

**CUMBERLAND COUNTY FACILITIES COMMITTEE**  
**July 13, 1998, 11:00 AM**  
**Continuation of Meeting Recessed from July 9, 1998**

**Present:** Chairman, J. Lee Warren, Jr.  
Commissioner Tom Bacote  
Commissioner Ed Melvin  
Cliff Strassenburg, County Manager  
James Martin, Deputy County Manager  
Sheriff Earl Butler  
Rhonda R. Davis, Deputy Clerk to the Board  
Sheriff's Office Staff  
Press

Chairman Warren called the meeting to order and advised this was a continuation of the meeting recessed from July 9, 1998.

**Report on Jail**

**Appearing: Greer-Fripp Architects**

The architects reviewed the changes they were asked to make to the schematic design at the last meeting. Those changes included: 1) Look at alternatives to carpet in the day room areas; 2) Develop a spartan attitude in designing the building; 3) Review all cost saving elements so the building is designed at the most economical cost while still achieving our objectives of a secure building with direct supervision; (Select very economical materials) and 4) Look at making some changes to the public entrance to the building.

The schematic design is the work done on the actual layout of the building. Work on the materials and other aspects of the building will come after the schematic design is approved.

The overall design of the building as presented from the July 9<sup>th</sup> meeting was reviewed. Areas designated for future expansion were also reviewed.

It was noted the facility would have a separate women's' detention area, double bunking areas and a juvenile area. He noted they tried to increase the bedding without increasing the square footage of the building.

A computer generated model picture with the recommended changes to the day room were presented. (Attached as "Exhibit A").

Commissioner Bacote arrived at the meeting.

Another change was made to the lobby and entrance to the facility. They looked at making the vestibule tighter. They also looked at putting a canopy (metal type, of permanent construction) out in front. Another computer generated model picture was presented of the overall building. (Attached as "Exhibit B")

Commissioner Bacote asked what type of materials would be used to construct the building.

The architects advised the building would be masonry (brick and concrete block). The outside doors would be glazed.

Commissioner Bacote asked what type of savings were derived from the change to the entrance of the building.

It was advised the change to the front of the building saved \$100,000 to \$200,000 dollars.

Commissioner Bacote asked how the building will blend into the downtown architecture, as it will be located in the heart of downtown Fayetteville.

The architects advised the building should fit in quite well.

Commissioner Melvin stated he was concerned with what will be portrayed to the public. He wants something that will look nice, but he doesn't want anything that looks extravagant.

Commissioner Warren stated they could cut extravagance. These cuts can be made without having a building that we will be ashamed of or that will be detrimental to downtown. He is concerned with the community's acceptance of the building. They need to trim down anywhere they can without being detrimental to the operations of the law enforcement officers working in the building.

The architects stated they have maintained the architectural integrity of the building. The changes made will still give the building a focused entrance that will be identifiable. They asked if the committee wished for the video of the layout of the building be presented at the July 27, 1998 meeting.

Commissioner Warren stated he felt the video was informative and gave a better feel for the project.

The architects advised they can provide stills of the building as well as the video.

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Mr. Strassenburg stated during the July 27, 1998 meeting, the Board will be asked to give approval to move into the next phase of this project.

Commissioner Melvin asked if the Board could make changes to the front of the building after the schematic design was approved.

Mr. Strassenburg advised changes could be made after the schematic design was approved.

Commissioner Bacote asked about the efficiency of the building with regard to heating and cooling.

The architects advised that kind of information is preliminary at this point, but the building will meet North Carolina Energy Code requirements.

The architects advised the building will be equipped to allow for video visitation for the prisoners. As far as they have been able to ascertain at this point, there will be no legal problems with this type of visitation. They must have provisions for personal visits with attorneys and family members. There is some backup for that in the jail. This will be the first jail in the state of North Carolina to go to video visitation. The initial investment for this is the equipment, but it will save officers from moving prisoners around quite so much.

Commissioner Warren noted the committee felt that carpet in the day room was a little extravagant.

The architects advised the carpet was placed in that room to take care of acoustics more than looks. They will look at other ways to deal with the acoustics in that room.

Chairman Warren asked for any other comments or suggestions from the committee members. He commended Greer-Fripp for their work in making these changes so quickly. He noted he would like to walk through the facility by means of computer generated images. He would like to go through the whole building to look at any cuts that could be made without affecting the officers work or the operations of the building.

The architects advised a board workshop could be done later on to go through each section of the building.

Mr. Strassenburg stated on July 27<sup>th</sup>, the action the Board of Commissioners will be asked to take will be basically to approve the schematics and move to the design development. This will keep the project moving.

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No other committee concerns were raised.

Meeting adjourned at 11:41 AM.