

CUMBERLAND COUNTY FACILITIES COMMITTEE
SEPTEMBER 10, 1998, 8:30 AM

PRESENT: Chairman J. Lee Warren
Commissioner Tom Bacote
Commissioner Ed Melvin
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: July 9, 1998 and July 13, 1998

MOTION: Commissioner Melvin offered a motion to approve.

SECOND: Commissioner Warren

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

Note: Commissioner Bacote was not present for this vote.

2. Discussion of Smoking Area at the Courthouse

Cliff Strassenburg reviewed the history of the project noting it had been approved by the Board in March 1996.

The area in question poses a security risk because the mesh screen is large enough to pass contraband.

Mr. Strassenburg reviewed some options for consideration that would allow us to use this area as a smoking area for the courthouse:

- install a security camera;
- add fine mesh over what is already there
- access the area from the outside with no ingress or egress into the snack shop.

The additional mesh would cost \$25,000. Mr. Strassenburg told the Committee that the original plans included a security camera; therefore money is available in the project to install the camera.

Commissioner Warren suggested that the most economical thing to do is to install the security camera and equip the outside door with an alarm system.

MOTION: Commissioner Melvin offered a motion to proceed with the camera and alarm on the outside door of the enclosure as originally designed.

SECOND: Commissioner Bacote

DISCUSSION: Commissioner Melvin suggested that perhaps some type of low barrier or hedge be constructed several feet from the mesh fence which would provide additional

security. Signs would be placed behind the hedge indicating the area is off limits. The Committee concurred with this suggestion.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

3. Other Matters of Concern

A. Purchase of Property behind the Board of Elections by the law firm of MacRae, Perry, Pechmann, Williford & MacRae, L.L.P.

Mr. John Pechmann told the Committee his firm is still very interested in purchasing the property. He noted they are working on the possibility of swapping property with the County; however, it is not easy to find property within the vicinity of the Courthouse to accomplish this task.

MOTION: Commissioner Warren offered a motion to recommend the following to the Board of County Commissioners:

- that the property be declared surplus to the needs of the County;
- that it be offered for sale by the negotiated offer, upset bid process.

SECOND: Commissioner Melvin

DISCUSSION: This item will be placed on the September 21, 1998 commissioners' agenda. They suggested to Mr. Pechmann that he go ahead and make an offer in order to facilitate this matter.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

B. Report on renovations in the Courthouse

Mr. Strassenburg, County Manager, told the Committee, we were letting bids for carpet for the hallway in the fifth floor and the legal department. This will be an additional expense; however carpet is badly needed on the fifth floor.

C. Law Enforcement Center

Commissioner Bacote asked if the Sheriff's Department needed all of the space in the Law Enforcement that previously housed the Fayetteville City Police Department. Administration indicated the Sheriff needed the space.

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