

COUNTY FACILITIES COMMITTEE
JANUARY 18, 1996, 7:30AM
REGULAR MEETING

MEMBERS

PRESENT: Billy R. King, Chairman
Marshall Faircloth

OTHERS: Cliff Strassenburg
Juanita Pilgrim, Asst. County Manager
Neil Yarborough, County Attorney
Marsha Fogle, Clerk
Representatives from the County School System
Tom Miriello, Mental Health and staff
E.C. Modlin, Social Services and staff
Walter Vick, Architect

ABSENT: Commissioner Rollin Shaw (medical)

Chairman King called the meeting to order.

1. Approval of Minutes: December 21, 1995

MOTION: Commissioner Faircloth offered a motion to approve.
SECOND: Commissioner King
VOTE: UNANIMOUS

2. Election of Chairman

Billy King was unanimously elected as Chairman of this Committee.

3. Discussion: Request for advance Funding for a New Middle School and a New High School

BACKGROUND: This item was referred to this Committee by the Board of Commissioners. The request for an additional \$450,000 will be for the continuation of of the design and site work through FY96.

Commissioner Faircloth indicated his concern that the project was not moving ahead as quickly as the stated urgency by the School System. Mr. Kinlaw reviewed briefly that the time frame for the two new schools was based on his discussions with the Architect and the scope of the project. Commissioner Faircloth asked what stage the project would be in if the County had not appropriated the initial \$295,000. Mr. Kinlaw responded that the programming and preliminary design of the project would not have been done because the school had no money to initiate same. Commissioner Faircloth pointed out that at this time COPS cannot be used to fund the construction of the two new schools. (Note: The General Assembly will consider a bill to allow us to use COPS to construct the schools. They will convene in May). Mr. Kinlaw noted that a lot of the preliminary work can take place and we will be in a better position in May to move forward once the General Assembly approves the COPS.

Commissioner Faircloth noted his concern about the architect fees, \$1.3 million dollars. Mr. Walter Vick noted that architect fees in this area of the state tend to run below the median.