

CUMBERLAND COUNTY FACILITIES COMMITTEE
COURTHOUSE, 117 DICK STREET, 5TH FLOOR, ROOM 564
FEBRUARY 5, 2015 - 8:30 A.M.
MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: Commissioner Glenn Adams
Commissioner Larry Lancaster

MEMBERS ABSENT: Commissioner Jimmy Keefe

OTHERS PRESENT: Amy Cannon, County Manager
James Lawson, Deputy County Manager
Melissa Cardinali, Assistant County Manager for Finance /
Administrative Services
Jeffery Brown, Engineering and Infrastructure Director
Vicki Evans, Finance Accounting Manager
Jon Soles, Public Information Specialist
Amy Hall, Public Utilities
Blake Bullard, Kansas City Sausage Company
Ken Wilson, Kansas City Sausage Company
John Swope, Sampson County Economic Development
Commission
Fred Hobbs, Hobbs Upchurch & Associates
Candice White, Clerk to the Board
Kellie Beam, Deputy Clerk to the Board
Press

Commissioner Glenn Adams called the meeting to order.

1. ELECTION OF FACILITIES COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

MOTION: Commissioner Lancaster moved to appoint Commissioner Adams as
Chairman of the Facilities Committee.
SECOND: Commissioner Adams
VOTE: UNANIMOUS (2-0)

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – DECEMBER 4, 2014

MOTION: Commissioner Lancaster moved to approve the minutes.
SECOND: Commissioner Adams
VOTE: UNANIMOUS (2-0)

3. CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF REQUEST BY KANSAS CITY SAUSAGE COMPANY TO CONNECT TO THE NORCRESS SEWER SYSTEM

BACKGROUND:

In the fall of 2014, staff from the Engineering and Infrastructure Department was contacted by a representative from the Kansas City Sausage Company, LLC about the possibility of connecting to the NORCRESS sewer system. This is the former Martin's Abattoir and Wholesale Meats located in Sampson County just across the Cumberland County line off of Highway 13. This meat processing plant had been in operation for over 50 years up until it closed in 2014. Kansas City Sausage Company would like to reopen this plant by December of 2015. Upon receiving this request, a meeting was held with the NORCRESS Advisory Board to inform them of the request that had been made and to seek their thoughts on the possible connection. After much discussion, it was determined that Kansas City Sausage Company should be directed to complete a feasibility study of this proposed connection and how it would impact the NORCRESS sewer system.

Kansas City Sausage Company, LLC acquired the services of Hobbs Upchurch Associates out of Southern Pines, NC to complete a Preliminary Engineering Report (PER) to determine the impact that their proposed connection would have on the NORCRESS sewer system. This PER document has been completed and submitted to the County staff for review. The PER document has been sent to PWC for review and approval as well. PWC will set the wastewater concentrations that Kansas City Sausage Company is allowed to discharge into the system and permit the facility as an industrial user if they are authorized to connect to the NORCRESS sewer system by the Cumberland County Board of Commissioners.

RECOMMENDATION/PROPOSED ACTION:

The Facilities Committee is being asked to provide County staff their thoughts on allowing Kansas City Sausage Company to connect to the NORCRESS Sewer System and to provide direction on how County staff should move forward with handling the request.

Jeffery Brown, Engineering and Infrastructure Director, reviewed the background information and recommendation recorded above. Questions and discussion followed.

Mr. Brown explained the NORCRESS system has a capacity of 400,000 gallons per day which has been allocated by PWC. Mr. Brown further explained if this request is approved the pumping capacity will need to be increased. Mr. Brown stated cost of all upgrades to the system will be made by Kansas City Sausage Company to accommodate the flow.

John Swope, Sampson County Economic Development Commission, stated he appreciates Cumberland County considering this request and he is excited about the opportunity to work with Kansas City Sausage Company. Blake Bullard, Kansas City Sausage Company, stated he feels this is an infrastructure upgrade that is crucial to the development of this site.

Commissioner Lancaster stated he feels this is a great plan and he is impressed with what he has heard. Commissioner Adams stated he likes the collaboration.

MOTION: Commissioner Lancaster moved to direct staff to continue negotiations with Kansas City Sausage Company, Sampson County and PWC for connection to the NORCRESS system.
SECOND: Commissioner Adams
VOTE: UNANIMOUS (2-0)

4. OTHER ITEMS OF BUSINESS

No other items of business.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:46 AM.