

COUNTY FACILITIES COMMITTEE
MAY 10, 1996, 7:30AM

MEMBERS

PRESENT: Chairman Billy R. King
Commissioner Rollin Shaw
Commissioner Marshall Faircloth

OTHERS: James Martin, Deputy County Manager
Cliff Spiller, Asst, County Manager
Juanita Pilgrim, Asst. County Manager
Danny Higgins, Staff Attorney
Sam Lucas, Engineer
Marsha Fogle, Clerk

Chairman King called the meeting to order.

1. Presentation from Doug Furmage regarding Courthouse Parking

Mr. Furmage noted the large number of state vehicles that park here and suggested the state find somewhere else for them to park. He suggested that county employees park across the street. He said the one obvious thing that would help the parking problem would be the strict enforcement of the two hour parking. He said the Sheriff indicated it was not his job to enforce that restriction. Mr. Furmage also suggested that perhaps we could have a system similar to that of the Clerk of Court for paying county taxes. Mr. Spiller noted one of the problems is the tax office is on the fifth floor and it would be costly to put in a piece of equipment to get the tube from the parking lot to the fifth floor. The other problem is where to place such a drive-in.

Commissioner Faircloth asked who is responsible for the enforcement of the two hour parking. Mr. Higgins stated our Administration is responsible.

The Committee instructed Mr. Cliff Spiller to look into how the two hour parking might be better enforced and bring back information to this Committee at our next meeting.

It was noted that some of the parking problems would be alleviated when the state probation offices move, possibly freeing up as many as 60 spaces).

2. Consideration of Snack Bar Bids

Mr. Higgins reviewed the bids with the Committee. The bids are as follows:

| <u>VENDOR</u> | <u>Percentage of Money to the County</u> | <u>Minimum Monthly Payment</u> |
|------------------------|--|--------------------------------|
| Varellan | 12% | 675.00 |
| Person | 10% | 500.00 |
| McLaurin | 7% | 125.00 |
| Roma (Scibilia) | 9.2% | 500.00 |
| Dogwood Deli (Sessoms) | 6% | 500.00 |
| Triple P - Mt. Olive | 8.5% | 458.00 |

Mr. Higgins noted that in addition to looking at what the vendor will actually pay the county, the staff looked at whether the vendors submitting bids were experienced, and what they would offer as far as a menu and cost. Commissioner Shaw said she thought variety as far as what food is offered should be a concern. She said the Roma bid appeared to be more restrictive in what it would offer menu wise. Mr. Higgins noted that the bid from Person entailed some work (a hole in the wall for ventilation) which was not something that could be done (It would vent under the stairs). It appears that McLaurin has no experience in this field. Varellan has had experience in another state but currently works for a food service distribution company.

Commissioner Faircloth asked if \$500 would cover the cost of the utilities and electrical work that would have to be done. Mr. Higgins indicated probably not. Commissioner Faircloth noted the Committee would have to decide what is important, providing the service or breaking even on the cost. Chairman King said he thought providing the service was the important consideration.

MOTION; Commissioner Faircloth offered a motion that the Committee recommend the Dogwood Deli as the vendor to replace our current vendor.
SECOND: Commissioner Shaw
VOTE: UNANIMOUS

3. Consideration of "Welcome to Cumberland County" signs.

At the time the County funded the Exit 49 Beautification Project, Commissioner Bacote suggested the county explore the possibility of asking the NC Department of Transportation to install "WELCOME TO CUMBERLAND COUNTY" signs along I-95 at the north and south county lines. Management contacted the local NCDOT office and was advised that if the county would provide the decals depicting the county flag and meeting size and material standards, they would construct and erect the signs. The County Engineering Department was asked to research the applicable sign standards and develop specifications for the decals. The decals were made and we contacted NCDOT to erect the signs. At that time they advised us the county would have to pay for the cost of constructing said signs and erecting them. Total cost for the signs including erection is as follows:

Signs for Interstate Highway locations: \$1,430 each (126" x 48").

Signs for primary/main route locations: \$650 each (72" x 36").

OPTIONS:

- A. I-95 Only - 2 signs - cost \$2,860
- B. I-95 & All Primary Routes - \$650 each - 17 signs - Cost: \$12,610
- C. I-95 & main Primary Routes (deleting NC82, 217 and 242) \$650 each - 13 signs - Cost: \$10,010

No funds are currently budgeted for this project. Another option is to seek the assistance of the local Board of Transportation representative to determine the possibility of NCDOT paying the full cost of producing and erecting the signs (as they indicated they would do initially).

MOTION: Commissioner Shaw offered a motion to recommend that the County ask NCDOT to pay the cost of construction and erection of the signs.
SECOND: Commissioner Faircloth
VOTE: UNANIMOUS

In addition, the Committee discussed the logo that would go on the sign. They felt the county flag logo was outdated and suggested that instead of using the logo in the county flag (star) that the shape of the county be used as our official logo with the date of 1754 inside. Mr. Sam Lucas was instructed to draw up a sample of the sign using the shape of the county instead of the star. He will bring this back to the committee for review.

4. Status Reports: Other Projects

A. Signs for County Construction Project Sites

A suggestion was made that when Cumberland County is involved in a construction project a sign be erected noting the project and that it is a County project. The Committee concurred but recommended that any vendor who wishes to advertise on the sign (such as the architect or engineer) should pay a fee to the County. The Committee also recommended that the cost of the sign should be part of the project cost. These signs except for the advertisements would be made so they could be used over and over. The only thing that would change on the sign would be the project and name of architect/engineer, if any.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 8:30AM