

CUMBERLAND COUNTY FACILITIES COMMITTEE MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 19, 2005 – 11:00 AM  
REGULAR MEETING

PRESENT: Chairman Diane Wheatley  
Commissioner Breeden Blackwell  
Commissioner Jeannette Council  
Commissioner Talmage Baggett  
Commissioner Kenneth Edge  
James Martin, County Manager  
Juanita Pilgrim, Deputy County Manager  
Cliff Spiller, Assistant County Manager  
Amy Cannon, Assistant County Manager  
Grainger Barrett, County Attorney  
Bob Stanger, County Engineer  
Tom Cooney, Public Utilities Department Director  
Robert Barefoot, City of Fayetteville  
Larry Philpott, City of Fayetteville  
Walter Vick, Architect  
Ann Hymes, Deputy Clerk

1. Approval of Minutes

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

2. Discuss Property Acquisition for the Recreation Center at Eastover-Central School

Larry Philpott said Fayetteville-Cumberland Parks and Recreation is in the process of constructing a 13,000 square foot recreation center at Eastover-Central School. However, space is limited as to what kind of outdoor facilities could be constructed there. The new Interstate 295 interchange eliminates Highway 13 from going behind the school and opens up the opportunity to purchase property that could be developed into a park which would complement the recreation center. Contact occurred with the property owners on the cost of the property. The property has been appraised by Tom Keith and Associates. If the property is purchased, it will increase the acreage from 15 acres to approximately 25 acres. Tom Cooney said a sewer line is being installed. Currently public water is being provided by the Town of Wade. Fire code regulations will require that the new Recreation Center be sprinkled and the Wade water system cannot supply the volume of water needed to reach the requirements. Presently there is a 16" water line that goes to Eastover that can provide the water. It will require an extension of that line to the recreation center. The only other option would be to install a large water storage tank. At this time, no cost estimates are available.

Commissioner Baggett, formally the attorney for the Eastover Sanitary District, said he is concerned that if PWC is involved in this project, it will require petitions for annexation to be signed by the County or anyone else using that water. He also remarked that the Sheriff has been approached about potentially using a small portion of the Recreation Center as a Sheriff's substation. There isn't one in that part of the County. He asked that some consideration be given to the substation. Commissioner Council noted concern that the property appraisal was made for the

property owner and not the County. Mr. Philpott noted that the actual price is \$30,000 per acre or \$246,690 for the total 8.22 acres.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Blackwell moved that the Facilities Committee recommend to the full Board of Commissioners approval to move forward with a formal purchase offer for the property.  
**SECOND:** Commissioner Council  
**VOTE:** UNANIMOUS

The recommendation will be presented to the full Board at the September 19, 2005 Board of Commissioners' meeting.

3. Update on the Animal Control/Sheriff's Training Center Project

Bob Stanger reported that this project is under construction. Autry Grading Company was awarded the site work. The site work is progressing satisfactorily and weather conditions have been very favorable. Bi-weekly construction meetings are held to monitor progress and resolve any construction issues as they may occur. A pre-bid meeting for construction of the site improvements was held last week. Although the design team is cautiously optimistic that the bids will come in within budget, the recent escalation of petroleum products prices is putting inflationary pressure on the cost of materials as well as transportation. In an attempt to contain costs, the design team made a number of revisions, including deleting the planned service road behind the facilities and deleting the finishes in the medical suite area in the Animal Control Center. A number of alternate bids will be taken to help keep the project within budget. Discussion continued on the importance of the medical suite for the spay-neuter program. Presently the County has an agreement with local veterinarians to do this. Commissioner Blackwell said he hopes the bids will come in that will allow the County to complete the medical suite section and make the Animal Control Center a self-contained, first class facility. Commissioners Council and Wheatley agreed. Bids will be received on September 28, 2005. The Facilities Committee will be given an update at the next meeting.

4. Other Matters of Concern

Bob Stanger gave an update on several other projects. Bids will be taken on the Russell Street parking lot on October 6<sup>th</sup>. The next phase of work at the Cedar Creek Business Center includes erecting the main identification sign, landscaping and irrigation. Bids will be received on October 18<sup>th</sup>. The Commissioners will receive an invitation, along with other public officials, to review the new digital flood maps on September 27<sup>th</sup>. At some point in the near future the Commissioners will be asked to adopt the maps.

Commissioner Wheatley inquired about the status of the old jail. James Martin said a proposal from the Sheriff should be received next week.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 11:55 AM