

CUMBERLAND COUNTY BOARD MEETING

9/8/2026

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.

PRAYER-Janet Blade

ROLL CALL:

	PRESENT	ABSENT		PRESENT	ABSENT
BLADE	☒	☐	WENTE	☒	☐
CROFT	☒	☐	LAYTON	☒	☐
BRANDENBURG	☒	☐	HOLKENBRINK	☒	☐

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

	Aye	Pass	Abstain	Nay		Aye	Pass	Abstain	Nay
BLADE	☒	☐	☐	☐	WENTE	☒	☐	☐	☐
CROFT	☒	☐	☐	☐	LAYTON	☒	☐	☐	☐
BRANDENBURG	☒	☐	☐	☐	HOLKENBRINK	☒	☐	☐	☐
Motion Carried				☒	Motion Lost				☐

A Motion was made by Layton and seconded by Brandenburg to approve the minutes of the Regular board meeting held on August 11, 2026.

	Aye	Pass	Abstain	Nay		Aye	Pass	Abstain	Nay
CROFT	☒	☐	☐	☐	LAYTON	☒	☐	☐	☐
BRANDENBURG	☒	☐	☐	☐	BLADE	☒	☐	☐	☐
WENTE	☒	☐	☐	☐	HOLKENBRINK	☒	☐	☐	☐
Motion Carried				☒	Motion Lost				☐

A Motion was made by Blade and seconded by Croft to approve the minutes of the Special Board meeting held on August 27, 2026.

	Aye	Pass	Abstain	Nay		Aye	Pass	Abstain	Nay
BRANDENBURG	☒	☐	☐	☐	BLADE	☒	☐	☐	☐
WENTE	☒	☐	☐	☐	CROFT	☒	☐	☐	☐
LAYTON	☒	☐	☐	☐	HOLKENBRINK	☒	☐	☐	☐
Motion Carried				☒	Motion Lost				☐

PUBLIC COMMENT: Sam Cusano and Sean Pluta from RWE Solar informed the board that Emily Solar, formerly County Run Solar, became operational in May of 2026. They are wanting to change the battery storage to a new entity, McDuff Battery Storage Project, this will cause a new RUA and Decommissioning plan. They have reached out to counsel Keyt.

GUEST: Sara Ruholl, Broadband, gave an overview of the broadband project that was started in 2023. They did 16 weeks of training and were not eligible for the BEAD grant. Our county was covered under Nextlink which had received funds a few years ago. Broadband was given some COVID money which purchased a laptop, TV and projector. The remaining funds were split amongst the townships to either upgrade or connect to the internet.

FLOYD HOLKENBRINK:

A Motion was made by Layton and seconded by Blade to continue with the same 2 health insurance plans with HOPE Trust.

	Aye	Pass	Abstain	Nay		Aye	Pass	Abstain	Nay
WENTE	☒	☐	☐	☐	CROFT	☒	☐	☐	☐
LAYTON	☒	☐	☐	☐	BRANDENBURG	☒	☐	☐	☐
BLADE	☒	☐	☐	☐	HOLKENBRINK	☒	☐	☐	☐
Motion Carried				☒	Motion Lost				☐

A Motion was made by Layton and seconded by Wente to approve the appointment of Steven Smith to the North Fork Conservancy District.

	Aye	Pass	Abstain	Nay		Aye	Pass	Abstain	Nay
LAYTON	☒	☐	☐	☐	BRANDENBURG	☒	☐	☐	☐
BLADE	☒	☐	☐	☐	WENTE	☒	☐	☐	☐
CROFT	☒	☐	☐	☐	HOLKENBRINK	☒	☐	☐	☐
Motion Carried				☒	Motion Lost				☐

DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON DISSOLVING THE BROADBAND COMMITTEE
Layton would like to keep the committee so if something would happen they would be ready. No action taken.

A Motion was made by Layton and seconded by Wente to approve the Liquor License renewal for the Cumberland County Sportsman Club, Inc.

	Aye	Pass	Abstain	Nay		Aye	Pass	Abstain	Nay
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WENTE	☒	☐	☐	☐	HOLKENBRINK	☒	☐	☐	☐
Motion Carried				☒	Motion Lost				☐

BEVERLY HOWARD:

A Motion was made by Blade and seconded by Croft to approve the County Clerk and Tax Redemption reports for August 2026.

	Aye	Pass	Abstain	Nay		Aye	Pass	Abstain	Nay
BRANDENBURG	☒	☐	☐	☐	BLADE	☒	☐	☐	☐
WENTE	☒	☐	☐	☐	CROFT	☒	☐	☐	☐
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JENNY MAYNARD:

A Motion was made by Layton and seconded by Brandenburg to approve the Treasurer's report for August 2026

	Aye	Pass	Abstain	Nay		Aye	Pass	Abstain	Nay
WENTE	☒	☐	☐	☐	CROFT	☒	☐	☐	☐
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BLADE	☒	☐	☐	☐	HOLKENBRINK	☒	☐	☐	☐
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A Motion was made by Layton and seconded by Wente to approve the resolution for the County (Trustee) to acquire all Real Estate Tax Certificates (PA 104-0553) and appointing Sandy Croft to deliver the list to the Treasurer

	Aye	Pass	Abstain	Nay		Aye	Pass	Abstain	Nay
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TOM KREKE: Gave updates that the Burma was done and the Union Twp Bridge and County line bridge were done.

A Motion was made by Layton and seconded by Brandenburg to approve the County Highway bill for August 2026 in the amount of \$39,460.52.

	Aye	Pass	Abstain	Nay		Aye	Pass	Abstain	Nay
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SHERI DROTOR: Not present; Dave Clark stated that $\frac{3}{4}$ of their concrete work was done

RHONDA WILSON: Not present

MCKENZI EASTON: Not present

STEVE MAROON: NA

BRYAN ROBBINS: Not present

JONATHAN BRADEN: Not present

JENNIFER PHIPPS: Not present

ALISA GRAY: NA

MIKAYLA GIPP:

DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON 911 INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT- she passed out a fact sheet on 911 and how they determined the amount in the agreement. 911 is required to have a 5-year plan and be ready for anything. To purchase a new CAD system or radio system would be at least \$400,000.00

A Motion was made by Layton and seconded by Blade to approve the 2-year agreement with 911 for \$135,000.00 annually to be reimbursed to the Sheriff's dept for dispatch.

	Aye	Pass	Abstain	Nay		Aye	Pass	Abstain	Nay
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BRANDENBURG	☒	☐	☐	☐	BLADE	☒	☐	☐	☐
WENTE	☐	☐	☐	☒	HOLKENBRINK	☒	☐	☐	☐
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TROY KEMPER:

DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON ANIMAL CONTROL BUILDING-last meeting the board approved a 14 x 44 building; that will be too large for the area. After talking with the coroner, she just needs storage. The Sheriff will check to see there is room upstairs in the jail. Brandenburg stated that we need to get a dumpster and clean out the storage in the highway building. Troy stated that a 12 x 32 building will work.

A Motion was made by Layton and seconded by Croft to approve the purchase of a 12 x 32 building instead of a 14 x 44.

	Aye	Pass	Abstain	Nay		Aye	Pass	Abstain	Nay
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SPECIAL SERVICE AREA: Not present

A Motion was made by Layton and seconded by Wente to ratify payment of the August 2026 manual bills in the amount of \$279,533.29.

	Aye	Pass	Abstain	Nay		Aye	Pass	Abstain	Nay
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A Motion was made by Blade and seconded by Layton to approve the payment of Invoices in the amount of \$31,881.97.

	Aye	Pass	Abstain	Nay		Aye	Pass	Abstain	Nay
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BLADE	☒	☐	☐	☐	WENTE	☒	☐	☐	☐
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A Motion was made by Layton and seconded by Wente to ratify payment of Payroll #16 in the amount of \$121,080.70.

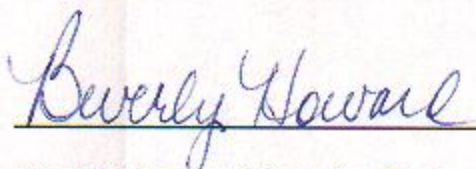
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A Motion was made by Layton and seconded by Wente to ratify payment of Payroll #17 in the amount of 125,354.92.

	Aye	Pass	Abstain	Nay		Aye	Pass	Abstain	Nay
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BRANDENBURG	☒	☐	☐	☐	BLADE	☒	☐	☐	☐
WENTE	☒	☐	☐	☐	HOLKENBRINK	☒	☐	☐	☐
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A Motion was made by Wente and seconded by Brandenburg to adjourn the meeting at 7:38 pm.

	Aye	Pass	Abstain	Nay		Aye	Pass	Abstain	Nay
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WENTE	☒	☐	☐	☐	CROFT	☒	☐	☐	☐
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Beverly Howard, County Clerk



Floyd Holkenbrink, Board Chairman