



WHEREAS, Mr. Willis has worked with Boards of Supervisors and the School Board to create competitive benefits package and salary, and comprehensive staff development programs, which would attract and retain highly qualified teachers and support staff; and

WHEREAS, in addition, Mike Willis has rigorously worked for community involvement in the school system through new programs and effective public relations efforts, and

WHEREAS, Mike Willis has focused on the safety of the overall school environment through infrastructure improvements and the offering of additional health services, while implementing advanced academic programs, which have contributed to the improvement of academic skills of all children; and

WHEREAS, Michael A. Willis leaves a legacy of dedicated service to the students, faculty and staff of the Cumberland County Public Schools and the State of Virginia; now,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the members of the Cumberland County Board of Supervisors, through this resolution, express their high regard and profound appreciation for the service provided by Michael A. Willis, as Superintendent of Cumberland County Public Schools, to this community.

**3. Resolution of Appreciation - Jim Garner, State Forester**

Mr. Osl read the following resolution of appreciation for Mr. Garner, State Forester from the Board of Supervisors:

## ***RESOLUTION***

### ***On the retirement of Mr. James W. Garner***

WHEREAS, James W. Garner has served as State Forester, Virginia Department of Forestry, since July 1983, and has dedicated more than 40 years of service to the management of Virginia's natural resources; and

WHEREAS, James W. Garner has led an agency who protects over 15 million acres of forest land from forest fire, insects and diseases; and

WHEREAS, he has overseen the operation of more than 45,000 acres of State Forest, more than 16,000 acres of which are located in Cumberland County; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Garner has been responsible for over 300 buildings, 1,000 pieces of rolling stock, 250 miles of roads, and 59 fire towers; and

WHEREAS, his faithful service and dedication has enabled the County of Cumberland and Bear Creek Lake State Park through strong partnerships to move forward on many projects, which have enhanced the quality of life for Cumberland citizens; and

WHEREAS, in addition, Mr. Garner has worked tirelessly for improvements within the Cumberland State Forest, which is regarded as one of the greatest assets of the Cumberland community; and

WHEREAS, James W. Garner has overseen the payment to the County of Cumberland annually a portion of the agency's timber sales in lieu of taxes, generating thousands of dollars to the County's overall budget; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Garner has earned the deep respect and esteem of all Cumberland County citizens with whom he has worked with and for over the years; now,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Cumberland County Board of Supervisors, through this resolution, expresses their high regard and profound appreciation for the service provided by James W. Garner, State Forester, Virginia Department of Forestry, to this community.

*Adopted this 14<sup>th</sup> day of September 2004, County of Cumberland, Virginia.*

**4. Department/Agencies**

- a) Route 60 Corridor Study - Draft Final Report  
Tom Flynn, Draper-Aden

Mr. Tom Flynn, Draper-Aden gave a brief overview of the Route 60 Corridor Study. A work session with the Board of Supervisors is set for September 27, 2004 at 4:00 p.m. in the Circuit Courtroom.

- b) Debra Crowder, Workforce Investment Board  
(presentation of Strategic Plan for WIB)

Ms. Crowder was unable to attend therefore Mr. Donnie Craft gave an overview of the three year strategic plan for the Workforce Investment Board.

- c) Piedmont Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan Update

Mr. Lee Leeds, representative for Cumberland County gave an update and overview of the Piedmont Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan.

**5. County Administrator's Report**

- a) Consent Agenda

The County Administrator explained each item in the consent agenda and the following actions were taken:

On a motion by Mr. White and carried, the Board approved the following consent agenda items:

1. Approved the minutes for August 2004.
2. Approved bills for September 2004 totaling \$97,271.46 and ratified bills for August 2004 of warrants totaling \$200,109.03 with check numbers ranging from 42679 to 42950. Direct Deposit totaling \$66,130.98.
3. Appropriation of \$41,000 of the \$283,000 Match approved for the LP Jackson Adult Education Center  
(item deleted and will be included in the addendum to the agenda)
4. Adopted CIP calendar & budget calendar FY 2005-06  
(Copy in Official Board File)
5. Approved Local Agreement for FY 2006 with the Health Department  
(Copy in Official Board File)

Vote: Mr. Osl - aye  
Mr. Petty - aye  
Mr. Heaton - aye  
Mr. White - aye  
Mr. Womack - aye

b) Appointments

1) Piedmont Regional Disability Services Board

The County Administrator explained that this appointment would be an alternate for Mr. Womack and Mr. Ferrell.

On a motion by Mr. Osl and carried, the Board appointed Cliff White to serve on the Piedmont Regional Disability Services Board.

Vote: Mr. Osl - aye	Mr. White - aye
Mr. Petty - aye	Mr. Womack - aye
Mr. Heaton - aye	

2) Planning Commission

On a motion by Mr. Osl and carried, the Board re-appointed Parker Wheeler to serve on the Planning Commission as an at large member with a term expiring September 2007.

Vote: Mr. Osl - aye	Mr. White - aye
Mr. Petty - aye	Mr. Womack - aye
Mr. Heaton - aye	

3) IDA

On a motion by Mr. Petty and carried, the Board re-appointed Robert Wendell Thomas and Darlene Pelot to serve as IDA members with a term expiring September 2008.

Vote: Mr. Osl - aye	Mr. White - aye
Mr. Petty - aye	Mr. Womack - aye
Mr. Heaton - aye	

4) Workforce Investment Board

It was the consensus of the Board to review this appointment at the next regular Board of Supervisors Meeting.

5) Social Services Board

On a motion by Mr. White and carried, the Board appointed Virginia Little to serve an unexpired term ending September 2006 on the Social Services Board.

c) Consider resolution requesting State increase in funding for VDOT

The Board authorized staff to develop a resolution to the General Assembly asking for additional road construction funding.

d) Ratify contract with Atlantic Election Services for purchase of voting machines

On a motion by Mr. Womack and carried, the Board approved the contract with Atlantic Election Services for purchase of voting machines contingent upon whether there is a paper back-up. The Board also questioned whether the annual licensing fee will be paid by the State and requested that this question be answered by the Registrar or State Board of Elections.





five sites to six sites, then two sites, with Cobbs Creek and Muddy Creek being the top two.

Ms. Swinson reminded the Board of Supervisors of the kickoff celebration for the opening of the Piedmont section of the Virginia Birding and Wildlife Trail. Amphill Plantation will host a ceremony celebrating the trail opening on September 30, 2004. The Cumberland State Forest and Bear Creek State Park are included as stops along the trail.

Ms. Swinson requested that the Board of Supervisors approve a resolution authorizing herself and/or Ms. Hollifield, County Administrator to represent the County and sign the agreements for the Court House water project for FY 03.

On a motion by Mr. Osl and carried, the Board adopted the following resolution:

**Resolution Authorizing Representative  
For the Special Appropriation  
For FY 03 Court House Water Project**

The Cumberland County Board of Supervisors, by a vote of 5 yes, and 0 no, at their regular Board meeting on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of September 2004, passed a Resolution authorizing the County Administrator, Judy O. Hollifield, and the Assistant County Administrator, Sheryl D. Swinson, to represent the County of Cumberland in their special appropriation for the Court House water project fiscal year 2003.

Vote:	Mr. Osl - aye	Mr. White - aye
	Mr. Petty - aye	Mr. Womack - aye
	Mr. Heaton - aye	

b) Resolution in support of Bear Creek Lake State Park

Ms. Swinson asked the Board to consider adopting the following resolution and that it be forwarded to other counties for consideration and adoption.

On a motion by Mr. Womack and carried, the Board adopted the following resolution:

**ON REBENCHMARKING THE STAFFING AND OPERATIONAL AND MAINTENANCE  
FUNDING FOR VIRGINIA STATE PARKS**

**WHEREAS**, the Cumberland County Board of Supervisors commends Governor Warner and the Senate of Virginia and House of Delegates for working cooperatively with the Department of Conservation and Recreation in their support of Virginia's state park system; and

**WHEREAS**, Virginia's state parks were voted "America's best managed" in 2001 and became recipients of the National Gold Medal Award; and

**WHEREAS**, Virginia's state parks rank fiftieth in state funding among the fifty states in both per capita and proportion of the state budget dedicated to state parks; and

**WHEREAS**, our state parks system is a major component of Virginia's outdoor recreation and tourism offerings and contributes more than one hundred fifty million dollars annually to the state and local economies; and



Mr. White

Mr. White stated that he had obtained the final bids for the start of a quarterly newsletter to be sent to all Cumberland box holders. The school has received full accreditation. Mr. White received a letter from Will Rogers of Crossroads regarding the Crossroads building in Cumberland County. A decision has to be made as to whether to purchase the property, however, a decision will be made later.

Mr. Petty

Mr. Petty stated that in order for the Cumberland Rescue Squad building to be used for a polling place, it needs to meet minimum standards for lighting, parking and handicapped accessibility. Mr. Petty attended open house at the Health Center located in Arvon, Virginia. The monthly third district meeting will be held on September 15, 2004 from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. in the Old Clerk's Office.

Mr. Womack

Mr. Womack shared a report from Piedmont Regional Jail which shows that due to the jail's profits from retaining INS detainees, Cumberland County saved \$17,552.00 for the inmates that were housed in the jail for the month of July and stressed that expansion is required to alleviate the overcrowding issue in the jail.

Mr. Heaton

Mr. Heaton encouraged citizens to support Randolph Volunteer Fire Department. Mr. Heaton thanked Scott Toepfer, the Assistant Emergency Services Coordinator for helping to prepare emergency equipment in the recent threatening hurricanes. Mr. Heaton suggested that the County hire a Tourism Director and requested that this item be included on the October agenda.

#### **9. Public Comments**

One citizen spoke commending the Building Inspector for his time spent at the school on inspections.

#### **10. Closed Meeting**

The County Attorney explained the items to be discussed in closed session.

**On a motion by Mr. Petty and carried, the Board entered into closed meeting under VA Code Section 2.2-3711 A (7) potential litigation re: Cumberland Housing.**

The Board returned to regular session on a motion by Mr. Osl.

A motion was made by Mr. Osl and adopted by the following vote:

Vote:	Mr. Osl - aye	Mr. White - aye
	Mr. Petty - aye	Mr. Womack - aye

Mr. Heaton - absent

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.

No action was taken on item discussed in closed session.

**11. Additional Information**

Announcement of \$106,473 grant for the Randolph Fire Department and the July 2004 report from Piedmont Regional Jail.

**12. Adjourn**

The Chairman ordered the meeting recessed until Wednesday, September 15th, 2004, for a work shop with the School Board.

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Chairman

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County Administrator