

CUMBERLAND COUNTY FACILITIES COMMITTEE
September 9, 2008 – 8:30 AM
REGULAR MEETING

PRESENT: Commissioner Diane Wheatley
Commissioner Billy King
Commissioner John Henley
James Martin, County Manager
Juanita Pilgrim, Deputy County Manager
Amy Cannon, Assistant County Manager
Cliff Spiller, Assistant County Manager
Harvey Raynor, Deputy County Attorney
Sara VanderClute, Public Information Officer
Bob Stanger, County Engineer
Al Brunson, Director of Electrical & Mechanical
Kenny Currie, Director of Emergency Services
Marie Colgan, Deputy Clerk

Commissioner King offered a prayer and called the meeting to order.

1. Approval of Minutes: May 13, 2008

MOTION: Commissioner Henley moved to approve.

SECOND: Commissioner Wheatley

VOTE: Unanimous

2. Update on Construction Projects

Bob Stanger updated the members on the following projects:

Lake Upchurch – The dam restoration work has been completed. Next step is to determine the final cost, the assessment base, and prepare the final assessment roll which will be presented to the full Board with a request for the setting of a public hearing.

Courthouse Plaza – The back parking lot (center section) should be completed within the next 3 – 4 weeks. The final top surface and sealing of the parking lot will not be completed until the end of the project. The work between the Law Enforcement Center and the Courthouse is expected to be completed by mid October. The demolition of the parking lot area and the drive between the building and the curb and gutter will be the next phase. The total project should be completed by late November. In answer to questions from Commissioner King, Mr. Stanger advised that the project is about 12 weeks behind schedule and the budget is within the contingency that the Board approved when the bid was awarded.

Public Health Center - The project is behind schedule about a week due to weather and some groundwater conditions that have slowed up the foundation work. The foundation is now complete. The contractor will start pouring the floor slab next week and feels it can make up the lost time. The final completion date is expect to be December 10, 2009.

Landfill Gas Collection Control System – The work has been completed and the DENR compliance schedule has been met. However, some condensation is occurring in one of the horizontal collector lines and the consultant, CDM, is working with the contractor to correct this problem.

Mr. Stanger advised that PWC is working toward putting electrical lines underground on Russell Street and will need an easement from the County for an area on the Detention Center property.

MOTION: Commissioner Henley moved to recommend to the full Board to grant a utility easement to PWC along Russell Street on the Detention Center property subject to a formal easement description acceptable to the County Attorney.

SECOND: Commissioner Wheatley

VOTE: Unanimous

3. Discussion on E911 and Sheriff's Communications

County Manager Martin advised that for some time there have been general discussions on the need to combine the Sheriff's communications system and the County's E911 system. Communications have taken place between Kenny Currie and the Sheriff and they have agreed for Mr. Currie to assume responsibility for the Sheriff's dispatch function effective October 1, 2008. How to bring those two areas together into a work space needs to be considered. The Sheriff's current space is 1200 square feet and the E911 space area is 440 square feet. The Sheriff's dispatch area has 3 dispatchers at one time and one supervisor from 8 am to 5 pm. The E911 dispatch area has 4 dispatchers. Mr. Martin informed members that a discussion has been held with Doug Peters and Phyllis Owens with the Fayetteville/Cumberland County Chamber of Commerce to consider use of the Alphin home in Cedar Creek. They have agreed on the use of the home for the emergency communications area with the possibility of providing temporary offices somewhere on the property for businesses interested in the area in order to keep the original intent of the purchase of the home intact. The house would be used for administrative offices and some space behind the house would be used to construct a communication center. Some renovations to the house would be needed. Mr. Martin advised that there should be sufficient funds in the E911 telephone surcharge account to complete this project. Placing the emergency dispatch center out of the heart of the city has advantages during possible evacuations that could also include evacuation of the dispatch center if left in the center of town. Commissioner King questioned the need to retain all employees and Mr. Martin agreed that an evaluation of staff would need to be reviewed at a later time, but that in the beginning all employees from both dispatch areas would need to be retained. Mr. Currie added that the E911 dispatch area is understaffed at this time and feels that all the employees will be needed and he would recommend additional staff. Discussion turned to the possibility of the city's 911 system being consolidated as well and Mr. Martin stated that some discussion on this has been held at the staff level. Members agreed that the consolidation makes sense, but other possible locations should be considered and that discussions should take place first with the City to determine its feelings on consolidation of all 911 centers. The County Manager was asked to pursue this course of action.

4. Other Matters of Concern

None noted.

MEETING ADJOURNED: