

CORRECTED MINUTES  
COUNTY FACILITIES COMMITTEE  
AUGUST 18, 1994, 8:00AM

Members Present: Chairman Tom Bacote  
Commissioner John Keefe  
Commissioner Billy King  
Others: Cliff Strassenburg  
Bob Stanger, County Engineer  
Rhonda R. Davis  
Press

Chairman Bacote called the meeting to order.

1. Status Report:

A. Security Fencing: Law Enforcement Building

Bob Stanger advised the recreation area is completed. The prisoners are to be moved here Saturday. There is a hold-up in completion of the work being done around the Sally Port area. They are still waiting on the motorized gates. We hope to get these in by the end of next week. It will take three days to install the gates. We are looking at a total completion date of the first week of September.

Cliff Strassenburg advised there was work still being done in relocating the parking spaces in the Sally Port area. He has informed everyone they need to be out of the area by August 19th.

Mr. Stanger advised the project was within the allotted budget amount.

Commissioner Bacote questioned whether or not we would have problems with the other inmates in the jail who are not able to go outside to the recreational area.

\*\*\*Mr. Stanger and Mr. Strassenburg both informed the committee that the area is secure, however, they did not know if the Sheriff could use it for other prisoners.

B. Adolescent Home, Massey Hill

Bob Stanger advised the programming had been completed and the architect was working on the final site plans for this project. The Mental Health Administrative Staff is working closely with the architect. In response to a question, Mr. Stanger advised there is space for approximately three homes on this site. The property does have some sloping problems and a CP&L Easement running through it.

In response to a question, Mr. Strassenburg advised some state monies were being used for this project. State money was used to purchase Southeastern Speech and Hearing.

Commissioner King arrived at the meeting.

C. Social Services Building

Mr. Strassenburg noted they have been working on a site for this facility and feels they are close to making a decision.

Commissioner Bacote stated they need to move this project along as quickly as possible.

D. Jail

Mr. Stanger presented the Request for Qualifications for Architectural Services Cumberland County Detention Facility Project to the committee.

Mr. Strassenburg noted they want to go in two phases. The first phase is where and what type of building to build. This must be determined before a design is done. They need to consider what they will be getting into if the jail is put on the courthouse site. If the site is put somewhere downtown, it would have to be multiple-story. If it is placed in a rural area, it could be one or two stories as it could be on a larger site.

Commissioner King stated he has spoken with a number of people from other counties and has discovered that the location of the jail, in terms of security is not as important as it once was due to different requirements in the court system.

Commissioner Keefe as well as Bob Stanger indicated they had not heard good things about modular jails such as the one in Robeson County.

Mr. Strassenburg stated they must consider the economics of all the proposed options.

Commissioner King stated he hopes that in soliciting for professional services, he feels these companies should be willing to work jointly with smaller firms in the county.

Mr. Stanger noted that the Request for Qualifications specifically states the "County desires to involve the expertise of local firms to the extent practicable on this project and would expect outside architectural firms to affiliate with a local firm.

Mr. Strassenburg noted the responses received will be reviewed by a review team. The standard practice is to involve management, engineer, departmental personnel and Commissioner representation. He feels the Facility Committee members should constitute Board

representation in this matter. He then asked if the committee members wanted to include in the review team, the current administration at the Sheriff's Department or wait until a new Sheriff is elected.

It was the consensus of the committee members to include the current Sheriff as well as inviting all candidates to attend the review team meetings as spectators with the new Sheriff-Elect filling the position on the review team once the elections are held.

Mr. Stanger stated he will be adding to the Request for Qualifications under Phase I, "Analysis of Modular Verses Others".

#### E. Ball Park

Commissioner Keefe, who is on the committee studying a new stadium stated they discussed two sites during the last meeting. Mr. Perry had since then noted a problem with one of the sites.

Commissioner King, also a member of the committee, stated that it is his understanding the City of Fayetteville will not participate 50-50 on this project. It will be more 20-80. He feels the committee will pinpoint a site within thirty to forty-five days.

Mr. Strassenburg stated the commitment to the old stadium needs to be spelled out, if the new stadium falls through. If a new stadium did not come to fruition, improvements to the old stadium would have to be made by 1995.

Commissioner King, Bacote and Keefe stated they do not feel the new stadium project will fail. Commissioner King stated the county should go back and spend the necessary funds to bring the old stadium up to standards, should the new stadium project fail.

#### F. Other Concerns

Commissioner Keefe noted the floors in the lobbies of the new courthouse are in dire need of attention.

He also stated he feels the proposed size of the new DSS building is exorbitant and feels management should step in and review the design.

MEETING ADJOURNED 9:00 AM.