

At a meeting of the Cumberland County Board of Supervisors held at 6:00 p.m. on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of March 2020, at the Cumberland County Circuit Court Room:

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  
Don Unmussig, County Administrator  
Jennifer Crews, Finance Director  
Brian Butler, County Attorney

Absent: Stephany Johnson, Deputy Clerk

**1. Call to Order**

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**2. Roll Call**

County Administrator, Don Unmussig, called the roll.

**3. Adjourn into Closed Meeting**

On a motion by Supervisor Tyree, seconded by Supervisor Tavernier and carried, the Board entered into closed meeting pursuant to the Virginia Code Section set forth below to discuss the subject identified:

- Pursuant to VA Code § 2.2-3711.A.5: Discussion concerning a prospective business where no previous announcement has been made;  
Subject: Development and occupancy of the Cumberland Business Park

**4. Reconvene in Open Meeting**

The Board returned to regular meeting on a motion by Supervisor Tyree, seconded by Supervisor Saunders and carried by the following vote:

Mr. Stanley - aye  
Mr. Tavernier – aye  
Mr. Tyree – aye  
Mr. Brooks - aye  
Mr. Saunders - aye

That the following Certification of a Closed Meeting be adopted in accordance with The Virginia Freedom of Information Act:

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Supervisors of Cumberland County has convened a closed meeting on this date pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote and in accordance with the provisions of The Virginia Freedom of Information Act; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 2.2-3712 of the Code of Virginia requires a certification by this Board that such closed meeting was conducted in conformity with Virginia law;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors of Cumberland County hereby certifies that, to the best of each member’s knowledge, (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements by Virginia law were discussed in the closed meeting to which this certification resolution applies, and (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion convening the closed meeting were heard, discussed or considered by the Board of Supervisors of Cumberland County.

**5. Recess until 7:00 p.m.**

On a motion by Supervisor Tavernier and carried, the Board recessed the meeting until 7:00 p.m.:

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

At 7:00 p.m. the Chairman reconvened the meeting.

**6. Welcome and Pledge of Allegiance**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the Chairman.

**7. Approval of Agenda**

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

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

**8. Action on Closed Session Items**

There was no action taken.

**9. State and Local Department/Agencies**

- a. Dr. Amy Griffin, Superintendent of Cumberland County Public Schools

Dr. Griffin announced her retirement effective June 30, 2020 and that Dr. Chip Jones will be her successor. She provided a summary of events and announcements going on in the school system.

- b. VDOT

Steve Snell, Assistant Residency Engineer, stated that they are brush cutting and will ditch work soon, and rural rustic construction projects soon after.

- c. Cumberland Public Library

Mrs. Lisa Davis, Library Director, informed those in attendance that the list of events for March and April were located in the back of the courtroom for those interested.

- d. Ms. Sarah Maddox, Piedmont Area Veterans Council

No none was in attendance.

- e. Ms. Shirley Gilliam, US Census Bureau

Ms. Gilliam provided the Board with information regarding the 2020 Census and left promotional items for those in attendance. This year, residents can now respond online or over the phone. If you chose not to respond electronically, you will receive a letter in the mail. If you do not respond to the letter, a representative will come to your home.

- f. Ms. Sharon Harrup, STEPS – Virginia Homeless Solutions Program:

On a motion by Supervisor Tavernier, seconded by Supervisor Tyree, and carried unanimously, the Board approved the recertification request by STEPS to allow them to provide rapid re-housing, prevention and shelter services to the residents of Cumberland:

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

**10. Public Hearing Notices/Set Public Hearings**

- a. Set public hearings for proposed 2020 tax rate, proposed FYE21 budget and proposed CIP 2020-21 thru 2024-25 for April 7, 2020:

On a motion by Supervisor Brooks, and seconded by Supervisor Saunders, the Board set public hearings for the proposed 2020 tax rate, proposed FYE21 budget and proposed CIP 2020-21 thru 2024-25 for April 7, 2020:

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

**11. Public Hearings**

N/A

**12. County Attorney/County Administrator Report**

- a. Consent Agenda
  - 1) Approval of Bills for February 2020 and March 2020. Approved bills for March 10, 2020 total \$ 121,740.52. Ratified bills for February 12, 2020 through March 9, 2020 of warrants total \$578,387.15 and Direct Deposits total \$158,042.93, all with check numbers ranging from 81666-81967.
  - 2) Approval of Minutes – February 5, 2020, February 11, 2020, February 19, 2020, February 20, 2020 and February 25, 2020

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

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

- a. Appointment to Piedmont Senior Resources Board

On a motion by Supervisor Tyree and seconded by Supervisor Tavernier, the Board appointed Supervisor Saunders to the Piedmont Senior Resources Board for a three-year term:

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

- b. Appointments to the South-Central Workforce Development Board

The Board tabled action on this item until the next regular meeting of the Board to be held on April 14, 2020.

**13. Finance Director’s Report**

- a. Monthly budget Report

There was no discussion regarding this item.

- b. Request for appropriation of grant funds for CCPS - \$99,800.00:

On a motion by Supervisor Tavernier, and seconded by Supervisor Saunders, the Board approved the appropriation of \$99,800 for the Cumberland County Public Schools:

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

c. FY20 Budget Appropriations

On a motion by Supervisor Tyree and seconded by Supervisor Saunders, the Board approved the FY20 Budget appropriations as requested:

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

**14. Planning Director's Report**

a. Planning Project Update

There was no discussion regarding this item.

**15. County Attorney's Report**

There was nothing to report.

**16. Old Business**

N/A

**17. New Business**

N/A

**18. Public Comments**

Mr. Fred Shumaker asked the Board to consider upgrading the existing softball field owned by the county on Samuels Drive as a walking track for residents, and the property be included in the Recreation Department. With donations from Luck Stone and other civic organizations, the cost for the upgrade is estimated to cost around \$15,000.

Mrs. Tina Shumaker, Ms. Kellee Sutton, and Ms. Jacqueline Syleski support the efforts of the walking track. Mrs. Virginia

Gills, Principal of Cumberland Elementary School asked the Board to make decisions with the students in mind. Mr. Chris Ranking was singed up to speak but did not take the opportunity.

Ms. Betty Myers suggested the EDA reach out to Virginia Tourism to assist with creating a walking track in Cartersville. She stated that from the Board, she is looking for transparency, honesty and due diligence. Lastly, she asked why item number 7 on the agenda (action on closed session items) was skipped over. County Administrator, Don Unmussig stated that there was no action to take on any closed session items, therefore there was no action taken regarding that agenda item.

Mr. Butch Pond congratulated Dr. Griffin on her retirement, and congratulated Dr. Jones on the promotion. Mr. Bill Irizarry welcomed the new Board members and is hopeful for much success in the future and wished the Board good luck. He also asked the Board to consider a pay raise for school bus drivers.

Ms. Sharon Caldwell, with Goochland Cares, states that their mission is to provide basic human services and health care to residents. They are now offering free health services for uninsured residents of not only Goochland, but surrounding counties including Cumberland.

## **19. Board Member Comments**

Supervisor Tyree thanked those in attendance for taking their time to come out participate in the meetings.

Chairman Stanley stated that Cumberland County is open for business, and that Broadband services as coming to Cumberland.

Supervisor Tavernier stated that the proposed walking track for Cartersville needs to be put aside for financial reasons. He suggests that they reach out to Virginia Tourism as Mrs. Myers suggested.

County Administrator informed those in attendance that Central Virginia Electric Cooperative has received a multibillion dollar grant to expand broadband services in Central Virginia which will include Cumberland County. Staff is also applying for grant funds to bring broadband on Rt. 60 in Cumberland to the Town of Farmville.

**20. Additional Information**

- a) Treasurer's Report
- b) DMV Report
- c) Monthly Building Inspections Report – January 2020 amended and February 2020
- d) Approved Planning Commission meeting minutes – N/A
- e) Approved EDA meeting minutes – N/A

**21. Adjourn -**

The Chairman adjourned the meeting until the Budget public hearing to be held at 7:00 p.m. on April 7, 2020 in the Circuit Courtroom.

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Brian Stanley, Chairman

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Don Unmussig, County Administrator