

CUMBERLAND COUNTY FACILITIES COMMITTEE
APRIL 21, 1994

PRESENT: Chairman, Tom Bacote
Commissioner John Keefe
Commissioner Billy King
Cliff Spiller, Assistant County Manager
Danny Higgins, Deputy County Attorney
Rhonda Davis, Deputy Clerk

The meeting was called to order.

AGENDA ITEMS:

1. Approval of Minutes

MOTION: Commissioner King offered a motion to approve the minutes from the March 17, 1994 meeting.

SECOND: Commissioner Bacote

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

2. Review of Capital Improvements Program

Deputy County Attorney Danny Higginis presented the contract for architectural services with Dan McMillan for the renovations to the fourth floor of the new courthouse. This contract was drawn up by the County Legal Department and the Engineering Department.

Commissioner Keefe asked questions concerning the contracting of the work and if the subs will be on the job to do the work when scheduled.

Mr. Higgins stated that the contractor is to have the workers doing the jobs when promised. He does not feel this project will take very long to complete. He advised once the contract is approved by the full board (it will be on the May 2, 1994 agenda) it should not take long to get the proper signatures and begin work.

Mr. Higgins advised the offices will be designed with moveable partitions. The office that need walls for confidentiality reasons will get them. Approximately less than one-half of the floor will be renovated.

Commissioner Bacote then asked about the county's compliance with the ADA.

John Keefe advised he has spoken with the Engineering Department and they have spoken with HEERY, International and they have advised that small changes could be made to county buildings as we go along. Bob Stanger is on top of these developments.

Commissioner Bacote asked what will be done with the items currently stored on the fourth floor.

Cliff Spiller advised most of the fourth floor is currently being used for record and material storage.

Billy King stated they may need to take an inventory and see what needs to be discarded and what needs to be sold.

Cliff Spiller advised his office was working on an inventory at this time as well as what will be done with these items. The current plan is to move these items to the Building Maintenance Facility once it has been cleaned out. The upstairs portion of the BMF was built to be used for storage. He is also hoping the county will maintain the old Armory and that it can be used for storage as well.

Danny Higgins stated he felt construction could begin by the end of the summer.

Commissioner King stated that a decision needs to be made concerning what will be done with the items in storage on the fourth floor if it cannot be stored any longer.

Mr. Spiller stated the biggest problem they are facing is the removal of trash and when work can be done because of the court system.

Commissioner King stated a decision must be made concerning where records that must be kept for long term storage will be housed.

Commissioner Bacote asked questions concerning the J.P. Riddle Stadium.

Commissioner Keefe stated he feels the county should not put more money into the current location. He feels the county could build a new building for what is being put into the existing facility.

Commissioner King noted the land where the current facility is located was donated to the county and that Hope Mills is a strong baseball community.

Commissioner Keefe stated he feels the stadium should be located near Fort Bragg and the McPherson Church Road area so that people could go to the game and eat dinner afterwards, etc.

Commissioner Bacote stated the area located across from the Agri-Expo Center has been considered as a possible site. There would be plenty of parking to accommodate a baseball stadium.

Commissioner Keefe advised Matt Perry is working on an area to build a new park. Some of these other minor league teams have nice stadiums.

Commissioner Bacote discussed getting a larger sign at the portion of the interstate coming into the county. He has seen other county signs that are much larger than ours with their county flag on the sign and other logos and emblems.

Danny Higgins advised the county could contact the DOT or speak with Lyndo Tippet and see if the county could get another sign.

Commissioner Bacote stated he feels the county should have a bigger sign considering the amount of traffic coming into the county.

Commissioner King asked if it would be possible to have Matt Perry of the Fayetteville Generals to meet with the committee during their next meeting and see what his thoughts are and where he would like the Generals to go.

It was the consensus of the board to send a letter to Mr. Matt Perry asking that he speak at the next Facilities Committee meeting on what he would like to propose in regards to a stadium for the Fayetteville Generals baseball team.

The committee members then reviewed the capital improvements program.

Water/Sewer -

Commissioner Keefe presented a map showing the areas within the county that had water and sewer and those areas that did not. He stated that if the county extends water and sewer lines, the city will come in and annex these properties and then tax the property owners. The county needs to get into an agreement with the City to get these areas taken care of as far as water and sewer are concerned.

Commissioner Bacote noted the big problem is that the Commissioners cannot get the city or PWC to meet with them to discuss these pressing issues.

County Manager, Cliff Strassenburg arrived at the meeting.

Commissioner Keefe advised he is concerned with the Stedman area. The county has got to come up with the money for these projects and then get an agreement to get a reimbursement from the city because they will be annexing these properties.

Mr. Strassenburg stated PWC is charged to serve the entire county. They can get grants to pay for these projects. They want the county to pay for one-half of these projects and then deed it over to them. The county is responsible for having jails, schools, providing social services, etc. The county is looking at a lot of debt. PWC water and sewer is not breaking even. They are being

subsidized by the utility. They need to expand their customer base and make the money to pay for these costs. He would like to propose to them to get their interceptors in place. PWC could give the money to put in the collection lines and then assess the owners. They could pick a few areas and prioritize them and PWC would put in money up-front and then the county could assess the property owners and pay PWC their money back.

Commissioner King asked why there had been no joint meeting. The Commissioners have been trying to meet with them for 18 months.

Mr. Strassenburg stated the only thing they have been able to do is get the city and county managers together with the chairmen of the city council and county commissioners. This problem is in the county area, but it is a metro problem. Growth will be impeded by these utility problems. The county must pick an area they want to encourage growth. They must select a basin or two.

There was discussion of the sewer line going into Stedman.

Mr. Strassenburg stated the Town of Stedman will cover what is in town and the school system has advised they will cover part of the forced main.

Mr. Strassenburg then advised the city has a better capability to borrow the money for this type of project than the county does.

Commissioner Bacote asked Mr. Strassenburg to express the Board's concern over the fact there has been no joint meeting as of this date.

Mr. Strassenburg stated they do need to meet with the City concerning storm water drainage.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 AM.