CUMBERLAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2025 2:00 PM
117 DICK STREET, 1ST FLOOR, ROOM 118
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

PRESENT:	Chairman Kirk deViere Vice Chairwoman Veronica Jones (Virtual Attendance) Commissioner Marshall Faircloth Commissioner Pavan Patel Commissioner Henry Tyson Clarence Grier, County Manager Heather Skeens, Assistant County Manager Faith Phillips, Assistant County Manager Tufanna Bradley, Assistant County Manager Rick Moorefield, County Attorney Robin Koonce, Finance Director Garry Crumpler, Emergency Services Director Diane Rice, Communications Director Andrea Tebbe, Clerk to the Board
ABSENT:	Commissioner Glenn Adams Commissioner Jeannette Council
OTHERS PRESENT:	Media Members of the Public

Chairman deViere called the meeting to order at 2:01 PM.

INVOCATION / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Tyson provided the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENTATIONS

Garry Crumpler, Emergency Services Director, provided an update on the winter weather, Cumberland County action and department support.

Chairman deViere, Commissioners and County Manager Grier thanked emergency services, PIO, and staff for their work during the winter weather.

RECOGNITIONS

There were no recognitions for this meeting.

1. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

County Manager Grier requested to add Item 3.B Consideration of Amendment to Section 5.9 of the Cumberland County Emergency Management Ordinance

MOTION: Vice Chairwoman Jones moved to approve the agenda as amended
SECOND: Commissioner Tyson
VOTE: UNANIMOSU (5-0)

2. CONSENT AGENDA

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A. Approval of January 5, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes
2026
B. Approval of a Proclamation Recognizing Black History Month in Cumberland County

A request was received for a proclamation recognizing Black history Month in Cumberland County.

C. Approval of Declaring Sheriff's Office Firearms as Surplus Property and Method of Disposal by Trade

Pursuant to N.C.G.S.15-11.1(b1)(4), the attached list of firearms which have been relinquished by orders of the court to the Cumberland County Sheriffs' Office for use by the agency for trade.

The items shown on the attached schedule are surplus property which should be traded in order to acquire other weapons, ammunition or equipment. The attached itemized list of traded items has been agreed upon and would be received from AmChar Wholesale located at 100 Airpark Drive, Rochester, New York, 14624: as shown on the offer of barter or trade.

D. Approval of Report on Delinquent Real Property Taxes for the Year 2025

North Carolina General Statute 105-369 requires the Tax Administrator to report unpaid taxes for the current fiscal year that are liens on real property by the first Monday in February. The purpose of the reporting is to allow you to order the Tax Administrator to advertise the tax liens. Upon receipt of your order, I will advertise the tax liens by posting a notice at the County Courthouse and by publishing each lien at least once in one or more of the newspapers having general circulation in Cumberland County.

The statute requires the advertisement period for unpaid taxes that are liens on real property to occur during the period of March 1st through June 30th. It is my intention to deliver a list of delinquent taxes to the Fayetteville Observer newspaper prior to June 30th for advertisement.

Total delinquent taxes on real property for Year 2025:
$15,646,318 on 14,836 parcels as of 1/27/2026

MOTION: Vice Chairwoman Jones moved to approve the consent agenda
SECOND: Commissioner Faircloth
VOTE: UNANIMOUS (5-0)

3. ITEMS OF BUSINESS

A. Consideration of FY27 Board of County Commissioners State Legislative Agenda

Faith Phillips, Assistant County Manager, presented information on the FY27 Board of County Commissioners State Legislative Agenda.

On February 5, 2026, the Board of County Commissioners will host a meeting with members of the North Carolina State Delegation. The attached FY27 Board of County Commissioners State Legislative Agenda is presented for consideration in advance of this meeting. Policy and funding priorities in this agenda are adopted from the Board of County Commissioners 2025-2028 Strategic Plan as well as the FY26 State Legislative Agenda. Agenda items range from funding requests for public water infrastructure to school infrastructure needs.

A resolution will be drafted based on the agenda for consideration following the State Legislative Delegation meeting.

Chairman deViere stated the Board will receive the information, meet with the State delegation and finalize agenda for approval by the board and present to the delegation via a resolution.

Commissioner Tyon asked for wording to be considered regarding the school board; That school board provides investment needs, consider new school construction and the Board takes into consideration the funding for any school recommended by the school board for construction.

Commissioner Patel asked about items that may be discussed during budget cycle that come from impacts of mandates that County may face.

Mr. Grier responded that staff will have to calculate, anticipate a $2.8 Million hit from Medicaid and SNAP.

Vice Chairwoman Jones asked that the Board keep EE Smith in focus.

Chairman deViere stated the Board of Commissioners will meet following the delegation meeting.

Commissioner Faircloth noted the delegation often recommends a narrowing of the list from the county.

Chairman deViere discussed the funding for Medicaid expansion and stated he does not want the shifting in costs to be shifted to Cumberland County. He would like to add advocacy for the State of North Carolina to continue to fund Medicaid expansion costs.

There was no objection from the Board on adding that item to the Legislative Agenda

Mr. Grier stated the Board can accept the plan for now and staff will bring back to the Board for a vote after the meeting with the delegation.

B. Consideration of Amendment to Section 5.9 of the Cumberland County Emergency Management Ordinance

Rick Moorefield, County Attorney, presented information on the proposed amendments to Section 5.9 of the Cumberland County Emergency Management ordinance to reinstate Authority for the Chair to Issue a declaration of Emergency. He stated due to the recent weather events; there are proposed changes in Section 5.9 of the Emergency Management Ordinance.

Commissioner Tyson stated change is needed and asked if the Board will still receive a copy of the proclamation and will the Board approve at the next regular meeting.

Mr. Moorefield stated having the Board approve at the next regular meeting is not currently part of the plan, but it could be added. He stated any Board member can call a meeting.

Commissioner Faircloth stated in the event of a large occurrence, there would be a state call and asked what the purpose is of calling a County State of Emergency.

Mr. Moorefield stated the County would follow the state and a state of emergency is needed to activate an emergency center and for the County to be eligible for funding.

Commissioner Tyson asked the County Manager for feedback on proposed changes.

Mr. Grier stated he had no concerns with the update, and he would notify the Board before he takes action if the Chair and Vice Chair are not available.

MOTION: Vice Chairwoman Jones moved to adopt the resolution of the amendments of Section 5.9 of the Cumberland County Emergency Management Ordinance
SECOND: Commissioner Patel

Discussion on the motion:

Commissioner Tyson proposed an amendment to the motion: with the proposed changes, the Board of Commissioners receive an advanced copy of the State of Emergency proclamation and place item on the agenda at the next regular scheduled meeting.

Mr. Moorefield stated when the document is approved by the Chair, it becomes a legal document.

Vice Chairwoman Jones withdrew her motion

Chaiman deViere stated at the next meeting the Board could take action and add acceptable language : the Board of Commissioners will receive a copy of the document in a reasonable time, and the Board of Commissioners will take action.

Mr. Moorefield stated he can add a copy of the document will be sent to all Board of Commissioners in the appropriate section of the Emergency Management Ordinance.

Vice Chairwoman Jones asked if the language can be added.

Mr. Moorefield stated the language: and clerk will send to the Board of Commissioners can be added to section F.

MOTION: Vice Chairwoman Jones moved to adopt the resolution for changes to the Section 5.9 with changes as recommended by the County Attorney Rick Moorefield, to County Emergency Management Ordinance
SECOND: Commissioner Patel
VOTE: UNANIMOUS (5-0)

County Attorney Moorfield stated this will require a second reading for approval by all the Board.

4. NOMINATIONS
There are no nominations for this meeting.

5. APPOINTMENTS
There are no appointments for this meeting.

6. CLOSED SESSION
There was no closed session for this meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Vice Chairwoman Jones moved to adjourn the meeting
SECOND: Commissioner Tyson
VOTE: UNANIMOUS (5-0)

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:54 PM

Approved with/without revision:

Respectfully submitted,

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Andrea Tebbe
Clerk to the Board

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