

CUMBERLAND COUNTY FACILITIES COMMITTEE  
JUNE 15, 1995, 7:30AM  
REGULAR MEETING

PRESENT: Members: Chairman Billy King  
Commissioner Marshall Faircloth  
Commissioner Rollin Shaw  
Others: Cliff Strassenburg, County Manager  
James Martin, Deputy County Manager  
Cliff Spiller, Asst. County Manager  
Juanita Pilgrim, Asst. County Manager  
Sheriff Earl Butler  
Dan Ford, Jail  
Sam Lucas, Engineer Department  
Tim Simpson, Engineer Department  
Tom Miriello, Mental Health  
Lloyd Horne, Mental Health  
Brenda Foreman, Sr. Staff Attorney  
Marsha Fogle, Clerk

Chairman King called the meeting to order.

1. Consideration of Fuller School ADA Renovations

BACKGROUND: In order to meet ADA regulations, the County asked Heery to look at the Fuller School and inform us as to the scope of the project. The Scope of Services presented include a schematic design for another building. Mr. Strassenburg, County Manager, noted this is a bit out of the ordinary for this type of project and he wanted to run it by the Facilities Committee prior to taking it to the Board of Commissioners.

The reason for the recommendation to add on to the building is simply that the space is not adequate for the ABLE program and staff. The cost to renovate the building is estimated to be \$127,000. However, when you complete renovations, you really don't have enough space for the Program.

It is suggested that the \$127,000 be spent to add an addition to the Fuller School Building for the ABLE program. It would then only be necessary to do minimal work to the Fuller School building. Mr. Miriello indicated it made sense to him to use the money to build the addition.

The Committee indicated they agreed and Mr. Strassenburg noted he would put the item on a Commissioner's agenda.

2. Consideration of Design Services Contract for the Jail Project.

BACKGROUND: Mr. Strassenburg noted he had received from the Architects, Grier-Fripp an estimated Project Cost Summary for some additional services not covered in the design package.

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| 1. | Tour of recently constructed jails (4)    | \$ | 36,000      |
| 2. | Updated projections of in-mate population |    | 18,000 plus |

3.	Site Analysis	22,800
4.	Reuse of LEC Building	23,500
5.	Facility Program	170,000
6.	Schematic Design	481,000

Mr. Strassenburg indicated he was not pleased with the cost of these additional services and he felt we should perhaps look at other options. He indicated they would try to renegotiate these figures or perhaps look into securing a bid from others to provide these services.

Mr. James Martin, Deputy County Manager, said he believed a "Project Manager" could accomplish all of the items above at two-thirds the cost. He said this person should come on board prior to signing contracts with the architect.

The Committee instructed Mr. Strassenburg to indicate to Grier-Fripp that we were not pleased with these costs and that perhaps we would look at other options. Since no contracts have been signed with Grier-Fripp, the County is not locked in to anything at this point.

The Committee discussed the importance of determining as quickly as possible he jail population projections and a site for the new facility. Until these two items have been resolved, schematic design, etc. cannot be addressed.

Dan Ford suggested that we may be able to secure some help from the State on design, etc. He also indicated he was in possession of some jail design information that may be helpful.

Sheriff Butler noted the importance of moving along on this project because of the seriousness of the overpopulation in the jail.

The Committee discussed modular units vs. traditional units and site selection. It was noted all the architects interviewed indicated it would be more cost effective to build off the current site and with modular-type or one-story units. Commissioner Shaw and the Sheriff indicated we should plan for the future by making sure we have enough land to expand when we need to. She also noted if we build on our current site, the Board will have to address parking problems, the fact that there is little expansion room and the esthetics of such a building. Commissioner Faircloth said he was not convinced that an off-site facility would be the cheaper way to go and he would like to see figures to support that premise. Mr. Martin, Deputy County Manager, said it may be a good idea to get bids for a modular-type unit as well as a traditional unit.

The Committee instructed staff to look at the idea of a Project Manager and bring them a recommendation, as well as continue to investigate alternatives to the options outlined by Grier-Fripp.

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