

CUMBERLAND COUNTY FACILITIES COMMITTEE MEETING  
OCTOBER 17, 2006 – 8:00 AM  
REGULAR MEETING

PRESENT: Chairman Diane Wheatley  
Commissioner Breeden Blackwell  
Commissioner Jeannette Council  
James Martin, County Manager  
Cliff Spiller, Assistant County Manager  
Amy Cannon, Assistant County Manager  
Grainger Barrett, County Attorney  
Rick Moorefield, Assistant County Attorney  
Bob Stanger, County Engineer  
Al Brunson, Facilities Maintenance Manager  
Sara VanderClute, Public Information Officer  
Ann Hymes, Deputy Clerk

1. Approval of Minutes: September 19, 2006

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

2. Status Report on County Construction Projects/Impact of Courthouse Site Improvements on Parking

Bob Stanger, County Engineer, provided a brief status report on County construction projects.

At the September Facilities Committee Meeting, the committee endorsed the concept of constructing a new Public Health Facility located on the DSS site and forwarded the recommendation to the Finance Committee to explore options to finance the project.

Construction began on the Animal Control/Sheriff's Training Center in mid-December, 2005. The contract time is 360 calendar days. Significant work on both projects has been accomplished in the last 30 days. The projected completion date for the Sheriff's Training Center is January 1, 2007, and the completion date for the Animal Control Center is March 1, 2007.

The Crown Arena/Theater Renovation Project is 100% complete with the exception of several punch list items.

Construction on the Russell Street parking lot is 100% complete with the exception of installing the electrical meter base and permanent irrigation controller. The parking lot has been in use for the past two months.

Construction on the Lake Upchurch Dam Restoration project began on May 22, 2006. Significant work has been accomplished. The construction phase is approximately 65% complete. The grading phase for the fill behind the berm on Bay Shores Properties will

begin in November and will be completed in February. The plan is to have the lake restored by Spring of 2007.

Bids were received on the Gillespie Street Parking Lot Project on August 10, 2006. Contracts are in the process of being executed. Work is expected to begin by the end of October with completion scheduled by the end of December.

The Cedar Creek Business Center Landscaping, Irrigation and Signage Project is 100% complete and the project was turned over to the owner.

Construction began in mid-August on the Historic Courthouse Re-roofing Project. Construction time is 60 calendar days. The project is approximately 75% complete.

The Cumberland Industrial Center Production Drive Extension Project is complete with the exception of punch list items.

All courthouse elevators have been renovated and are in service. Remaining work includes installation of additional hand rails in the passenger elevator cabs.

Construction of Phase 1 Courthouse Lobby Expansion Project began on July 17, 2006. The construction time for this phase is 130 calendar days. The plaza and parking lot renovations are expected to begin in late January 2007. The number of parking spaces affected by construction of Courthouse site improvements was discussed. Phase 1 involves the area at the front of the building. No parking spaces will be affected. Phase 2A construction involves removing trees along Russell Street and replacing them with asphalt. Sixty-nine parking spaces will be affected. Construction is expected to take 30 days. Phase 2B involves construction of a new entrance to the parking lot off of Cool Spring Street. Construction is expected to take 30 days. This will impact 88 parking spaces. Phase 3 will affect 242 parking spaces. After the renovations, 172 parking spaces will be restored. There will be a net loss of 70 parking spaces in this area. For security purposes, parking will be moved away from the building. Construction is expected to take 90 days. Phase 4A involves demolition of asphalt and construction of improvements between the building and where the limits of the parking area begin. It is expected that these renovations will take 15 days. Ten parking spaces will be temporarily affected. Phase 4B continues the demolition of asphalt and construction of improvements between the building and where the limits of the parking area begin. This is being done in two phases in order to keep one entrance to the Courthouse open at all times. This phase will not impact any parking spaces and is expected to take 15 days. Phase 5 involves the 63 parking spaces in the short term parking area along Person Street. This area will be out of service during the construction period. After completion, 22 spaces will be accessible to the general public. The remaining 39 spaces will be in a secure area. A security gate will be monitored by Courthouse deputies. Phase 6 involves cleaning the parking lot, and paving and sealing the cracks. No parking spaces will be affected since this work will be done on weekends. This work is expected to take 20 days.

Parking alternatives during the construction period were discussed. Cliff Spiller, Assistant County Manager, said there are two options under consideration. One is the lot behind the new Detention Center. This lot could hold 290 vehicles. The second option is the lot belonging to First Presbyterian Church on Bow Street which could hold 70 vehicles. Commissioner Blackwell recommended that all county-owned and state-owned vehicles park in an off-site lot. The cost of including a shelter and shuttle transportation was also

discussed. Shuttle transportation would cost approximately \$638.00 per day per vehicle. The "crush and run" needed for the Detention Center parking lot and the Bow Street parking lot would cost approximately \$58,000.00. The County Manager noted that the "crush and run" could later be reused at the County landfill. Utilizing the Crown parking lot and the Department of Social Services parking lot, using shuttle service, was also mentioned.

James Martin recommended making this presentation to the full Board at the first County Commissioners meeting in November.

**MOTION: Commissioner Blackwell moved to ask management to make this presentation concerning temporary parking to the full Board of Commissioners at the first meeting in November.**

**SECOND: Commissioner Council**

**VOTE: UNANIMOUS**

MEETING ADJOURNED: 9:25 AM.