

COUNTY FACILITIES COMMITTEE
OCTOBER 10, 2002, 8:30AM

MEMBERS

PRESENT: Chairman Lee Warren
Commissioner Kenneth Edge
Commissioner Billy King
OTHERS: James Martin, County Manager
Juanita Pilgrim, Deputy County Manager
Cliff Spiller, Assistant County Manager
Bob Stanger, County Engineer
Grainger Barrett, County Attorney
Monroe Rascoe, Animal Control Director
Judge Beth Keever
Marsha Fogle, Clerk
Andrew Barksdale, Fayetteville Observer Times

1. Approval of Minutes: August 13, 2002

MOTION: Commissioner King moved to approve.
SECOND: Commissioner Edge
VOTE: UNANIMOUS

2. Discussion of office space needs for the Guardian ad Litem program and Family Court

Judge Beth Keever asked the Committee for approval to move the Guardian ad Litem office, currently on the second floor of the courthouse, to the lower level to space vacated by the Register of Deeds. She told the committee there are currently six staff members, as well as volunteers, and the current space is not adequate. In addition, if Guardian ad Litem moves to the lower level of the courthouse, she would like to use the space on the second floor for Family Court.

MOTION: Commissioner Edge moved to approve.
SECOND: Commissioner King
VOTE: UNANIMOUS

This item will not go to the full Board.

3. Update on architectural services for new animal control shelter project

Bob Stanger, County Engineer, told the Committee that requests for qualifications were mailed to a number of architectural firms in the area to assist the county in developing a program and to evaluate the Alphin property as a potential site for the animal control facility. Mr. Stanger said he was prepared to make a recommendation of the selection of a firm for this work, i.e., LSV Partnership.

The Committee discussed the need for hiring an architectural firm to assist the county in developing a building program and to evaluate the Alphin property on Cedar Creek Road as a potential site for the new facility.

Members of the Facility Committee expressed concerns that this site is adjacent to the new Industrial Center and may not be the best location. They were concerned that the animal control facility, at the Alphin property site, may affect the viability of the new Industrial Center.

Other concerns are the house on the property would have to be retrofitted from a residential structure to a commercial structure and that the few kennels that are already on the property could not be utilized.

Bob Stanger, County Engineer, told the Committee that a building program will have to be done regardless of where the facility is located.

Another option for consideration may be locating the facility on a lot at the back of the current industrial center, which is about 80% occupied.

James Martin, County Manager, recommended to the Committee that we abandon the idea of locating the animal facility on the Alphin property.

MOTION: Chairman Warren moved that the county not pursue the expenditure of funds for an architect at this time for an animal control facility.

SECOND: Commissioner King

DISCUSSION: Commissioner Edge said he did not believe it necessary to hire an architect to draw up a building program, as staff and others familiar with our needs could do some of that work. Chairman Warren said there is no need to hire an architect until we determine a site. Commissioner King suggested that we ask the Planning Department to look around the county for 2-3 sites with water and sewer that might be appropriate for an animal control facility.

AMENDED

MOTION: Chairman Warren moved that the county not pursue the expenditure of funds for an architect at this time for an animal control facility and that the Planning Department be asked to look around the county for 2-3 sites with water and sewer that might be appropriate for an animal control facility.

SECOND: Commissioner King

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

4. Other matters of concern

James Martin, County Manager, mentioned to the Committee that the Chairman of the Board of Commissioners had talked to him about adding a logo to the NCDOT "Welcome to Cumberland County" signs, i.e., History. Heroes. And a Hometown Feeling.

Members of the committee had no problem with this and this item will be referred to the Board of Commissioners.

Commissioner Edge suggested that we consider designing a county seal that is unique to Cumberland County. At this time, we simply use the state seal.

MOTION: Chairman Warren moved that that we ask the Board of Commissioners to approve asking the art departments at Methodist College, FSU, Fayetteville Technical Community College and high schools to submit a drawing that we might consider using as our county seal.

SECOND: Commissioner King

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

Meeting adjourned: 9:30AM