

CUMBERLAND COUNTY FACILITIES COMMITTEE MEETING  
NOVEMBER 8, 2005 – 8:00 AM  
REGULAR MEETING

PRESENT: Chairman Diane Wheatley  
Commissioner Jeannette Council  
Commissioner Breeden Blackwell  
Commissioner Talmage Baggett  
James Martin, County Manager  
Juanita Pilgrim, Deputy County Manager  
Cliff Spiller, Assistant County Manager  
Amy Cannon, Assistant County Manager  
Sara VanderClute, Public Information Officer  
Grainger Barrett, County Attorney  
Bob Stanger, County Engineer  
Cuyler Windham, Chief Deputy, Sheriff's Department  
Robert Barefoot, Parks & Recreation Department  
Larry Philpott, Parks & Recreation Department  
Tim Kinlaw, Cumberland County Schools  
Jeff Reitzel, Moorman, Kizer & Reitzel, Inc.  
Tom Goetz, Architect  
Gordon Johnson, Architect  
Del Crawford, Crawford Design  
Bob Peters, Landscaping Consultant  
Marsha Fogle, Clerk to the Board  
Ann Hymes, Deputy Clerk to the Board

1. Approval of Minutes

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

2. Eastover-Central Recreation Center Update

Larry Philpott provided a history of the Eastover-Central Recreation Center to be constructed on the Eastover-Central School Campus. In July 2005 additional property, approximately 8.22 acres, was placed under contract from the McPhail family to complement the facility. The design team considered the option of moving the Center to this site, but it would take away space for outdoor opportunities. Additionally, the proposed site is more accessible to students using the building.

Commissioner Baggett provided a map of the site property indicating the proposed location of the Center. He clarified that he does not think the Center would be better located on the newly acquired eight acres. He proposed that the Center be moved out of the corner and moved more in-line with the school, close Pembroke Lane and provide a different entrance to the Center. It would still be very accessible to Route 13 and Dunn Road. Tom Goetz said one major consideration is the terrain. The drainage is strong in that area. The additional utility costs and road access to the school and

Recreation Center were discussed. Robert Barefoot said the contract bid can be held for 45 days. Suppliers and subcontractors are not bound, however, to that requirement. If the contract is renegotiated, the process will start over from the beginning. Del Crawford said if a decision is made to relocate the Center, it will take a minimum of 12 weeks to redesign the building. The cost of the site prep is \$180,000 to \$200,000. He said if the contract is rebid, there would be a significant cost increase. Although the soil borings are similar in nature, new borings would have to be done. The weather is also a significant factor in the project. Mr. Goetz said they are pursuing options with Wade and the Eastover Sanitary District regarding sprinkling the entire building. The sprinkling system is included in the bid, but the source of water coming to the building is not in the bid. James Martin commented that there is \$100,000 reserved for this purpose.

Commissioner Baggett withdrew his objections to the building site.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Council moved that the Facilities Committee approve and accept the bid and recommend to the full Board on November 21, 2005 ratification of the bid; and the architect and engineer use the committee's vote as authority to proceed and allow the contractor to begin construction.

**SECOND:** Commissioner Blackwell

**VOTE:** UNANIMOUS

3. Update on Courthouse Plaza Security Project

Jeff Reitzel said work has begun on surveying the area around the courthouse. A three-phase plan has been developed to build upon but there are still minor changes to be made. Discussion included redesigning the parking lot, controlled parking on maintenance side of the building, security measures to the front of the building, modifications to handrails, courthouse entrances, and handicapped accessibility. Traffic patterns on the streets surrounding the courthouse were discussed. The plan also addresses the front plaza area, access to the law enforcement center, landscaping and signage. The first phase of the construction is scheduled to begin in late February 2006 and be completed in August 2006. Construction on the second phase is expected to begin in April 2006 and be completed in December 2006. The third phase is expected to begin in June 2006 and be completed in February 2007. Parking concerns during the second phase of the construction were discussed, as well as the timeframe for advertising and receiving bids. Advertisement for bids will begin later this month placing the bid opening date in approximately 4-5 weeks.

4. Other Matters of Concern

Commissioner Wheatley inquired on the status of the Animal Control and Sheriff's Training Center Project. The County Engineer said a preconstruction conference is scheduled for November 9, 2005.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 9:50 AM