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CUMBERLAND COUNTY FIRE CHIEFS' ASSOCIATION
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SPECIAL MEETING

March 9, 1999

The special meeting was held at the Vander Fire Department and called to order by President James E. Hall at 19:00 hours.

Vice President J.F. Hall gave the invocation.

The following Departments were represented: Eastover, Vander, Pearce Mills, Cotton, Cumberland Road, Lafayette Village, Westarea, Lake Rim, Bethany, Stoney Point, Wade, Godwin Falcon, Gray's Creek, Linden, Spring Lake, Stedman, Gray's Creek 24, Beaver Dam. Also in attendance were members of the Board of Directors from the various departments.

Hunter Smith, Board Member from the Vander Fire Department, stated that their department was apposed to any tax cuts in the fire tax, that there has not been an increase in the fire tax in more than 40 years and all departments have continued to improve and increase the services in which they provide to the citizens of their respective districts. He stated that his department submits their budget based on the previous year's expenditures; a decrease in revenues would not

only cause his department but, all departments to reduce services and ultimately the citizens of the fire districts to suffer.

Chief Jackie Lee stated that his department is already operating on a limited budget and any cuts would be devastating to his department and the community.

Chief Danny Matthews stated that he had contacted Amy Cannon, County Finance Director, she informed him that all departments could request, in writing, any remaining funds from their district at the end of each year. Departments that have not taken advantage of this can request and collect these funds for the past three years. He also stated that he spoke with Attorney Neil Yarborough, Mr. Yarborough felt that he could not get involved in this matter as it would be a conflict of interest.

Chief Mike Middleton stated that he and his Board of Directors were apposed to any decrease in the tax rate and could not afford the loss of revenue. Chief Middleton stated that his department has already lost a considerable amount of revenue due to recent annexations. The recent annexations have also put his station within the corporate limits of Fayetteville and he must construct a new station to maintain his ISO accreditation. He also stated that the rising costs of capital equipment, additional manpower requirements and other mandates has been absorbed by the fire departments with no increased cost to the citizens through an increase of the fire tax. He also made mention that many of the departments now provide EMS and other special services to benefit the citizens of the county with no additional cost to them.

Chief Bill Bullard stated that his department could not continue to provide the current services with the proposed revenues; he stated that he was going to submit his normal budget and encouraged all chiefs to do the same.

Mr. Fry, Board of Directors, from Lake Rim stated that his Board was apposed to the \$.01 decrease in taxes, that his department operates both fire and EMS with a paid staff and they could not continue to provide the same level of service to the community under the proposed rate. The decrease would result in a reduction of services to the community either in services provided or by the cutback of staff.

Chief Terry Reilly stated that all departments in the county have improved their equipment and training standards as well as the amount and quality of services provided to the citizens.

Chief Mark Barnes questioned the origin of these letters; were they sent by the County Manager under the direction of the County Commissioners, directly from the County Manager or from the Commissioners themselves. This could not be determined by anyone present, only that they were through the County Managers office.

Considerable time was spent discussing the savings that the fire departments provide to the county and citizens of the county through the contractual agreements and volunteers services as apposed to career firefighters as well as the savings to the citizens in the county in fire insurance through our ISO ratings.

After a lengthy discussion and the general consensus of all present, Chief John House made a motion that all departments submit their budget for the full \$.10. Motion was second by Chief Joe Marsh. Motion passed by show of hands. It was suggested that all departments submit letters to the County Manager and Commissioners stating their concerns regarding the tax cut.

Chief Larry Wilson stated that the County had recently contracted with Spring Lake to provide fire protection in the Manchester Fire District and no budget was required. The County provided information indicating the collected fire tax for the district which also equaled

the contract amount. If the county can do this for one agency, why not all agencies. Some discussion followed.

Chief Freddy Johnson stated that the recent request for the UHF radios being surplusd by the Sheriff's Department was denied by the County. He stated to the association that he was informed that the radio's had to be signed for by a County agency/department and could not be signed over to an outside agency . Our status with the county was questioned. Concerns were raised as to our status within the county, either we are a part of the county or we are not. It was felt that when convenient the county considered the fire departments as an entity of the county, in other situations we are not considered part of the county but rather a contracted service. If this is the case, departments should not be expected to submit itemized annual budgets but simply a bid to provide fire protection for their district. The general consensus was that if we are in fact a part of the county government, we should have representation.

Chief John House updated the association on his progress with the communications systems.

Chief Larry Wilson briefed the association on the recent Eastern Emergency Services Seminar held at the Fayetteville Technical Community College.

President Hall stated that quotes had been received for the air compressor system and that the system had been ordered through Safe Air Systems.

President Hall thanked everyone for their participation and encouraged all chiefs and board members to speak with the commissioners.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 19:45

Respectfully Submitted,

Larry A. Wilson
Secretary

Account Balances 4-26-99
As of 4/30/99

CHIEFS-All Accounts
4/25/99

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Acct	4/30/99 Balance
ASSETS	
Cash and Bank Accounts	
CCFCA CHECKING	82,065.92
CCFCA SAVINGS	3,161.57
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Total Cash and Bank Accounts	85,227.49
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TOTAL ASSETS	85,227.49
LIABILITIES	
	0.00
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TOTAL NET WORTH	85,227.49
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Account Summary 4-26-99
7/ 1/98 Through 4/30/99

CHIEFS-CCFCA CHECKING
4/25/99

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Category Description	7/ 1/98- 4/30/99
INCOME/EXPENSE	
INCOME	
*CUMBERLAND COUNTY 2% Interest Income	96,456.00 2,424.46
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TOTAL INCOME	98,880.46
EXPENSES	
*AIR UNIT MAINTENANCE	8,621.10
*ARSON TASK FORCE	15,638.44
*ASSO-OFF-SUPPLIES	44.00
*LEGAL&PROF FEES	775.00
*N.C. FORESTRY	4,858.00
*OSHA/HEP/PFT&TB-TINE ANALYSIS CHARGE	12,867.04 45.51
GENERAL FUND:	
*FIRE SAFETY TRAILER	2,751.95
*FLOWERS	74.20
*TRAILERS	209.25
GENERAL FUND - Other	2,902.83
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TOTAL GENERAL FUND	5,938.23
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TOTAL EXPENSES	48,787.32
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TOTAL INCOME/EXPENSE	50,093.14
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Date	Num	Description	Memo	Category	Clr	Amount
11/18/98		B.B.& T.	NEW CHECK BOO	GENERAL FUND		-98.65
11/18/98		B.B.& T.	NEW CHECK BOO	GENERAL FUND		-25.44
11/23/98		B.B.& T.	ANALYSIS SERV	GENERAL FUND		-15.12
11/24/98	0505	SPRINT	PHONE SERVICE	GENERAL FUND	X	-35.48
11/30/98	*****	B.B. & T. INTEREST	INTEREST 11-3	Interest		254.40
12/ 3/98	0506	SPRINT	PHONE SERVICE	GENERAL FUND	X	-738.44
12/ 3/98	0507	ARCH PAGING	ARSON PAGERS	ARSON	X	-62.41
12/ 4/98	*****	DEPOSIT	DR.'S URGENT	OSHA REQUIREMEN	X	101.71
12/17/98	0508	SPRINT	PHONE SERVICE	GENERAL FUND	X	-0.60
12/17/98	0509	HGR'S TRUCKS INC.	REPAIR TO SAF	GENERAL FUND:SA	X	-500.00
12/21/98		B.B.& T.	ANALYSIS SERV	GENERAL FUND		-26.54
12/30/98	0510	SPRINT	PHONE SERVICE	GENERAL FUND	X	-35.48
12/30/98	0511	DOCTOR'S URGENT CA	HEP"B" SHOTS	OSHA REQUIREMEN	X	-3,322.00
12/31/98	*****	B.B. & T. INTEREST	INTEREST 12-3	Interest		255.12
1/10/99	0512	SPRINT	PHONE SERVICE	GENERAL FUND	X	-788.33
1/10/99	0513	SPRINT	PHONE SERVICE	GENERAL FUND	X	-0.62
1/21/99		B.B.& T.	ANALYSIS SERV	GENERAL FUND		-15.09
1/22/99	0514	GATEWAY COMPUTERS	WADE COMPUTER	ARSON	X	-1,923.90
1/27/99	0515	SPRINT	PHONE SERVICE	GENERAL FUND	X	-35.48
1/29/99	*****	B.B. & T. INTEREST	INTEREST 1-29	Interest		246.82
2/11/99	0516	SPRINT	PHONE SERVICE	GENERAL FUND	X	-783.11
2/11/99	0517	SPRINT	PHONE SERVICE	GENERAL FUND	X	-0.62
2/11/99	0518	SAFE AIR SYSTEM, I	1999 AIR SVC.	CONTRACTS	X	-8,537.62
2/11/99	0519	CUMB. CO. HEALTH D	HEP "B" SHOTS	OSHA REQUIREMEN	X	-38.00
2/11/99	*****	DEPOSIT	BOONIE DOONE	GENERAL FUND	X	10,003.09
2/18/99	0520	S&D FLORIST	FLOWERS BOBBY	GENERAL FUND:FL	X	-74.20
2/22/99		B.B.& T.	ANALYSIS SERV	GENERAL FUND		-14.72
2/28/99	*****	B.B. & T. INTEREST	INTEREST 2-28	Interest		220.70
3/ 2/99	0521	SPRINT	PHONE SERVICE	GENERAL FUND	X	-786.65
3/ 2/99	0522	SPRINT	PHONE SERVICE	GENERAL FUND	X	-35.48
3/ 9/99	0523	SPRINT	PHONE SERVICE	GENERAL FUND	X	-0.62
3/ 9/99	0524	DOCTOR'S URGENT CA	HEP"B" SHOTS	OSHA REQUIREMEN	X	-5,535.75
3/18/99	0525	U.S. POST OFFICE	BOX 2592 RENT	ASSOC. SUPPLIES	X	-44.00
3/18/99	0526	HAIGH, BYRD & LAMB	7-1-97 THRU 6	L&P FEES	X	-775.00
3/18/99	0527	SPRINT	PHONE SERVICE	GENERAL FUND	X	-35.48
3/22/99		B.B.& T.	ANALYSIS SERV	B.B.& T.	X	-15.84
3/25/99	0528	SPRINT	PHONE SERVICE	GENERAL FUND	X	-0.11
3/31/99	0529	SAFE AIR SYSTEM, I	REPAIR UNIT #	CONTRACTS		-83.48
3/31/99	*****	B.B. & T. INTEREST	INTEREST 3-31	Interest		232.15
4/15/99	0530	SPRINT	PHONE SERVICE	GENERAL FUND		-786.41
4/15/99	0531	SPRINT	PHONE SERVICE	GENERAL FUND		-0.62
4/15/99	0532	SPRINT	PHONE SERVICE	GENERAL FUND		-35.48
4/15/99	0533	DOCTOR'S URGENT CA	HEP"B" SHOTS	OSHA REQUIREMEN		-1,567.00
4/22/99	0534	SPRINT	PHONE SERVICE	GENERAL FUND		-3.23
TOTAL 7/ 1/98 - 4/25/99						50,093.14
BALANCE 4/25/99						82,065.92
TOTAL INFLOWS						109,487.51