

**CUMBERLAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2025 9:00 AM
117 DICK STREET, 1ST FLOOR, ROOM 564
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

PRESENT: Chairman Kirk deViere
Vice Chairwoman Veronica Jones
Commissioner Glenn Adams
Commissioner Jeannette Council
Commissioner Marshal Faircloth
Commissioner Pavan Patel
Commissioner Henry Tyson
Clarence Grier, County Manager
Heather Skeens, Assistant County Manager
Faith Phillips, Assistant County Manager
Deborah Shaw, Assistant County Manager
Rick Moorefield, County Attorney
Sheriff Jonathan Morgan
Chief Jack Broadus
Andrew Porter, Sheriff Attorney
Tye Vaught, Chief of Staff and Interim Community Development Director
Dr. Jennifer Green, Public Health Director
Robin Koonce, Finance Director
Cedric Turner, Strategic Project Analyst
Diane Rice, Communications Director
Andrea Tebbe, Clerk to the Board
Iva Clark, Deputy Clerk

OTHERS PRESENT: Robert Van Geons, Fayetteville-Cumberland Economic Development Corporation
Members of the Public
Media

Chairman deViere called the meeting to order at 9:01 AM.

INVOCATION / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Glenn Adams provided the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENTATIONS

A. 2025 End of the Year Recap Video

The Board of Commissioners presented a 2025 End of the Year Video.

B. Proclamation for Sharon Glover

The Board of Commissioners presented Ms. Sharon Glover with a proclamation recognizing her work in the community.

1. PRESENTATION OF PLAQUES TO OUTGOING CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRWOMAN

Chairman deViere and Vice Chairwoman Jones received plaques recognizing their service as Chair and Vice Chair of the Cumberland County Board of Commissioners for 2025.

2. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

A. Chairman

Chairman deViere called for nominations for Chair

Vice Chairwoman Jones nominated Commissioner deViere for Chair.

Chairman deViere called for any additional nominations.

MOTION: Commissioner Tyson moved to elect Commissioner deViere to Chairman by acclimation

Commissioner Adams objected.

VOTE: 6-1 Voting in Favor – Commissioner Tyson, Commissioner Council, Commissioner Jones, Commissioner deViere, Commissioner Patel and Commissioner Faircloth. Voting in Opposition – Commissioner Adams.

B. Vice Chair

Chairman deViere called for nominations for Vice Chair.

Chairman deViere nominated Vice Chairwoman Jones as Vice Chair.

Chairman deViere called for any additional nominations.

MOTION: Commissioner Faircloth moved to close nominations and elect Commissioner Jones as Vice Chair by acclimation

Commissioner Adams objected.

VOTE: 6-1 Voting in Favor – Commissioner Council, Commissioner Jones, Commissioner deViere, Commissioner Faircloth, and Commissioner Adams. Voting in Opposition – Commissioner Tyson and Commissioner Patel

3. INCOMING CHAIRMAN REMARKS

Chairman deViere provided remarks on his plan for 2026.

Vice Chairwoman Jones provided remarks thanking the Board and staff for 2025 and stated she looks forward to 2026.

4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOTION: Vice Chairwoman Jones moved to approve the agenda

SECOND: Commissioner Council

VOTE: UNANIMOUS (7-0)

5. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approval of a Proclamation Recognizing World AIDS Day

A request was received for a proclamation recognizing World AIDS Day in Cumberland County and for the proclamation to be presented to members of the Cumberland County HIV Taskforce once approved.

B. Approval of a Proclamation Recognizing Winter Weather Preparedness Week in Cumberland County

Emergency Services requested a proclamation recognizing Winter Weather Preparedness in Cumberland County.

C. Approval of Outside Counsel

In a prior closed session, the board expressed a consensus to engage Jennifer Welch of the Cranfill Sumner law firm to resume representation of the county in the case of Lynda Ward and Steven Brey v. Cumberland County et al. This case was originally filed in 2023, and the plaintiffs took a voluntary dismissal in 2024. They have refiled the case. Attorney Welch handled the first case.

MOTION: Vice Chairwoman Jones moved to approve the Consent Agenda
SECOND: Commissioner Patel
VOTE: UNANIMOUS (7-0)

Vice Chairwoman Jones presented the World AIDS Day proclamation to Dr. Green.

6. CLOSED SESSION

There was no closed session for this meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Vice Chairwoman Jones moved to adjourn the meeting
SECOND: Commissioner Faircloth
VOTE: UNANIMOUS (7-0)

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:39 AM.

Approved with/without revision:

Respectfully submitted,

Andrea Tebbe
Clerk to the Board