

CUMBERLAND COUNTY FACILITIES COMMITTEE MEETING
June 13, 2006 – 8:00 AM
REGULAR MEETING

PRESENT: Chairman 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
Al Brunson, Facilities Maintenance Manager
Robert Barefoot, City of Fayetteville
Larry Philpott, City of Fayetteville
Alan Campbell, Parks & Recreation Advisory Board
Ann Hymes, Deputy Clerk

1. Approval of Minutes: May 9, 2006

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

2. Discussion of Fayetteville-Cumberland Parks & Recreation Plan

Larry Philpott explained that the Board of Commissioners requested the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board develop a list of priorities for the 5-year Action Plan. A handout was provided to include the rank, county district and estimated cost of each project (see Attachment A). The number one priority for both the city and county is a Senior/Aquatics Center for an estimated cost of \$3,250,000 each. The second priority for both the city and county is the Fields Road Sports Complex for an estimated \$1,750,000 cost to both the city and county. All 14 projects were reviewed. The estimated county district total is \$15,670,000. Commissioner Blackwell asked about the possibility of combining projects. Mr. Philpott said, that in the future, they are looking at the possibility of partnering parks with Cumberland County schools. Commissioner Council inquired about the financing of these projects. Mr. Barefoot said a plan or recommendation for financing has not yet been developed. It was suggested that the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board consider developing a consolidated or dedicated funding source.

MOTION: Commissioner Blackwell moved to adopt the priorities of the Park and Recreation Board and refer this issue back to the Park and Recreation Board and staff for funding recommendations.
SECOND: Commissioner Council
VOTE: UNANIMOUS

This action will be presented to the full Board of Commissioners on June 19, 2006.

Robert Barefoot gave an update on a recent meeting in Raleigh regarding the Cape Fear River Trail. It was attended by a Cumberland County delegation to include Commissioner Wheatley, members of the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board, a representative from the Clean Water Trust Fund and local legislators. A plan has been submitted to the Clean Water

Trust Fund to extend the river trail from Clark Park to the Botanical Gardens. There is a \$2,000,000 House bill earmarked for this project.

3. Status Report on County Construction Projects

Bob Stanger gave an update on the Public Health facility renovations. The staff is evaluating the option of relocating the Health Department agencies into a temporary facility while renovations are being made to the existing facility. This would allow the work to be accomplished over a shorter duration and under a single contract. The architect has suspended work on the project pending a decision by the Board regarding the scope of the project.

The Board awarded a contract to Grahams Construction in the amount of \$800,980 for the Courthouse Lobby Expansion Phase of the Courthouse Security and Plaza Renovations Project. Work is anticipated to begin in late June. The construction time for this phase is 130 days. The second phase includes plaza renovations. Plans and specifications are being developed and bids will be let in August 2006.

Construction began in December 2005 on the Animal Control/Sheriff's Training Center. Significant work accomplished in the last 30 days in the Animal Control Center includes: pouring floor slabs in the kennel areas and vehicle bay – 100% complete; erecting metal building for the Animal Control barn – 90% complete; masonry walls – 30% complete; hollow metal frames – 30% complete; plumbing, mechanical and electrical wall rough-in – 30% complete. Work accomplished in the Sheriff's Training Center to date: plumbing, mechanical and electrical wall rough-in – 95% complete; metal building erection and insulation – 50% complete; hollow metal frames – 95% complete. The subgrade work on the Sheriff's Driver Training Pad is 100% complete.

Construction began in December 2005 on the Crown Arena/Theater Renovations. The atrium is 75% complete and the total project is approximately 70% complete.

The contractor has completed the installation of the Russell Street parking lot and it is ready for use. Outstanding work items to be completed include installing the irrigation controller and activating the irrigation system. They are working with PWC for water and electrical services needed for the irrigation system.

Authorization to proceed with construction of the Lake Upchurch Dam Restoration Project was received from the regulatory agencies on May 8th, and the notice to proceed was issued to the contractor. Significant work completed to date includes construction staking, installing erosion control measures, removing the fuse-plug foundation and preparing the area for placement of concrete forms for the spillway. The contractor submitted cost proposal revisions to the final plan submitted to the regulatory agencies, and because of material cost increases, there will be a budget revision on the agenda of the June 19, 2006 Board of Commissioners meeting. Due to a request from Senator Rand and the property owners of Lake Upchurch, on May 31st an application was submitted for a Clean Water Management Grant. If received, this would assist the property owners and reduce the cost of the total project.

Construction plans and specifications for the Gillespie Street parking lot are currently under review in the Engineering Department. It is anticipated that bids will be let by the end of June.

The landscaping and irrigation work of the Cedar Creek Business Center is 98% complete. The concrete base for the main identification sign was poured and the sign is being fabricated. The permanent electrical meter base and panel should be installed within two weeks.

The Board awarded a contract on the Historic Courthouse Re-roofing Project to Baker Roofing Company in the amount of \$171,162. Contracts are being executed and the work should begin in July.

The contractor has completed paving the roadway for the Cumberland Industrial Center Production Drive Extension. Outstanding work to be completed includes grading and seeding the road shoulders.

Bob Stanger said a change order would be presented to the Board in the amount of \$58,708 for Bordeaux Construction Company to provide 32 additional cages in the large dog kennels at the Animal Control Center. Under the base bid, the contractor provides 32 cages in each of the kennel units; however, each kennel will hold an additional 16 cages. Due to the recent increase in the volume of large dogs being housed in the existing facility and the number of violent dogs which must be kept in individual cages, the Animal Control Director requested additional funds to purchase the extra cages in the new facility. The Board appropriated \$55,000 in the FY2007 budget. However, cost savings can be realized if the County can purchase the additional cages at this time. The difference of \$3,708 can be funded from the project contingency.

MOTION: Commissioner Blackwell moved to recommend to the full Board approval of 32 additional cages for the large dog kennel units of the Animal Control Project.
SECOND: Commissioner Council
VOTE: UNANIMOUS

4. Other Matters of Concern

James Martin provided an update on a meeting with City management staff and Marshall Isler on the Parking Deck Project. There are many questions, to include the proposed method of financing and the debt payment issue which have not yet been fully answered. The plan will very likely involve whether there will be free parking or paid parking anywhere. He said if the project is to move forward, the Board of Commissioners and the City Council need to appoint representatives to a newly formed Downtown Parking Management Plan Committee. After discussion, it was decided the County Manager would gather additional information and report back to the Facilities Committee at a future date.

The County Manager reported that the Mental Health Department is going to discontinue using the Fuller School facility. The Mental Health Director will send a letter indicating they do not foresee further use of the building. Mr. Martin has been in contact with the Cumberland County School System and requested they take action to transfer this property to the Cumberland County School System. No action will be taken until a letter is received from the Board of Education.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 9:30 AM