

CUMBERLAND COUNTY FACILITIES COMMITTEE  
APRIL 14, 2005 - 10:30 AM  
REGULAR MEETING

PRESENT: Commissioner Diane Wheatley  
Commissioner Jeannette Council  
Commissioner Breeden Blackwell  
Commissioner Talmage Baggett  
Commissioner Kenneth Edge  
James Martin, County Manager  
Amy Cannon, Assistant County Manager  
Tom Cooney, Public Utilities Director  
Sara VanderClute, Public Information Officer  
Ann Hymes, Deputy Clerk

1. Approval of Minutes

**MOTION:** Commissioner Council moved to approve.  
**SECOND:** Commissioner Blackwell  
**VOTE:** UNANIMOUS

2. Consideration of Increasing Cumberland County's Participation in the Fayetteville Public Works Commission Project to Extend Water and Sewer Service to the Intersection of Highway 87 and Sandhills Road

Tom Cooney, Public Utilities Director, provided background information. At their meeting on August 16, 2004, the Board of Commissioners approved the County's participation in this project. At that time the total project cost was estimated at \$1,370,000 with the County and PWC agreeing to participate in the amount of \$300,000 each. Shortly after receiving approval to proceed, PWC personnel found that the in-house estimate had several major errors and the actual cost of the project was closer to \$1,700,000 and did not include the engineering and construction management fees. The revised participation would require the County and PWC to each contribute a maximum of \$650,000 with \$600,000 for construction and \$50,000 allocated for contingency purposes. The remainder of the project and the costs associated with the engineering and construction management will be shared by private developers.

Bill Berry, PWC representative, emphasized the rise in construction costs. If the project is put off for another two years, the cost may be even higher and the developer may not be willing to share the engineering and construction costs. He said the costs are \$155,000 over the expected costs. If investors cannot be found to cover the \$155,000, Mr. Berry hopes the cost can be split three ways between PWC, the County and the developer, Mr. Joe Riddle.