

CUMBERLAND COUNTY FACILITIES COMMITTEE
NEW COURTHOUSE, 117 DICK STREET, 5TH FLOOR, ROOM 564
APRIL 4, 2013 - 8:30 A.M.
MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: Commissioner Billy King, Chair
Commissioner Ed Melvin
Commissioner Charles Evans

OTHER COMMISSIONERS
PRESENT: Commissioner Jimmy Keefe
Commissioner Kenneth Edge

OTHERS PRESENT: James Martin, County Manager
Amy Cannon, Deputy County Manager
James Lawson, Assistant County Manager
Sally Shutt, Chief Public Information Officer
Rick Moorefield, County Attorney
Bruce Daws, Fayetteville-Cumberland Parks and
Recreation, Historic Properties Manager
Doug Ellwell, Chair of the NC Monument Committee
Linda Priest, Clerk of Court
Cindy Blackwell, Clerk of Court's Office
Sharon Sanders, Veterans Services
Wayne Dudley, Engineering & Infrastructure
Kellie Beam, Deputy Clerk to the Board
Press

Commissioner Billy King called the meeting to order.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – JANUARY 3, 2013 MEETING

MOTION: Commissioner Edge moved to approve the minutes.
SECOND: Commissioner Evans
VOTE: UNANIMOUS (3-0)

2. CONSIDERATION OF AUTHORIZATION OF VETERANS SERVICES TO
USE THE FORMER BOARD OF ELECTIONS BUILDING

James Lawson, Assistant County Manager, stated at the January 3, 2013 Facilities Committee meeting, county management was directed by the Facilities Committee to determine the best use of the former Board of Elections building and bring a recommendation back to the Facilities Committee. Mr. Lawson stated staff has evaluated the former Board of Elections building for both the Human Resources Department and

Veterans Services. Mr. Lawson also stated the former Board of Elections building could adequately accommodate either department but staff has determined that Veterans Services would be the most appropriate department to relocate to the former Board of Elections building for the following reasons:

- The former Board of Elections building will provide better access for veterans to enter the building along with parking adjacent to the building.
- The former Board of Elections building will provide additional space that is currently needed along with added space for future growth.
- The projected cost of renovations needed for Veterans Services is much less than what would be needed to up-fit the space for the needs of the Human Resources Department.
- The relocation of Veterans Services to the former Board of Elections building is viewed as a more permanent move as compared to the Human Resources Department whose move is viewed as temporary.

Mr. Lawson stated the Engineering and Infrastructure Director along with county management recommend that the Facilities Committee approve the relocation of Veterans Services to the former Board of Elections building.

MOTION: Commissioner Melvin moved to recommend to the full board approval of the relocation of Veterans Services to the former Board of Elections building.

SECOND: Commissioner King

VOTE: UNANIMOUS (3-0)

3. CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF PLACEMENT OF SMALL MARKER AT THE HISTORIC COURTHOUSE

Bruce Daws, Fayetteville-Cumberland Parks and Recreation Historic Properties Manager, stated he is requesting the placement of a small stone marker with a bronze plaque commemorating Captain Alexander McRae to the right of the front steps of the Historic Courthouse. Mr. Daws stated Captain Alexander McRae grew up on this site, which was the McRae home place, and Captain McRae was killed in action during the Civil War fighting for the Union Army. Mr. Daws stated Captain McRae was highly respected by his family and he was afforded the honor of burial at West Point after the war. Mr. Daws stated this small marker will help tell the story of the American Civil War during which brother was often pitted against brother. Mr. Daws also stated the McRae family is still represented in Fayetteville. Mr. Daws stated the placement of this marker is being conducted in partnership with the Sons of Union Veterans and will tie to the 150th Anniversary of the American Civil War.

Mr. Daws stated if the board approves the request the historic marker will be placed at the Historic Courthouse in May 2013.

Mr. Martin stated the Engineering and Infrastructure Director and county management recommend that the Facilities Committee approve the placement of this historic marker on the grounds of the Historic Courthouse.

MOTION: Commissioner Evans moved to recommend to the full board approval of the placement of this historic marker on the grounds of the Historic Courthouse.

SECOND: Commissioner Melvin

VOTE: UNANIMOUS (3-0)

4. CONSIDERATION OF REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL COURT SPACE BY CLERK OF COURT

Linda Priest, Clerk of Court, stated currently room 102 in the Courthouse is the only dedicated space for matters to be heard by the Clerk of Court by statute and due to the increased volume of foreclosures, incompetency, guardianship and estate matters, room 102 is no longer sufficient for the time sensitive matters to be scheduled and heard as prescribed by law.

Ms. Priest stated the Clerk of Court's office is requesting use of the county commissioner's meeting room 118 on Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays when the room is not already in use. Ms. Priest stated she understands that the space needs of the board of commissioners takes priority, but having access to the additional hearing space on these three days will greatly improve her ability to hear matters within the time prescribed by law and in an accessible and safe location.

MOTION: Commissioner Evans moved to recommend to the full board approval of the request for additional court space by the Clerk of Court.

SECOND: Commissioner Melvin

VOTE: UNANIMOUS (3-0)

5. OTHER MATTERS OF BUSINESS

There were no other matters of business.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:50 AM.