

CUMBERLAND COUNTY FACILITIES COMMITTEE
APRIL 9, 1998
REGULAR MEETING

MEMBERS

PRESENT: Chairman J. Lee Warren, Jr.
Commissioner Ed Melvin
Commissioner Tom Bacote

OTHERS: Cliff Strassenburg, County Manager
James Martin, Deputy County Manager
Cliff Spiller, Asst. County Manager
Neil Yarborough, County Attorney
Marsha Fogle, Clerk to the Board

1. Approval of Minutes: March 12, 1998

MOTION: Commissioner Melvin offered a motion to approve the Minutes.
SECOND: Commissioner Bacote
VOTE: UNANIMOUS

2. Discussion: Request from the law firm of MacRae, Perry, Pechmann, Williford & MacRae, L.L.P. to sell them 20 feet along the northern strip of the Board of Elections Office

Mr. Pechmann told the Committee that his firm was experiencing parking problems as people who were using his parking area were not necessarily doing business at their law firm. He suggested that the County sell his firm 20 feet which would help to alleviate some of their parking problems. He noted that some of the people using his parking were probably doing business in the county courthouse.

To sell the property in question, the county would have to make a finding that the 20 feet was surplus to the needs of the County. The County Attorney indicated that could be a hard sell considering the parking problems at the courthouse complex.

If the County did in fact sell the property, we would have 9 less parking spaces.

In discussing this issue, the Manager confirmed that the Police Department would be moving out of the Law Enforcement Building in July which would free up approximately 100 spaces. The County Attorney noted that the property across the street in front of the courthouse would eventually be used for parking. In addition, the County may be able to lease parking when the old fire station is demolished. Note: The Church purchased the property and has asked if we would be interested in leasing some space.

The County Attorney indicated that perhaps the law firm could purchase some property in close proximity to the Courthouse and swap it for the 20 feet at the Board of Elections Office.

Commissioner Bacote suggested we wait until July when the Police Department moves out of the building to see what the parking situation would be at that time.

Chairman Warren suggested this item be referred to the full Board of Commissioners at the 3rd Monday meeting in May (May 18).

MOTION: Commissioner Melvin offered a motion to refer this to the Board of Commissioners for discussion at the May 18 meeting.
SECOND: Commissioner Bacote
VOTE: UNANIMOUS

3. Other Matters of Concern:

A. Superior Court Judges Parking Spaces at the Courthouse

Mr. Spiller noted people other than judges are parking those designated spaces. He asked the Committee if they wanted to address the issue. The Committee decided to take no action at this time.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 9:10AM