

CUMBERLAND COUNTY SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
12/21/2023
7:00 PM

After Chairman Holkenbrink called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag was recited.

ROLL CALL:

	PRESENT	ABSENT		PRESENT	ABSENT
BEARD	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	LAYTON	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
BLADE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	KAYE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
HEUERMAN	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	HOLKENBRINK	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

A Motion was made by Layton and seconded by Heuerman to approve the agenda.

	Aye	Pass	Abstain	Nay		Aye	Pass	Abstain	Nay
BEARD	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	LAYTON	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
BLADE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	KAYE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
HEUERMAN	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	HOLKENBRINK	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Motion Carried				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Motion Lost				<input type="checkbox"/>

Holkenbrink stated that the tax levy for the Special Service Areas was not passed at the Regular Board meeting; that is why this special mtg was called.

Heuerman wanted to explain that he misunderstood the vote at the last meeting. He does want the levy to pass.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Bob Sponsel-was disappointed in representation, attitudes and comments made from the board at the last meeting.

Bob Swearingen said that Heuerman's meeting the previous night was good

Billie Chambers wanted to comment about the dog mess mentioned at the last meeting. The dog was a service dog and the owner had permission from the Village to keep the dog in the bay. The dog is no longer staying at the bay.

Tania Craig stated that the owner cleaned up the mess immediately

Jonathan Kaye read a parable from the Bible to summarize (You can't get new results with old mindsets)

GUEST: None

FLOYD HOLKENBRINK:

DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON THE SPECIAL SERVICE AREA LEVIES

Heuerman met with the Toledo, Greenup and Neoga fire chiefs and coordinators and had a great talk. He is concerned that Springpoint does not pay an ambulance tax and feels that all should. He will be speaking to the Toledo Fire District board. His plan "A" would be to have a County wide special service area at \$.40. This could raise approx. \$907,495.00 that would help with each ambulance's operational costs. He would also like to work with the state legislature to change the SSA law so the County doesn't have complete oversight. This levy we are voting on will be collected in 2024.

Beard stated that he represents the western district and why change what is working there. Heuerman stated that volunteers are leaving and now you have full time employees, we need to get with the program. Neoga will be in the same situation when their present help retires. He wants everyone in the County that call an ambulance to get a timely response.

Beard stated that if Effingham picks up in Springpoint they are charged an out of district rate. Kaye stated that Greenup and Neoga have interstates. The Central has different needs. It could get by with BLS-EMR service and if ALS is needed call Neoga or Greenup. They are just competing with each other for ALS workers. We need to vote on the Central district. He stated that the County board is not going by the Roberts Rule of Order for parliamentary procedure. All of the discussion should be done in committees.

Beard stated that it comes down to how they have run the last 40 years. He is disappointed that we didn't vote for the levy at the previous rate at the last meeting.

Kaye stated that we need to combine all 3 ambulance services somehow. He would vote for continuing current rate. His central district voters need to get to vote.

Heuerman said that Kaye's question is binding. Kaye wants to eliminate area 3.

Bob Sponsel, special service area commission, stated his concerns.

Mike Black, special service area commission, stated his concerns and states that we need .40 across the 3 areas.

Beard has not heard one comment about Neoga ambulance struggling.

Heuerman is reading the writing on the wall and wants an ambulance service for all in the future.

Layton asked who on the board has health care experience. Abbott contracted with Sarah Bush for transports; when they call there is no one on duty. Baker from Neoga runs the ambulance and he will not be able to do it forever. The next generation will want more money. We need .40. SSA commission makes the recommendations and the board votes it down because there is an agenda against the ambulance.

A Motion was made by **Beard** and seconded by **Kaye** to approve the Levy for Special Service Area 1 at the same rate as last year.

	Aye	Pass	Abstain	Nay		Aye	Pass	Abstain	Nay
BLADE	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	KAYE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
HEUERMAN	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	BEARD	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
LAYTON	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	HOLKENBRINK	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Motion Carried				<input type="checkbox"/>	Motion Lost				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

A Motion was made by **Layton** and seconded by **Heuerman** to approve the Levy for Special Service Area 1 in the amount of \$1870.00

	Aye	Pass	Abstain	Nay		Aye	Pass	Abstain	Nay
BLADE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	KAYE	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
HEUERMAN	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	BEARD	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
LAYTON	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	HOLKENBRINK	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Motion Carried				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Motion Lost				<input type="checkbox"/>

A Motion was made by **Layton** and seconded by **Blade** to approve the Levy for Special Service Area 2 in the amount of \$33,042.00.

	Aye	Pass	Abstain	Nay		Aye	Pass	Abstain	Nay
HEUERMAN	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	BEARD	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
LAYTON	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	BLADE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
KAYE	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	HOLKENBRINK	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Motion Carried				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Motion Lost				<input type="checkbox"/>

A Motion was made by Heuerman and seconded by Layton to approve the Levy for Special Service Area 3 in the amount of \$98,585.00.

	Aye	Pass	Abstain	Nay		Aye	Pass	Abstain	Nay
LAYTON	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	BLADE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
KAYE	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	HEUERMAN	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
BEARD	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	HOLKENBRINK	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Motion Carried				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Motion Lost				<input type="checkbox"/>

DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON RESOLUTION PLACING A QUESTION ON THE BALLOT CONCERNING THE SPECIAL SERVICE AREAS

Beard asked about the special service areas being able to vote. Clerk Howard stated that the voting system is not set up for areas 1 and 2. Area 3 was set up when the max rate was increased.

Heuerman says Kaye's question is binding and Kaye stated that he wants it to be.

Beard stated that Neoga Fire creation was on the ballot and Greenup Fire was on the ballot. When the SSA was created it was by the board not by ballot. Clerk Howard stated that the Statute dictates how it is done.

Howard stated that there can be one question for all 3 areas to be voted by Cottonwood, Sumpter and Woodbury.

Beard doesn't want to see it eliminated; he would just like the Toledo Fire to take it over.

Blade doesn't want it dissolved.

Kaye would like to see a vote on dissolving but there was no second.

A Motion was made by Kaye and seconded by Beard to approve the resolution putting an advisory question for areas 1,2 & 3 asking if the ambulance should be in the fire departments control or the county boards.

	Aye	Pass	Abstain	Nay		Aye	Pass	Abstain	Nay
KAYE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	HEUERMAN	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
BEARD	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	LAYTON	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
BLADE	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	HOLKENBRINK	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Motion Carried				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Motion Lost				<input type="checkbox"/>

BEVERLY HOWARD:

JENNY MAYNARD:

RICHARD MURRAY:

SHERI DROTOR: _____

RHONDA WILSON: _____

MCKENZI EASTON: _____

STEVE MAROON: _____

BRYAN ROBBINS: _____

JONATHAN BRADEN: _____

STEVE SHERWOOD: _____

JOE VOGT: _____

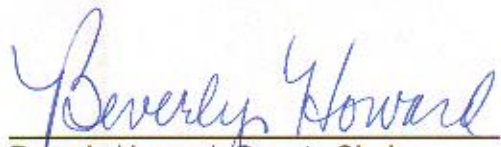
MIKELA MARTIN: _____

MARK HOWARD: _____

MIKE BLACK _____

A Motion was made by Layton and seconded by Blade to adjourn the meeting at 8:26 pm.

	Aye	Pass	Abstain	Nay		Aye	Pass	Abstain	Nay
BEARD	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	LAYTON	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
BLADE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	KAYE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Beverly Howard, County Clerk


Floyd Holkenbrink, Board Chairman