

CUMBERLAND COUNTY FACILITIES COMMITTEE
JUNE 14, 2005 – 8:30 AM
REGULAR MEETING

PRESENT: Commissioner Diane Wheatley
Commissioner Breeden Blackwell
Commissioner Jeannette Council
James Martin, County Manager
Juanita Pilgrim, Deputy County Manager
Cliff Spiller, Assistant County Manager
Amy Cannon, Assistant County Manager
Bob Stanger, County Engineer
Grainger Barrett, County Attorney
Sara VanderClute, Public Information Officer
Rick Reno, Civic Center CEO
Jeff Reitzel, Moorman, Kizer & Reitzel, Inc.
Paul Beard, Civic Center
Dionne Hill, Civic Center
Ann Hymes, Deputy Clerk

1. Approval of Minutes

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

2. Construction Schedule for the Animal Control and Sheriff's Training Center Project

Bob Stanger, County Engineer, provided a written schedule for the Animal Control and Sheriff's Training Center project. The project schedule is divided into two phases: Phase 1 – Site Development Work; and Phase 2 – Building Construction. The bid package was let on June 6, 2005, a pre-bid conference was held on June 9th, and bids will be received on June 16th. The contract award recommendation will be presented to the Board of Commissioners on June 20th. The notice to proceed will be given to the contractor on July 5th, and completion of the work is estimated for November 2, 2005.

The bid package for the second phase will be let on August 29, 2005, a pre-bid conference will be held on September 15th, and bids will be received on September 29th. The contract award recommendation will be presented to the Board of Commissioners on October 17th, with a notice to proceed on November 2nd. It is anticipated that the work will take 10-12 months to complete, and occupancy will occur as soon as the work is completed. Mr. Stanger said the schedule is contingent on receiving three formal bids. If three bids are not received, the County would have to readvertise, which could extend the schedule two to four weeks. Commissioner Council suggested this be noted in the memorandum that will be presented to the Board of Commissioners.

The County Manager remarked that during a closed session meeting on June 6, 2005, the Board of Commissioners referred the Courthouse Security Project for further discussion to the Facilities Committee.

Closed Session: Confidential Matter - NCGS 143-318.11(a)(1) – (G.S. 132-1.7).

MOTION: Commissioner Blackwell moved to go into Closed Session for the above noted matter.
SECOND: Commissioner Council.
VOTE: UNANIMOUS

MOTION: Commissioner Blackwell moved to go back into Open Session.
SECOND: Commissioner Council.
VOTE: UNANIMOUS

3. Other Matters of Concern

The Committee received a request from Rick Reno, Civic Center CEO, to make improvements to the lobby of the Expo Center. The proposed changes would cover the existing interior brick walls with sheetrock and a vinyl covering to give a more contemporary and pleasing impression. A handout including photos of other Convention Centers in North Carolina was provided as a comparison to the Cumberland County Expo Center. Mr. Reno said these improvements are needed to make Cumberland County competitive with other Exposition Centers. These improvements were voted on and approved by the Civic Center Commission. Funds are already allocated in this year's budget.

MOTION: Commissioner Blackwell moved that the Facilities Committee endorse and bring to the full Board of Commissioners the plan to make improvements to the Cumberland County Exposition Center.
SECOND: Commissioner Council.
VOTE: UNANIMOUS

MOTION: Commissioner Blackwell moved that the County Engineer develop a policy regarding design-related alterations to existing County facilities and present it to the Policy Committee in August.
SECOND: Commissioner Council.
VOTE: UNANIMOUS

MEETING ADJOURNED: 9:50 AM.