

**CUMBERLAND COUNTY FACILITIES COMMITTEE
SEPTEMBER 9, 2003, 8:30 AM
REGULAR MEETING**

PRESENT: Chairman Breeden Blackwell
Commissioner Kenneth Edge
Commissioner Ed Melvin
James Martin, County Manager
Juanita Pilgrim, Deputy County Manager
Cliff Spiller, Assistant County Manager
Grainger Barrett, County Attorney
Tom Cooney, Utility Department Director
Charles Whittenton, Solid Waste Director
Ann Hymes, Deputy Clerk

1. Approval Of Minutes: August 12, 2003 Meeting

MOTION: Commissioner Edge moved to approve.

SECOND: Commissioner Melvin

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

2. Discussion and consideration of energy conservation in public facilities and guaranteed energy savings contracts for local governmental units

Tom Cooney, Utility Department Director, stated that North Carolina Statute 143-64.17 allows local government to enter into contracts with companies to make energy conservation improvements in public facilities. The "Guaranteed Energy Savings Contracts" include evaluation, recommendation and implementation of energy conservation measures which may include repair or replacement of existing equipment or installation of new equipment to make a facility more energy efficient. The energy savings over a period not to exceed 12 years is guaranteed to exceed the cost of the improvements including finance costs. If the actual energy savings is less than the guarantee then the energy conservation company must pay the difference. He indicated that three county buildings, the County Courthouse, the Law Enforcement Center and the Health Department are all nearing 30 years old. The County could have approximately \$3 million dollars in projected savings that would allow equipment upgrades and improvements. Mr. Cooney requested permission to go forward in developing a Request for Proposals from energy conservation companies for this project.

Commissioner Edge commented that, from his experience while serving on the Cumberland County School Board, this has proven to be a very beneficial program.

MOTION: Commissioner Edge moved that the Facilities Committee recommend to the Board approval of Mr. Cooney's request to develop and solicit Request for Proposals from qualified energy conservation companies.

SECOND: Commissioner Melvin

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

3. Other matters of concern

Commissioner Blackwell asked Cliff Spiller, Assistant County Manager, for an update on the Washington Drive School. Mr. Spiller reported that the clean-up process is underway and the site has been secured.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 8:45 AM