for service.
 - CVFD – 42
 - RDVFD – 37
 - CVVFD – 34
 - 3 Mutual Aid request for Buckingham
 - 0 Mutual Aid requested by CuCo Fire & EMS
 - 1 Call for EMS Medflight

- Current Projects
 - Radio System project still under development. Project team met with the two finalists for more information and final proposals.
 - Contract finalized for the Randolph addition project. The contractor has begun prep work with measurements and scheduling.
 - Randolph addition will allow 24 hour EMS coverage in the Southern and Central area of Cumberland County while also providing better living quarters for EMS staff and Volunteers.
- Chief's Corner
 - The Fire Chief's meeting was held on August 3, 2022. Discussion on all current projects as well as calls for service, and ongoing issues related to Fire & EMS.
 - A 911 ceremony is scheduled for Saturday, September 10, 2022 at 10 a.m. at the Cumberland County Courthouse front lawn.

d. VDOT

Residency Engineer, Scott Frederick, provided a presentation to the Board recommending changes to intersection of Route 45, Route 616 and Route 684 to improve safety.

e. Piedmont Area Veterans Council

Sarah Maddox was absent and left nothing to present.

f. Department of Forestry

Shannon Lewis, Forest Manager of Cumberland State Forest, provided the Board with the following updates:

- Tom Zaebst is now the Virginia State Forest Superintendent. Tom was the Assistant Superintendent and acting interim Superintendent at this time last year.
- Randy Kyner is the new Assistant Virginia State Forest Superintendent.

- Both Tom and Randy are stationed on Cumberland State Forest.
- Funding has been secured for this budget year to replace the swinging bridge on Warner Forest Road. Engineers are currently working on the design. There are many steps to the design, approval, and construction processes. We hope this project can be completed this fiscal year.
- Sunday Hunting will be allowed on Cumberland State Forest this year.
- Several Southern Pine Beetle spots were identified last fall in the area of Mt. Airy and Toll Gate Forest Roads. Most spots were less than one acre in size. The Virginia Department of Forestry set traps at several locations on Cumberland State Forest. A trap located in the area of Mt. Airy and Toll Gate showed a much higher population of SPB than others. We have found one new spot this growing season. The spots from last year that we have checked seem to be inactive at this time.
- The Virginia Department of Forestry, with assistance from many cooperators, has started work on a new program called the Hardwood Forest Habitat Initiative. The program is designed to educate foresters on hardwood silviculture, help them determine the quality of an existing stand based on landowner objectives, and aid in the decision-making process for future management practices. Cost-share may be available to help private landowners manage hardwood timber for forest health, timber value, oak restoration, and invasive species control. Demonstration sites are currently being set up across the state on public lands. Three sites have been selected at Cumberland State Forest. They include crop tree release, mid-story removal to promote advanced oak regeneration, and timber stand improvement on seedling/sapling sized hardwood.

County Payment

- Timber Sales FY 2021-2022; Income was generated from five clearcut sales and three thinning sales.
 - Clearcut sale acreages totaled 170.4 acres including:
 - 139.8 acres loblolly pine
 - 20.1 Virginia Pine

- 10.5 acres upland hardwood
 - Thinning sale acreages totaled 198.6 acres including:
 - 198.6 acres of loblolly pine second thinning
 - Firewood Sales FY 2021-2022
 - 19.0 cords of standing dead or fallen dead firewood trees sold to the public.

Income Generated

- Total from Timber Sales: \$ 503,351.24
- Income from Firewood Sales: \$ 285.00
- Total Income (CUSF): \$ 503,636.24
- County Payment: \$ 62,954.53

Mr. Lewis presented County Administration with the check.

g. Garlick Tract Introduction and Presentation

Michael Meecham presented the Board information regarding the intention to develop the Garlick Tract into a public battlefield park.

h. Finance Director's Report

i. Monthly budget Report:

There was no discussion regarding this item.

ii. FY 22 Budget Supplements and Transfers

On a motion by Supervisor Saunders, seconded by Supervisor Tavernier, and carried by the following vote, the Board approved the presented Budget Supplements and Transfers allowing the Finance Department to finalize FY 22 financial statements:

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

iii. Appropriation for CUCPS

On a motion by Supervisor Brooks, seconded by Supervisor Tavernier, and carried by the following vote, the Board approved the budget appropriation in the amount of \$165,883.16:

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

i. Planning and Zoning Administrator’s Report

i. Planning Project Updates

There was no discussion regarding this item.

j. County Attorney’s Report

County Attorney, Kemper Beasley, provided the Board with the following updates:

- Update on money received from the Opioid Settlement
- Change is the Justus v. Cumberland County court case

6. **Consent Agenda**

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

On a motion by Supervisor Tavernier, seconded by Supervisor Saunders and carried by the following vote, the Board approved the consent agenda as presented:

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

7. Old Business

N/A

8. New Business

- a. Parks and Recreation Master Plan Update

County Administrator, Derek Stamey, updated members of the Board and the public on the status of the Parks and Recreation Master Plan.

- b. RFP Contract Award for General Reassessment

On a motion by Supervisor Tavernier, seconded by Supervisor Saunders, and carried by the following vote, the Board awarded the RFP Contract for General Reassessment to Pearson's Appraisal Service, Inc.:

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

9. Public Hearing Notices/Request to Set Public Hearings

N/A

10. Public Hearings

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

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

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

On a motion by Supervisor Stanley, seconded by Supervisor

Brooks, and carried by the following vote, the Board approved CA 22-04 Animals in R-3:

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

b. CA 22-06 Recreational Facilities

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

Geralyn Tavernier expressed her concerns regarding the future maintenance and responsibilities of the three proposed parks. She stated that she considers the money received to fund the parks are a bribe.

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

On a motion by Supervisor Tavernier, seconded by Supervisor Stanley, and carried by the following vote, the Board approved CA 22-06 Recreational Facilities:

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

c. CUP 22-05 Borrego Solar

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

On a motion by Supervisor Brooks, seconded by Supervisor Saunders, and carried by the following vote, the Board continued the public hearing for CUP 22-05 Borrego Solar until Tuesday, September 13, 2022:

Vote: Mr. Stanley – aye Mr. Tavernier – aye

Mrs. Tyree – absent
Mr. Saunders – aye

Mr. Brooks – aye

d. REZ 22-01 Cartersville Volunteer Rescue Squad Property

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

Betty Myers expressed her concerns regarding the sale of the Cartersville Rescue Squad. She stated that she felt the County should have been more transparent regarding the sale of the building.

Sherri Kopp, former VP of the Cartersville Rescue Squad, questioned the individual who signed the application provided in the packet. She expressed her concerns regarding the sale of the Rescue Squad Property.

Cartersville Volunteer Fire Department Chief, Gene Shores, clarified that the County took no parts in the sale of the building.

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

On a motion by Supervisor Brooks, seconded by Supervisor Saunders, and carried by the following vote, the Board approved REZ 22-01 Cartersville Volunteer Rescue Squad Property:

Vote:	Mr. Stanley – aye	Mr. Tavernier – abstain
	Mrs. Tyree – absent	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

- f) Cumberland Extension Office Monthly Newsletter – N/A
- g) Approved Planning Commission meeting minutes – May 16, 2022
- h) Approved EDA meeting minutes – May 17, 2022
- i) Approved BZA minutes – N/A

12. Public Comments

William Bailey stated that he is not against the renovations of the Randolph Fire station but he wants the county to be sure that the IFB that are submitted are done properly and communication is had. He also addressed his concern regarding the 911 System.

Betty Myers informed everyone of the Army Corps of Engineers opening up public comments regarding Green Ridge which will be open until August 28th. She also handed out copies of the Powhatan Board of Supervisors' passed resolution to not support Green Ridge project at their July meeting.

Bill Bruce stated his concerns regarding the VDOT SMART Scale Project as it pertains to the Roundabout in Cartersville. He questioned when the usage of the Comprehensive Plan that was last updated in 2013.

Cecil Youngblood stated his concerns regarding the changes Green Ridge has made to their agreement and the knowledge citizens have been given on these changes. He also stated the need the county has for the Floodplain Study because of the harm that will be caused from the runny water of the Green Ridge project.

Kathleen Mahoney expressed her concerns after reading the Green Ridge Host Agreement. She is concerned about how far the range of which the water will be tested for safety. She also stated that she was concerned about the traffic that will disrupt the County and its road maintenance. She questioned the Board's plan to fix these issues once the project is complete.

Robin Mead is a new resident in the county and stated her concerns on the way the Board does not give feedback on the landfill

concerns. She is concerned that the Board is trying to hide something. She stated that she believes the Board, as elected representatives of the citizens, should communicate better with the public on the happenings of the facility.

Ida Puryear stated that she is against the landfill and feels the County should do better with funds that are received from Green Ridge. She referred to an article in the July 29 newspaper about the donations Green Ridge has provided the County and wondered if the money would need to be paid back if the project does not go through. She expressed her concerns of leaks from the landfill.

13. Chairman and Board Member Comments

Supervisor Tavernier suggested that he thinks it is time to call Green Ridge in to update the public on the changes and future maintenance plans of the landfill.

Chairman Stanley reiterated that this current Board did not vote on the landfill. He stated that DEQ held a public meeting was informational and addressed that the money for the park was unconditional and updated the members of the status on the FEMA Floodplain Study. He also addressed the procedures for responding to public comments during meetings.

14. Adjourn -

On a motion by Supervisor Brooks and seconded by Supervisor Saunders, the Board adjourned until the next regular monthly meeting at 7:00 p.m. on September 13, 2022 in the Cumberland County Circuit Courtroom located at 17 Courthouse Circle, Cumberland, Virginia.

Brian Stanley, Chairman

Derek Stamey, County Administrator