

CUMBERLAND COUNTY FACILITIES COMMITTEE
February 8, 2005 – 8:30 AM
REGULAR MEETING

PRESENT: Commissioner Breeden Blackwell
Commissioner Jeannette Council
Commissioner Diane Wheatley
James Martin, County Manager
Juanita Pilgrim, Deputy County Manager
Cliff Spiller, Assistant County Manager
Grainger Barrett, County Attorney
Sara VanderClute, Public Information Officer
Bob Stanger, County Engineer
Ann Hymes, Deputy Clerk

INVOCATION: Commissioner Wheatley

1. Appointment of Chairman

MOTION: Commissioner Blackwell moved to appoint Commissioner Wheatley as Chairman.

SECOND: Commissioner Council

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

2. Selection of Meeting Date

The committee set the second Tuesday of each month at 8:30 AM as its regular meeting date.

3. Approval of Minutes

MOTION: Commissioner Blackwell moved to approve.

SECOND: Commissioner Wheatley

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

4. Update on Demolition Project at the Old County Sign Shop – Russell Street

Bob Stanger, County Engineer, gave a report on the demolition of the old County Sign Shop located on Russell Street. The property will be converted to a parking lot to provide 21 additional parking spaces for the Community Corrections Center. There would be a total of 49 parking spaces. An asbestos survey of the sign shop was conducted and three materials tested positive for containing asbestos in concentrations greater than 1%. These materials will be removed by a licensed asbestos contractor prior to the demolition. Bids will be solicited in the near future. The estimated cost of the project is \$140,000. The demolition cost may be reduced if the County Solid Waste Department can perform the demolition. Commissioner Wheatley inquired about funding for this project. The County Manager explained that contingency funds would be used.

MOTION: Commissioner Council moved that the Facilities Committee recommend to the Board of Commissioners to follow staff recommendations and accept the plan to convert the County Sign Shop property to a parking lot to provide additional parking for the Community Corrections Center.

SECOND: Commissioner Wheatley
VOTE: UNANIMOUS

Commissioner Blackwell urged the staff to consider attractive landscaping along Russell Street so that the County joins the City's efforts to continue to beautify downtown areas.

5. Recommendation for Capital Improvement Program – Crown Theatre Arena

Bob Stanger provided an update on the Crown Theatre and Arena Capital Improvements Projects. He has been working with Coliseum management and LSV Partnership to develop a master plan for capital improvements that addresses both short-term and long-term needs of the facilities. Short-term projects include: renovations to theater lobby and mezzanine concessions - estimated cost \$135,000; theatre lobby atrium – estimated cost \$200,000; ADA toilets and concessions at main floor – estimated cost \$330,000; arena dressing rooms and lounge renovations at basement level – estimated cost \$330,000; structural reinforcement of arena elevated floor slab – estimated cost \$150,000; theater stage ADA lift – estimated cost \$15,000. The estimated total cost of the short-term projects is \$1,160,000. Funding for the projects was discussed. The County Manager noted that last year the County reserved money for these projects. The money would be moved out of reserve to the current budget.

MOTION: Commissioner Blackwell moved that the Facilities Committee recommend to the Board of Commissioners to adopt the list of short-term projects for the Crown Theater and Arena at a cost of \$1,160,000 and that the projects be funded from the reserve established by the Board in the budget for capital improvements.

SECOND: Commissioner Council
VOTE: UNANIMOUS

Bob Stanger said some major upgrades are required to continue operation of these aging facilities. He reviewed proposed long-term projects of the Crown Theater and Arena to include: plumbing, mechanical and electrical systems upgrade – budget cost \$3,000,000; theater and stage renovations – budget cost \$1,000,000; new pre-function lobby and elevator – budget cost \$2,500,000; new storage and loading dock space (theater) – budget cost \$250,000; revisions/screening at arena loading dock – budget cost \$20,000. Adding contingencies and design fees, the total budget cost for the long-term projects is \$10,370,000. He noted that he has briefed the Civic Center Commission on these long-term projects, which referred them to its Facilities Committee.

6. Other Matters of Concern

Commissioner Blackwell inquired about the status of the Animal Control and Sheriff's training facilities. The County Engineer said the design development phase is in the completion stage. It is expected that the plans will be ready for bid by late Spring.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 9:30 AM.