

At a meeting of the Cumberland County Board of Supervisors held at 7:00 p.m. on the 10th day of April, 2018, at the Cumberland County Circuit Court Room:

Present: Kevin Ingle, District 3, Chairman
Parker Wheeler, District 5, Vice-chairman
William F. Osl, Jr., District 1
Lloyd Banks, Jr., District 2,
David Meinhard, District 4
Vivian Giles, County Administrator | Attorney
Nicci Edmondston, Assistant County Administrator
JP Duncan, zoning Administrator

Absent: None

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 Ingle.

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:

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

5. **Public Hearings**

County Administrator, Vivian Giles gave a presentation to the Board and all those in attendance regarding the proposed 2018-2019 budget, 2018 tax rates and 2018-19 thru 2022-23 Capital Improvements Program. A copy of the presentation is in the official Board File. The proposed budget proposes level funding with few exceptions.

a) Proposed 2018 tax rates

The Chairman opened the public hearing. Mr. Bill Bruce voiced his concern over a tax rate increase, and requested the County to stop spending too much money. Mr. Leroy Pfeiffer, Sr. stated that the Land Use Program has served the county citizens well. Farmers should not bear the burden of balancing the budget.

With no other citizens signed up to speak, the Chairman then closed the public hearing. Supervisor Osl stated that in 2017, the reserve fund was the largest in Cumberland County history.

Supervisors Banks stated that though the general fund may be large, so is our debt. At some point we need to cut spending.

b) FY 2018-19 Budget

The Chairman opened the public hearing for the FY 2017-18 Budget.

Mr. William Bruce stated that the county spent \$400,000 on an empty building. That is wasteful spending. We are in debt; stop spending.

Dr. Amy Griffin, Superintendent of Cumberland County Public Schools, requested approval of level funding of the Schools. There is a teacher shortage not only in Cumberland, but in the nation, and it is hard to compete with the current salaries.

Supervisor Wheeler stated that the county is about to receive \$600,000. The School should be level funded. The Sheriff should have the cars that he needs. He also requested \$5,000 in the budget for Piedmont Senior Resources.

With no other citizens signed up to speak, the Chairman then closed the public hearing.

c) CIP FY 2018-19 thru 2022-23

The Chairman opened the public hearing.

Dr. Griffin reiterated that the carpet in the elementary School needs to be replaced as it is 26 years old.

The Chairman stated that the lease program for the Sheriff's Department vehicles seems like the best idea for the next five years. He also thanked the Department of Social Services for donating three vehicles to the Sheriff's Department. The tax rates, budget, and Capital Improvement Program that have been advertised are the items the Board is considering. If those items change, it would require an additional advertisement.

With no additional citizens signed up to speak, the Chairman then closed the public hearing.

10. Adjourn -

On a motion by Supervisor Wheeler and carried, unanimously, the Board adjourned the meeting until the next regular meeting of the Board to be held on April 17, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in the Circuit Court room of the Cumberland Courthouse.

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

Wm. Kevin Ingle, Chairman

Vivian Giles, County Administrator/County Attorney