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7:00 p.m.
JSMS Broadcast Studio

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- 3) **New business.**
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 2. 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(H) Consultation with Code Enforcement Officer on pending enforcement matter – Code Enforcement Officer Jack Cooper
 - c) **School consolidation information update – Selectman Joe Bruno**
 - d) **Building Committee update – Committee Chair Mark Gendron**
- 4) **Old (unfinished) business.**
 - a) **none**
- 5) **Town Manager Report and Communications.**
- 6) **Fiscal Warrants – Payroll and Appropriation Warrants – September 4, 2007.**
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a) Conservation Commission presentation on Open Space – Raymond Conservation Commission Co-Chair John Rand

John Rand will provide the Board of Selectmen with a presentation running approximately 25 minutes on the recent Conservation Commission project creating an Open Space Management Plan. After the presentation to the Selectmen, the Conservation Commission hopes to hold workshop meetings with Raymond citizens to gather public opinion on what areas of town are most important for conservation, acquisition and management, and what the general priorities are for protecting conservation values in town. For instance, should the town focus on trail acquisition and management, water quality, working forests, habitat preservation, etc. The Raymond Conservation Commission is hoping to build support for this project, and the upcoming steps will be outlined during the presentation, before seeking any additional public comment.

b) Executive Session – Discussion of confidential records pursuant to :

1. 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(C) Acquisition of real property – Code Enforcement Officer Jack Cooper

Discussion of possible execution of judgment lien to satisfy conditions imposed for clean up under the town's storage lot/automobile storage lot sections of the land use Ordinance. In the alternative, said judgment lien on Map 15, Lot 92 may be released by the Board of Selectmen if compliance with the aforementioned ordinance has now been attained.

2. 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(H) Consultation with Code Enforcement Officer on pending enforcement matter – Code Enforcement Officer Jack Cooper

Code Enforcement Officer Jack Cooper will update the Board of Selectmen on a situation related to Ball Drive.

c) School consolidation information update – Selectman Joe Bruno

Selectman Joe Bruno will speak on the recent events of the school consolidation efforts by the Town of Raymond and surrounding towns.

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d) Building Committee update – Committee Chair Mark Gendron

Committee Chair Mark Gendron will provide the Board of Selectmen with an update from the recent Building Committee meeting of August 23, 2007.

4) Old (unfinished) business.

a) none

5) Town Manager Report and Communications.

6) Fiscal Warrants – Payroll and Appropriation Warrants – September 4, 2007.

7) Adjournment.

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The County of Cumberland is committed to providing quality services to all citizens equitably, in a responsive and caring manner.

COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

MINUTES

July 23, 2007

The Board of Cumberland County Commissioners, Esther B. Clenott, Richard J. Feeney and Malory Shaughnessy convened a meeting at the Cumberland County Courthouse in the Peter J. Feeney Conference room.

Chairman Feeney called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM and the following business was conducted.

Minutes of the Cumberland County Regular Meeting of June 25, 2007 were read and approved unanimously.

Comments from the County Manager:

Peter Crichton, County Manager, reported on 2 topics: 1) He and Commissioner Shaughnessy had the opportunity to attend the 2007 National Association of Counties Conference (NACo) in Richmond, Virginia recently. He feels it is very important to learn what other counties are doing in the country. He was able to bring back important information that will be helpful to our county government and to our organization and all of our communities. There were very informative workshops and in particular, the Mobile workshop to the Henrico County Regional Jail in Virginia. It was very interesting and he spoke with Sheriff Dion about their Peer to Peer Program for their inmates. This program is a 30 week program which consists of a men's group and a women's group working together to learn how to contribute to society and not return to jail. Hopefully, we can find ways to affect the recidivism rate at our jail. 2) Another interesting program was with administrators from around the country. In particular, there was a jail administrator from Hillsboro County, Florida who talked about how they are working with Dade County and not having as many inmates going back into the jail. They have a very aggressive work release program and they are also doing GPS and electric monitoring programs. They are working with the courts, sheriff's office, DA's office, and the stakeholders who are working on the Criminal Justice Advisory Board collaboratively to find ways to reduce the cost of the jail and find more effective ways of working with people. The opportunities that we have to try and work with our communities in terms of what we are doing here and try and develop a Criminal Justice Advisory Board would be very beneficial to the county.

Comments from the Commissioners:

Commissioner Shaughnessy:

Commissioner Shaughnessy reported on two topics: 1) She felt it was very beneficial to attend the NACo conference in Richmond to be able to meet with people around the country and talk about ways they are saving money for the taxpayers and providing services that are needed with new and innovative ways. She attended several workshops on jail diversion issues as well and it seems to be an issue that is generating a lot of interest and attention across the country because the county jails and prisons are full. A Criminal Justice Advisory Board is key in addressing issues that will help offenders get back into society and be active members. She also attended several workshops on public health in ways counties work within the public health system and provide those services. Here in Maine, we are in the process of setting up and working with the State to create a public health sub-state structure. The conference was well worth the time on a number of levels to attend. 2) She attended an event and press conference in Westbrook recently regarding the Presumpscot River which winds its way through Cumberland County. This river is known as one of the most heavily dammed rivers per mile in the United States. Sappi Fine Paper North America signed a settlement with the America Rivers Company, the Friends of Presumpscot River, the Department of Marine Resources and the United States Fish and Wildlife Services to make a significant change to that river. They will also be taking out the mill at the Cumberland Mill Dam and will be putting in fish lifts.

Commissioner Clenott:

Commissioner Clenott reported on two topics: 1) She called (CAAC) Criminal Alternatives Advisory Committee to get a progress report on county jails and there seems to be lots going on behind the scenes. 2) She has also been busy with the preparation of the children's sports teams from Portland flying to Shinagawa. They will be there for 10 days home-staying with Japanese families and then the children from Shinagawa fly to Portland and play baseball at Hadlock Field and soccer at Fitzpatrick Stadium. If you want further information about the events, you may contact her directly.

Chairman Feeney:

Chairman Feeney reported he will yield his time to the agenda items.

Informational Item

Chairman Feeney asked if there were any comments from the public. Hearing none, we moved on to the Action Items.

Action Items:

**07 – 076 Approval, Cumberland County Finance Office – Request to go to RFP
for Risk Management Services**

Chairman Feeney asked the County Manager for comments.

The County Manager reported typically when we have an agreement with an entity for a long period of time we check other options to give us a better alternative. We have not done this with the Risk Management services because all 16 counties belong to the risk pool which is part of the Maine County Commissioners Association. There have been two insurance vendors that have approached the county, therefore it was deemed appropriate to send out for RFP's. The County Manager asked the Finance Director Vic Labrecque to present the item and concurs with the recommendation.

Mr. Labrecque reported the county has been involved with the Maine County Commissioners (MCCA) Risk Pool to provide liability, property and casualty insurance since 1989. The risk pool began because counties could not purchase insurance coverage on the retail market at that time. We have recently been approached by two retail insurance vendors about the possibility of bidding to provide property, liability and casualty insurance for the county. The P&C market has been very slow in Maine; consequently companies are now eager to seek our government policies. It is requested for permission from the County Commissioners to acquire all financial and statistical claims data from the MCCA, and use this information to seek quotes from insurance companies through an RFP process. This process will validate that the current premium costs paid by the county are reasonable for the coverage provided. If savings can be identified, then the County Manager will discuss with the County Commissioners what action to take before proceeding any further. A discussion followed.

Commissioner Shaughnessy made a Motion that the Commissioners request the county to go RFP for Risk Management services to acquire all financial and statistical claims data from the MCCA to use this information to seek the quotes from insurance companies through this process and if any savings can be identified the County Manager will discuss with the County Commissioners what action before taking any further. Commissioner Clenott seconded the Motion. All voted yes.

**07 – 077 Approval, Cumberland County Civic Center Venture
with Janet Smith**

Chairman Feeney asked the County Manager for comments.

The County Manager asked for two separate Motions. He indicated recently the Portland Pirates, the City of Portland, the Civic Center Board of Trustees and Cumberland County started discussing a joint project with Janet Marie Smith, Vice-President of Planning and Design for Struever Bros. Eccles & Rouse, who has played an instrumental role in the redesign of Fenway Park. The parties involved are together paying a total of \$175,000 to Ms. Smith to do the

following as described by Ms. Smith in her June 19, 2007, letter to Portland Pirates CEO Brian Petrovek:

- The structural engineer will perform an initial analysis of the building. This investigation will include both interior and exterior spaces, focusing on the concrete seating bowl and apparent deficiencies in the structure and/or the roof. (\$50,000)
- The architects will advance initial concepts (present to the Trustees in October, 2007) for expanding the concessions and restaurants and concourses, increasing capacity and addressing ADA compliance (\$70,000)
- SBER will direct the design and planning in these initial stages and will provide initial "order of magnitude" cost estimates for the ideas presented. (\$45,000)

As the County Manager understands it, if this first phase shows that renovation is possible the next step is to see if the parties would like to expend additional funds to continue working with Ms. Smith on a design and planning process for the future rehabilitation of the Civic Center. Cumberland County Government has been asked to contribute \$44,000 toward the total amount of \$175,000. He suggested that the Board vote on this appropriation request in two separate motions. Based on our tight financial constraints, he is only able to recommend the amount of \$25,000 and not the additional \$19,000. The following are the Motions requested: Motion One: Approve \$25,000 for the Civic Center Project to be allocated from the general fund balance and Motion Two: Approve an additional amount of \$19,000 for the Civic Center Project to be allocated from the general fund balance. A discussion followed.

Commissioner Shaughnessy made a Motion that the Commissioners will combine both Motions in the amount of \$44,000. Commissioner Clenott seconded the Motion. All voted unanimously.

07 – 078 Approval, Cumberland County FY08 Human Services Funding

Chairman Feeney asked the County Manager for comments.

The County Manager reported there has been discussion for some time about Human Services funding and it goes back several years in terms of the criteria that the county has been utilizing to fund organizations that are involved in the delivery of human services. Although the funding has remained fairly consistent at plus or minus \$300,000 each year, the level of funding as a percentage of the county's annual budget has gone from over 4% to less than 1%. It has been a controversial topic at times with advocates suggesting that the county should be doing more, while others have suggested that we should not be involved in human services whatsoever. As a consequence of all this, during the past several years there has been an ongoing discussion about the criteria for funding of human service agencies. Last year, with the County facing yet another difficult budget, there was a heightened awareness toward this issue and the importance of having the funding reflect the goals, objectives and mission of Cumberland County Government. In the end, our FY07 budget deliberations resulted in no change in the funding criteria, but the Budget Advisory Committee did recommend and the Commissioners approved a reduction of 8% in overall funding from \$312,000 down to \$287,000.

The County Manager is recommending: Establishment of Program Priorities and Criteria -- With last year's budget deliberations setting the stage for a serious discussion on human services funding, this has motivated a series of meetings involving over a dozen human service agencies. Based on this dialogue and the input received from agency representatives, he is recommending the Board of Commissioners approve the following program priorities and funding criteria as presented.

Recommendation One - Program Priorities

- Programs that are linked to services having to do with mental health, substance abuse, and domestic violence
- Programs that provide a regional benefit and impact
- Programs that help to reduce the current recidivism rate of the jail
- Programs that provide a critical safety net for people with either food or shelter

Selection Criteria for Funding

Selection criteria will be based upon the above mentioned priorities

- Mental health, substance abuse and/or domestic violence services
- Regional Impact of the service or activity
- Readiness and ability to reduce the recidivism rate of the jail
- Critical food and housing need

Recommendation Two – Human Services Funding in FY08

Due to the extreme financial condition we are in – as a direct result of the increased utilization of the jail and the minimal state funding we receive (currently 5% of the jail's annual costs) – my recommendation is that funding for human services in FY08 be reduced by \$100,000 down to \$187,000. He is not recommending this lightly. We simply cannot continue doing business as usual. On our present fiscal course, our fund balance is decaying day by day to an unacceptable level which could be well below the minimum 8% recommended by bond agencies at the end of the year. We cannot sustain this situation indefinitely without some terrible outcomes. For example, last year we were not able to fund the employee merit pay program as well as other important needs. He is recommending that the Commissioners vote to support the concept of reducing the human services funding for FY08 by \$100,000 and reserve their right to uphold that vote or change it when they approve the budget in December. He suggested that the Commissioners need to take this decisive action in order to ensure that we are moving in the right direction financially. From the County Manager's perspective the highest priority must be maintaining the financial integrity of our organization. Equally important is to continue our efforts to have the governor, legislators, municipal officials, business leaders and citizens understand the fiscal challenges we are facing and the opportunity we represent to reduce total government spending by providing for more cost efficient, effective delivery of regional services like dispatch because of our economics of scale and the use of new technology. A discussion followed.

Commissioner Shaughnessy made a Motion that the Commissioners establish a program of priorities and criteria for Human Service funding based on these program priorities and selection criteria adding in on the first bullet on both "*including prevention services and programs*". Commissioner Clenott seconded the Motion. All voted unanimously.

07 – 079 Approval, Cumberland County Sheriff's Office Commissions

Commissioner Clenott made a Motion that the Commissioner approve of the appointment of Robert Merritt, Patrol Officer in Cape Elizabeth and renew the following commissions: Linda Baker, South Portland; Mark Carlton, South Portland; Jeffrey Cogswell, South Portland; William Deetjen, MDEA; Dean Perry, Yarmouth, and Edward Sawyer of South Portland. Commissioner Shaughnessy seconded the Motion. All voted unanimously.

07 – 080 Approval, Ratification of Teamsters Bargaining Unit Supervisors

The County Manager reported this is a new unit that has been created for supervisors. Both the management negotiations team which consisted of Pat Dunn, County Attorney, Wanda Pettersen, HR Director, Vic Labrecque, Finance Director, Fran Breton, Jail Administrator and the Union negotiations team which consisted of Carl Guignard, Business Agent/Teamsters and Scott Jordan as well as others have worked hard to understand each other. The County Manager asked Pat Dunn to present the item and concurs with the recommendation.

Ms. Dunn reported this is a proposed agreement between Cumberland County and the Teamsters Union Local #340 for the Corrections Supervisors Unit in the jail. The language is new and the major points are that this unit has the Lieutenants at the jail, the administrator officer and food service manager with (7 positions) in this bargaining unit. They have agreed to a two year agreement. The major issue was in terms of the wages and we developed a wage scale that brought the unit in line by balancing positions. The financial package for the 1st year is 3% and for the 2nd year is 2.5% package. A discussion followed.

Commissioner Clenott made a Motion to approve the Ratification of the Teamsters Bargaining Unit Supervisors Contract. Commissioner Shaughnessy seconded the Motion. All voted unanimously.

07 – 081 Approval, Cumberland County Emergency Management Agency to Enter Into Agreement known as the Presumpscot Valley Inter-Local Hazardous Materials with Gorham, Scarborough, Standish, Westbrook and Windham

The County Manager reported this has been in the works for a few years and is a milestone in the relationship between the County and these municipalities. There has been a lot of work and collaboration under the direction of George Flaherty, Director of Emergency Management Agency and with the assistance of Pat Dunn, County Attorney. He concurs with the recommendation.

Mr. Flaherty reported this is a good example of hard working people coming together. There is nothing like this in the State of Maine and only a few in the country. Since the mid-1980's, Cumberland County has worked with several municipal fire departments to develop a regional response capability for haz-mat events. Since 2001, Cumberland County and the municipal fire department have also worked together to develop a response capability for weapons of mass destruction events. Over time this group has become known as the Presumpscot Valley Haz-Mat team and is composed of the municipalities of Gorham, Scarborough, Standish, Westbrook, Windham and the County. The PVHMT has had difficulty in collecting clean up costs from spillers because it is not a legal entity. By entering into an inter-local agreement and then establishing a non-profit corporation, the PVHMT will be a legal entity that can collect funds and own equipment. On December 12, 2005, the County accepted a grant from the State of Maine's homeland security grant funds in the amount of \$275,000 toward the purchase of a response vehicle for the PVHMT. Additionally, the County contributed the sum of \$50,000 from its CIP toward the purchase of this vehicle. The vehicle was delivered in November, 2006. It is now in service and being housed by the Gorham Fire Department. The cost of establishing the non-profit corporation provided for in the agreement and filing the appropriate paperwork with the Maine Secretary of State, is not expected to exceed \$250.00. A discussion followed.

Commissioner Shaughnessy made a Motion that the Commissioners authorize the County to enter into the Presumpscot Valley Inter-Local Hazardous Materials Agreement. Commissioner Clenott seconded the Motion. All voted unanimously.

**07 – 082 Approval, Cumberland County Emergency Management Agency
Requests Acceptance of a Homeland Security Grant from the
State of Maine in the amount of \$35,000**

Chairman Feeney asked Director Flaherty to present the item. The County Manager concurs with the recommendation.

Director Flaherty reported the Maine Emergency management Agency allocated a portion of the State of Maine FY 2005 Homeland Security Grant Funding to provide temporary employment of planning assistance for Cumberland and York County Emergency Management Agencies. The Counties EMA Directors and their respective agencies will handle all personnel decisions on the management of the planning staff. The goal of this initiative is to provide planning assistance to each of the two counties. Funding is on a reimbursement basis only. There is no financial impact to the County.

Commissioner Clenott made a Motion that the Commissioners accept the \$35,000 Homeland Security Grant for the purpose of providing planning assistance to each, Cumberland and York Counties. Commissioner Shaughnessy seconded the Motion. All voted unanimously.

**07 – 083 Approval, Cumberland County Emergency Management Agency
Request Acceptance of a Homeland Security Grant from the
State of Maine in the Amount of \$15,400**

Chairman Feeney asked Director Flaherty to present the item. The County Manager concurs with the recommendation.

Mr. Flaherty reported the Maine Emergency Management Agency allocated a portion of the State of Maine FY2005 Homeland Security Grant funding to provide each of the 16 County Emergency Management Agencies with equipment and eligible materials to meet the State of Maine Homeland Security Program requirement and capabilities. Each of the 16 County Emergency Management Agencies submitted a written request to the State Director for this review and approval. The approved items submitted to the State by the County of Cumberland: 6 desk top computers for our EOC (Emergency Operations Center), two display boards, relocate audio-visual equipment. The amount authorized is \$15,400. There is no financial impact to the County.

Commissioner Shaughnessy made a Motion that the Commissioners authorize the acceptance of this grant for the purpose of the authorized equipment and services listed within this in the amount of \$15,400. Commissioner Clenott seconded the Motion. All Voted unanimously.

Chairman Feeney asked Director George Flaherty, who is retiring, to join him at the podium and presented him with a captain's clock for his dedicated years of service to Cumberland County Government. He expressed his gratitude. The Chairman asked for a brief recess to honor Director Flaherty. After a brief recess the meeting resumed.

**07 – 084 Approval, Nomination for Midcoast Regional Redevelopment
Authority (MRRA) Board of Trustees**

Chairman Feeney asked the County Manager for comments.

The County Manager reported that recently he received a letter on behalf of the County from Lance Boucher, Policy Advisor to Governor Baldacci regarding the efforts surrounding the Brunswick Naval Air Station. There has been a lot of activity over the last several months with the Brunswick Local Redevelopment Authority as well as the Governors Advisory Council on Brunswick Naval Station. This is a continuing effort to try and work together as collaboratively as we can as a region and communities to make sure we are taking every step possible to ensure that the loss of the Brunswick Naval Air Station is something that we are able to recover from and that we are moving forward and taking all of the aggressive action necessary to revitalize it in a way that will be beneficial to the region. The Governor is seeking nominations from Cumberland County for one individual to serve on the Midcoast Regional Redevelopment Authority Board of Trustee. Commissioner Shaughnessy clarified this request and it is her understanding that out of the 11 affected communities, Cumberland County being one of those 11, each is being invited to submit any number of nominees. The Governor will select 7 of the 11 and there may not be someone representing Cumberland County specifically. There also will be one state commissioner and 3 state wide members of his choice. The Trustees will serve a four

year term. Commissioner Clenott has the name of an individual Michael Bourret, whom she has known since 1997 when the Workforce Investment Act was passed. He is the Executive Director of the Coastal Counties Workforce, Inc and will bring a wealth of experience and knowledge to the Board. He also helped to establish the Brunswick Naval Base Transition Center, a mini Career-Center housed on the base for easy access for the BNAS civilian workers. He has been working with both the military and the Brunswick community, individuals, family members, and businesses to prepare for when the base actually closes to see what kind of economic development the community needs. She has spoken with the other counties, York, Sagadahoc, Lincoln, Knox and Waldo that are active on the CCWI Board about the importance of a position on this board and the importance that it has for Cumberland County in general and certainly the Brunswick area specifically. The CCWI Board of the six counties are supporting Mike Bourret. Mr. Bourret lives in Brunswick. Chairman Feeney also mentioned for the record there is another applicant who is interested in serving on the Board. His name is Alfred Austin of Brunswick, who has 30 years experience in real estate, who served as Cumberland County Commissioner, and spent two years on the Brunswick Naval Air Station Task Force (BRAC) in trying to develop it as one of the best models in the country. We have two candidates. A discussion followed.

Commissioner Clenott made a Motion that the Commissioners endorse Michael Bourret, Executive Director of the Coastal Counties Workforce, Inc as a member to the Midcoast Regional Redevelopment Authority Board of Trustees. Commissioner Shaughnessy seconded the Motion. All voted unanimously.

**07 – 085 Approval, Request to Use SCAAP Funds to Purchase 172
Replacement Mattresses**

Chairman Feeney asked the County Manager for comments.

The County Manager reported he had a meeting with Sheriff Dion to discuss this staff report and it was discovered the math on the 172 mattresses at \$105 each should be \$18,060 not \$22,000 and then if you add in the \$3,000 (shipping costs) it is \$21,060. The Finance Director Vic Labrecque reported there is \$9,000 in Capital Reserve for mattresses. So in talking with the Sheriff, the County Manager is supportive of doing this but the math needs to be corrected. Therefore, take the \$9,000 and subtract it from \$21,060 which will be \$12,060 and you can use the remainder of the money for other purposes. He asked Genie Beaulieu, Fiscal Officer for the Sheriff, for comments. She is fine with the new match and added we should spend no more than \$13,000 for mattresses. The mattresses are very heavy and until they order the mattresses they do not know how much the shipping charges will be and need money left over for the shipping charges. She is therefore requesting to purchase 172 mattresses, \$9,000 being taken from the Capital Improvement Plan budget and up to \$13,000 from the SCAAP funds.

Commissioner Clenott made a Motion that Commissioners approve an expenditure of 172 mattresses, \$9,000 being taken from the Capital Improvement Plan money budget and up to \$13,000 from the SCAAP funds. Commissioner Shaughnessy seconded the Motion. All voted unanimously.

Chairman Feeney asked the County Manager for comments.

The County Manager spoke with the Sheriff on this item and it has his support. He indicated the uniform change has been initiated from the employees in the Cumberland County Sheriff's Office. It is a good idea that will help reduce the cost of uniforms. He asked Chief Deputy Kevin Joyce to present the item.

Chief Joyce reported there have been several requests made by the Patrol and the Corrections Division asking to change to a more comfortable and durable uniform, which may appear to be expensive in the short term, but will mean an overall savings in the purchase of uniforms over the long term. The current uniform has become expensive and the uniform pants tend to damage very easily, due to the material used in making them. For instance, the current uniform pant can easily be destroyed when walking or chasing a suspect through the woods. Branches, thickets and other sharp objects can easily pull the material on the pants thus resulting in the pants being destroyed. For the Corrections Division, a struggle on the cement floor or catching the material on a rough piece of meter or wood can also destroy the current uniform without much effort. Moreover, it is expected that the current style of pants will be unavailable after next year, leaving them to have to change the style eventually. The current uniform requires metal badges, collar brass and name tags which are expensive to purchase and in some cases, such as in the jail, provide an object that can be used as a weapon by an inmate. After doing some research, the Corrections Divisions has decided that a dark brown BDU (Battle Dress Uniform) would be appropriate. The BDU is made of lighter-weight material, cheaper per unit to purchase and all of the current pins and badges will be replaced by embroidered badges. The class B uniform will be for public appearances, funerals, award ceremonies and other special events as determined by the Sheriff or his/her designee. The cost for changing the 150 Corrections Division will be \$33,795 and will impact the Uniforms Account #106-6908-07, which has a balance of \$48,916. The cost for changing the uniform for 49 deputies will cost \$8,809 and will impact the Uniforms Account #106-6908-06, which has a balance of \$18,595. This can be accomplished within budget and there still will be funds in the accounts. A discussion followed.

Commissioner Clenott made a Motion that the Commissioners approve of the decision to change uniforms for the respective divisions and the cost for changing 150 Corrections Division will be \$33,795 and will impact the Uniforms Account #106-6908-07, which has a balance of \$48,916. The cost for changing the uniform for 49 deputies will cost \$8,809 and will impact the Uniforms Account #106-6908-06, which has a balance of \$18,595. Therefore, it will be easy to accomplish this using the 2007 budget. Commissioner Shaughnessy seconded the Motion. All voted unanimously.

07 – 087 Approval, To Place A Referendum Question Before the Voters of Cumberland County this November 2007 to Redistrict the Board of Commissioners

Chairman Feeney asked the County Manager for comments.

The County Manager reported the idea of having more county commissioners has been discussed for years. It was mentioned in the 2001 Strategic Plan as one of the recommendations and more recently increased interest in having greater representation on the Board of Commissioners has been discussed. As a result of this, legislation created a commission with 27 appointees and Bill Whitten Assistant County Manager staffed the commission. There was very good participation from the communities, we had 18 to 20 people attend on a regular basis. Representative Chris Barstow was the chairman of it. They have put forth two recommendations, one for 5 commissioners and the other for 7 commissioners. The way the legislation was written and passed by the legislature, the Commissioners after receiving the input they feel they need from the citizens will vote whether to put before the voters 5 commissioners or 7 commissioners. The citizens do not choose between 5 or 7, the ballot in November will read only one number. If the voters in November decide they do not want more commissioners, the 3 commissioners we presently have will remain. If it does pass in 2008 they will be elected. Bill Whitten has been working with the Secretary of State on this item. Commissioner Shaughnessy indicated the Commissioners have had several meetings all over the county discussing redistricting and have received a great deal of feedback from the citizens. The Commissioners felt they were ready to make a decision on the number that will go before the voters. A discussion followed.

Commissioner Clenott made a Motion to put out for referendum to increase the number of Commissioners to 5. Chairman Feeney seconded the Motion for the point of discussion. Commissioner Shaughnessy voted no. Chairman Feeney voted no. Commissioner Clenott voted yes.

Commissioner Shaughnessy made a Motion to place our referendum question before the voters of Cumberland County in November 2007 to 7. Chairman Feeney seconded the Motion. Commissioner Shaughnessy voted yes. Chairman Feeney voted yes. Commissioner Clenott voted no.

There being no further business Commissioner Clenott made a Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 PM. Commissioner Shaughnessy seconded the Motion. All voted unanimously.

ATTEST:


Barbara M. Buckley
Deputy Clerk

The next regular Commissioners meeting will be held at 6:00 PM on Monday, August 13, 2007, in the Peter J. Feeney Conference Room, 1st floor Annex, at the Cumberland County Courthouse.