

COUNTY FACILITIES COMMITTEE  
AUGUST 13, 2002, 3:00PM

MEMBERS

PRESENT: Chairman Lee Warren  
Commissioner Kenneth Edge  
Commissioner Billy King

OTHERS: James Martin, County Manager  
Juanita Pilgrim, Deputy County Manager  
Amy Cannon, Asst. County Manager  
Cliff Spiller, Asst. County Manager  
Grainger Barrett, County Attorney  
Marsha Fogle, Clerk to the Board  
Lula Crenshaw  
Moses Mathis  
Carl Manning  
Ronnie Mitchell

1. Approval of Minutes: April 11, 2002

MOTION: Commissioner Edge moved to approve.  
SECOND: Commissioner Warren  
VOTE: UNANIMOUS (Note: Commissioner King was not present for the vote)

2. Discussion/consideration of the transfer of property to Kingdom Community Development Corporation for affordable housing

BACKGROUND: The County acquired a .85 acre lot at the corner of Cool Spring and Simmons Street from the Board of Education in 1987. The property is surplus to the needs of the County. The Community Development Department proposes to convey it to Kingdom Community Development Corporation, a community housing development organization (CHDO) to develop together with other nearby land as an affordable housing project for persons at or under 80% of median family income. The project would provide 20 new single-family homes. The value of the property which has been appraised at \$37,000 would be counted towards the County's required matching share for federal funding. The Board has the authority to convey property by private conveyance to a non-profit corporation and affordable housing is a public purpose.

Commissioner King asked that he be allowed to abstain from voting on this matter because he is a member of the Kingdom Community Development Corporation. The Committee agreed to allow him to abstain.

MOTION: Commissioner Edge moved to recommend conveyance of the property to the Board of Commissioners.  
SECOND: Commissioner Warren  
VOTE: Commissioners Edge and Warren  
ABSTAIN: Commissioner King

3. Discussion/consideration of the Washington Drive School property

**BACKGROUND:** The Facilities Committee and the Board of Commissioners have previously discussed deeding the Washington Drive School property to the Martin Luther King Committee. In addition the Committee and the Board discussed allowing Moses Mathis to lease a building on the property. A letter has been received from Employment Source indicating they are relinquishing use of the building and turning it over to the County.

The Martin Luther King Committee has stated they are working on plans for the use of the land, but will not need it for 2-3 years. The Committee is supportive of the County leasing the building to Moses Mathis for several years.

**MOTION:** Commissioner King moved to recommend to the Board of Commissioners to lease the warehouse to Moses Mathis for \$1 a year, effective September 1, 2002 to August 31, 2005, contingent on Mr. Mathis providing and maintaining adequate insurance on the property, as determined by the County's Risk Management Office, for the duration of the lease.

**SECOND:** Commissioner Edge

**DISCUSSION:** Mr. Mathis noted that he had been in the building and the air conditioning unit and heating unit have been removed. He said he would have to spend approximately \$10-12,000 on the building to get it ready for his use. The County Attorney will check into why and when the heating and air conditioning units were removed from the building.

**VOTE:** UNANIMOUS

**MOTION:** Commissioner King moved to convey the Washington Drive School property to the Martin Luther King Committee effective October 1, 2005 by delivery of a deed to Ronnie Mitchell, Attorney, in conditional escrow in trust for the benefit of the MLK Committee. The condition of the escrow to be that Mr. Mitchell delivers the deed to the MLK Committee on October 1, 2005. In addition the Facilities Committee recommends that the Board waive any conflict Mr. Mitchell may have as escrow agent by virtue of his being a member of the MLK Committee.

**SECOND:** Commissioner Edge

**VOTE:** UNANIMOUS

4. **CLOSED SESSION:** Economic Development (Potential acquisition of a site for future business location)

**MOTION:** Commissioner King moved to go into Closed Session for the above noted purpose.

**SECOND:** Commissioner Edge

**VOTE:** UNANIMOUS

**MOTION:** Commissioner King moved to go back into Open Session.

**SECOND:** Commissioner Edge

**VOTE:** UNANIMOUS

5. Other matters of concern

Commissioner Edge inquired about the status of the new Detention Center. The Manager stated it is anticipated the county will take possession of the building at the end of September. Inmates will probably be housed in the new Detention Center after the first of the year.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 4:00PM.