

At a meeting of the Cumberland County Board of Supervisors held at 7:00 p.m. on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2016, at the Cumberland County Circuit Court Room:

Present: Lloyd Banks, Jr., District 2, Chairman  
Kevin Ingle, District 3, Vice-Chairman  
David Meinhard, District 4  
Parker Wheeler, District 5  
Vivian Giles, County Administrator / Attorney  
Tracie Wright, Finance Director

Absent: William F. Osl, Jr., District 1

**1. Call to Order**

The Chairman called the meeting to order.

**2. Welcome and Pledge of Allegiance**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chairman Banks.

**3. Roll Call**

County Administrator, Vivian Giles, called the roll.

**4. Approval of Agenda**

On a motion by Supervisor Wheeler and carried unanimously, the Board approved the Agenda as presented:

Vote: Mr. Osl – absent                      Mr. Banks – aye  
Mr. Ingle – aye                         Mr. Meinhard – aye  
Mr. Wheeler – aye

**5. Resolution in support of the Cumberland Robotics Team**

On a motion by Supervisor Ingle, and carried unanimously, the Board approved a Resolution in support of the Cumberland County Robotics Team:

**Resolution in Support of the Cumberland Robotics Team**

**WHEREAS**, during the 2015-2016 academic year, Cumberland County Public Schools formed a robotics team with members from grades 8 through 12 and the tireless efforts of a Spanish teacher and a professional mentor; and

**WHEREAS**, the formation of the Cumberland County Robotics Team was made possible through the generous support of Mid-Atlantic Broadband, mindsensors.com, and Showbest Fixtures; and

**WHEREAS**, with their dedication, hard work, and persistence, the Cumberland County Robotics Team successfully registered with First Robotics; constructed their first robot, spending a total of less than \$40; and entered competitions in Blacksburg and Portsmouth in March of 2016; and

**WHEREAS**, in Blacksburg, the Cumberland County Robotics Team was awarded the Rookie Inspiration Award; and

**WHEREAS**, in Portsmouth, the Cumberland County Robotics Team was awarded the Rookie All-Star Award; and

**WHEREAS**, during the two competitions, this rookie robotics team accumulated enough points to be invited to district competition at the University of Maryland on April 6-9, 2016.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Cumberland County Board of Supervisors congratulates the Cumberland County Robotics Team on their outstanding accomplishments in this, their rookie season, and wishes the Cumberland County Robotics Team success at the University of Maryland.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Cumberland County Board of Supervisors thanks the Cumberland County Robotics Team for taking the lead in our community to bring this critical skill set and learning opportunity to Cumberland County and for serving as ambassadors of our school system and our county.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Cumberland County Board of Supervisors encourages the Cumberland County Robotics Team to share this program with other members of our community and commits to work in collaboration with the Cumberland County Robotics Team, when possible, toward technology advancement and economic development opportunities.

**Adopted the 12<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2016.**

Vote:            Mr. Osl – absent                      Mr. Banks – aye  
                     Mr. Ingle – aye                        Mr. Meinhard – aye  
                     Mr. Wheeler – aye

**6.    Mr. Mark Peake**

Mr. Peake stated that he is planning to run for the 22<sup>nd</sup> District in the Senate and is looking forward to meeting with the citizens of Cumberland and the Board.

**7.    Public Hearings**

County Administrator, Vivian Giles, provided the Board and all citizens in attendance with a PowerPoint Presentation on the Proposed 2016 Tax Rates, 2016 budget, and 2016-17 through 2019-20 Capital improvements Plan (a copy of which is in the official Board File).

a)    Proposed 2016 Tax Rates

<u>Levy</u>	<u>2015 Actual Levy</u>	<u>2016 Proposed Levy</u>
Real Estate & Manufactured Homes	\$ .74	\$ .74
Personal Property	\$ 4.50	\$ 4.50
Personal Property – Emergency Services	\$ 4.50	\$ 4.50
Personal Property – Disabled Veterans	\$ .01	\$ .01

Airplanes	\$ .50	\$ 1.50
Machinery & Tools	\$ 3.75	\$ 3.75
Heavy Construction Machinery	\$ 3.75	\$ 3.75
Public Service Corporations	\$ .74	\$ .74

The Chairman opened the public hearing. Supervisor Ingle stated that Ms. Giles' position is saving the county hundreds of thousands of dollars. Mr. Morgan Dunnivant, Supervisor for Buckingham County, read a letter on behalf of CR "Bob" Timmons, Jr., Supervisor in Prince Edward County. Both the letter from Supervisor Timmons, and Supervisor Dunnivant voiced concerns with the increase in the tax rate for Airplanes. Mr. Hubert Allen voiced concern with eliminating the land use tax. Mr. James Wills is a spokesman for the Friends of the Farmville Airport. Mr. Wills states that Hanover and Petersburg have increased their revenues by bringing businesses to the airport and recommends the creation of a Regional Airport Authority.

Another pilot spoke to the Board and stated that airplanes go up in value after the first ten to fifteen years. Mr. David Abrams stated that he brought his plane to the Farmville airport because of the tax rate, and if the rate is increased, he will be leaving the airport. Mr. Kennedy asked what other tax rates are being increased by 300 percent? None. Mr. Kennedy stated that the airplanes cost the county nothing. Do you think the people who own the airplanes don't live in the county and don't vote? Mr. David Wood stated that he moved his airplane to the Farmville airport because of the low tax rate, and if the rate is increased, he will be moving his airplane to another airport. Mr. Don Gantt stated that he is a former Supervisor, and the planes left Prince Edward because of the increase in the airplane tax rate. Mr. Gantt also stated that there are some drone companies that might locate in Cumberland with a low airplane tax rate.

Mr. Wayne Flippen thanked the Board for including the Cartersville Rescue Squad's full request in the budget. Mr. Flippen also stated that personal property taxes and real estate rates are not the same, and farmers and timber farmers do not cost the county any money. Mr. Stephen Donahue stated that he is in favor of reducing the size and scope of government and returning some of the functions to the people. Taxation is theft by force. With no other citizens signed up to speak, the Chairman then closed the public hearing.

b) FY 2014-2015 Budget

**GENERAL FUND REVENUE ESTIMATES**

**GENERAL FUND REVENUES**

REVENUE FROM LOCAL SOURCES

General Property Taxes	\$ 8,540,000
Other Local Taxes	989,000
Permits, Privilege Fees & Reg.	60,000
Fines & Forfeitures	145,000
Revenue from Use of Money & Property	50,000
Charges for Services	116,360
Miscellaneous Revenue	1,688,940
General Fund Reserve	\$0

TOTAL REVENUE FROM LOCAL SOURCES \$11,589,300

REVENUE FROM COMMONWEALTH \$ 2,494,267

**TOTAL GENERAL FUND REVENUE \$14,083,567**

**GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURE ESTIMATES**

**GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES**

General Government Administration	\$ 1,385,581
Judicial Administration	456,566

Public Safety	2,321,831
Public Works	1,277,414
Health	132,753
Education – Comm. College	38,517
Parks, Recreational & Cultural	180,149
Community Services	180,188
Non-departmental Expenditures	<u>16,000</u>
<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$ 5,988,999</b>

### **TRANSFERS TO OTHER FUNDS**

Transfer to School Fund	\$ 3,774,419
Transfer to Social Services Fund	319,069
Transfer to Child Services Act	150,000
Transfer to Debt Services Fund	3,769,766
Transfer to Utilities Fund	0
Transfer to IDA Fund	81,314
Transfer to Capital Projects	<u>0</u>
<b>TOTAL TRANSFERS TO OTHER FUNDS</b>	<b>\$ 8,094,568</b>

**GRAND TOTAL GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES                    \$14,083,567**

#### **SCHOOL OPERATING FUND**

Revenue	
Local	\$ 3,774,419
Miscellaneous Rev.	\$ 287,299
State	\$ 9,227,170
Federal	\$ 1,716,997
Total	\$15,005,885
Expenditures	\$15,005,885

#### **UTILITIES OPERATING FUND**

Revenue – Local	\$ 441,840
Expenditures	\$ 441,840

#### **IDA FUND**

Revenue – Local	\$ 125,314
Expenditures	\$ 125,314

#### **GOVERNOR’S SCHOOL FUND**

Local Funding	\$464,560
State Funding	\$696,199
Total	\$1,160,759
Expenditures	\$1,160,759

#### **ASSET FORFEITURE FUND**

Revenue – Local	\$ 55,000
Expenditures	\$ 55,000

#### **DEBT SERVICE FUND**

Revenue – Local	\$ 3,793,766
Expenditures	\$ 3,793,766

#### **HEALTH INSURANCE FUND**

Revenue – Local	\$ 2,232,875
Expenditures	\$ 2,232,875

#### **SOCIAL SERVICES FUND**

Local	\$ 319,069
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#### **CHILD SERVICES ACT**

Revenue	
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c) CIP FY 2015-15 through 2018-19

The Chairman opened the public hearing. Undra Deshazor stated that she is in favor of decreased expenditures and in opposition of increased taxes. Ms. Deshazor stated that the county citizens should be first offered positions within the county. Ms. Marian Thomas stated that she is in favor of reduced expenditures, local government employees should live in the county, and the county needs to hire more minorities. Supervisor Banks requested that the county attorney research whether the Board can require new hires live within the county. Mr. Roger Hatcher stated that the tax rate was not increased sufficiently to equalize revenues with the last reassessment and that most citizens don't realize this. In essence the Board left \$0.04 on the table. Mr. Stephen Donahue stated that that \$0.04 cents is not your \$0.04 to take. The CIP is filled with unnecessary items.

Ms. Jenny Gills requests that the Board support the school budget as it is not padded. The School is much more than an educational message, it is the interaction and the care of the children. Ms. Alice Metts stated that Cumberland drove potential businesses away. We need industry, and if this doesn't happen soon, the County will be forced to divide itself between other counties. Mr. Lee Dowdy stated that public education gives students hope, socialization, interaction, food and much more. Please fund the schools.

With no other citizens signed up to speak, the Chairman then closed the public hearing. (A Copy of the Proposed CIP is included in the official Board File.)

**8. Board Member Comments**

The Chairman thanked all of the citizens for coming out and voicing their concerns with the Board. The Chairman also wanted the citizens to know that this is not something that the Board takes lightly.

Supervisor Wheeler thanked Mr. Roger Hatcher for serving on the Water and Sewer Advisory Committee, and for pointing out that the tax rate was not increased a sufficient amount at the reassessment. The tax rate should have been raised to \$0.78 at the time of the reassessment.

Supervisor Ingle stated that it is very evident that the only option now is to raise the taxes or cut spending. This means cutting some of the budgets that have been submitted. The Sheriff's Department and the Schools are the two biggest expenditures. If the citizens want to keep the tax rates the same, then we have to cut expenditures around \$300,000.

Supervisor Meinhard stated that citizens want taxes to stay the same, so where does the Board start? Where do we start and how much? He urged the citizens to contact him by phone or email with suggestions.

**9. Adjourn -**

On a motion by the Chairman and carried unanimously, the Board adjourned the meeting until the next regular meeting of the Board to be held on April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in the Circuit Court Room in the Cumberland Courthouse, Cumberland, Virginia.

Vote:	Mr. Osl – absent	Mr. Banks – aye
	Mr. Ingle – aye	Mr. Meinhard – aye
	Mr. Wheeler – aye	

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Lloyd Banks, Jr., Chairman

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Vivian Giles, County Administrator/County Attorney