

COUNTY FACILITIES COMMITTEE
SEPTEMBER 11, 1997
REGULAR MEETING

MEMBERS PRESENT: Commissioner Billy R. King
Commissioner Tom Bacote
OTHERS: Cliff Strassenburg, County Manager
James Martin, Deputy County Manager
Juanita Pilgrim, Asst. County Manager
Cliff Spiller, Asst. County Manager
Marsha Fogle, Clerk
ABSENT: Chairman Rollin Shaw (illness in family)

1. Approval of Minutes: April 10, 1997

Minutes approved.

2. Review of Schematic Plans for the Spring Lake Library and Spring Lake Resource Center

Mr. Eric Lindstrom, Architect, reviewed the plans for the library and resource center. The back of the library will back up to the back of the Wal-Mart. He noted it has been decided because of the size of the Resource Center, it will not be physically connected to the library. However, they will share a common drop-off area.

The Resource Center will be about 20,000 square feet at an estimated cost of \$2 million. It will house satellite offices for Mental Health, Health, Department of Social Services, Sheriff's Department, and Day Reporting Center. The Probation Department has expressed an interest in some space also. Commissioner King asked if there is a need for these services in the Spring Lake area. Ms. Pilgrim indicated they have spoken to the various agencies and because of the number of people receiving those specific services, there is a definite need. Also, Mental Health and Department of Social Services offer some services there now. The Resource Center will be funded thorough Community Development funds. We have been setting aside \$500,000 for the last three fiscal years for this project.

The Library will have 12,000 square feet and will cost about \$1.5 million.

MOTION: Commissioner King offered a motion to approve the design development for the library and the schematic design for the Resource Center.
SECOND: Commissioner Bacote
VOTE: UNANIMOUS

3. Other Matters of Concern

Mr. Strassenburg, County Manager, noted that bonds have been sold for the three libraries and the interest rate was 4.9261%, a very good rate. He noted the County's rating and strength continues to improve.

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In addition, Mr. Strassenburg told the Committee that there are some humidity problems in the main library. A mechanical engineer is looking at the problem now. The fix may very well be a new Chiller. He will brief the Board of Commissioners as soon as there is a definitive answer to the problem. He noted the cost of a new Chiller and other modifications would be approximately \$100,000.

The groundbreaking for the East Fayetteville Library will be on September 24, 1997. Bids have been let and the library should open in February, 1999.