

FAYETTEVILLE-CUMBERLAND JOINT COMMITTEE  
HILLTOP HOUSE RESTAURANT - 1240 FT. BRAGG ROAD  
February 25, 2016 - 12:00 PM  
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

FAYETTEVILLE

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Nat Robertson  
Mayor Pro Tem Mitch Colvin, City Council  
Kathy Jensen, City Council

CUMBERLAND COUNTY

MEMBERS PRESENT: Commissioner Kenneth Edge  
Commissioner Glenn Adams  
Commissioner Marshall Faircloth

OTHERS PRESENT:

Theodore L. Voorhees, City Manager  
Kristoff Bauer, Deputy City Manager  
Michael Gibson, City Parks and Recreation  
Director  
Robert Stone, City Engineering and  
Infrastructure Director  
Lee Jernigan, City Traffic Engineer  
Pamela Megill, City Clerk  
Jennifer Ayre, City Senior Administrative  
Assistant  
Amy Cannon, County Manager  
Tracey Jackson, Assistant County Manager  
Randy Beeman, County Emergency Services  
Director  
James Lawson, Deputy County Manager  
Candice White, Clerk to the Board

**1.0 CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Pro Tem Colvin called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. and welcomed everyone in attendance.

**2.0 INVOCATION**

Commissioner Edge offered a prayer of thanks.

**3.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**MOTION:** Commissioner Edge moved to place Item 5.3 at the beginning.

**SECOND:** Commissioner Adams

**VOTE:** UNANIMOUS (5-0)

#### 4.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES - January 14, 2016

MOTION: Mayor Robertson moved to approve.  
SECOND: Commissioner Edge  
VOTE: UNANIMOUS (5-0)

#### 5.1 911 Co-Location Needs Assessment/Facility Programming and Planning Study

Mr. Gary Loflin and Mr. Phil Penny with Mission Critical Partners and Mr. Tom Forsberg with Schradergroup Architects presented this item with the aid of a PowerPoint presentation and provided a handout to all in attendance.

Mr. Gary Loflin gave a breakdown of the current 911 organizational structure.

##### City owned:

- 911 is a division of the Police Department
- 65 employees are housed in City Hall
- Dispatch City Police and Fire Department
- 255,000 emergency calls handled in 2014
- 654,000 non-emergency calls handled in 2014
- 307,679 sent to Law Enforcement
- 29,404 sent to Fire Department

##### County owned:

- 911 is a division of EMS
- 42 employees are housed in Sheriff's Department
- Dispatch sheriffs for Hope Mills and Spring Lake
- 143,991 emergency calls handled in 2014
- 337,000 non-emergency calls handled in 2014
- 226,755 sent to Law Enforcement
- 15,526 sent to Fire Department
- 66,061 sent to EMS

Mr. Loflin stated that overall 911 is adequately staffed and very successful with sharing the CAD efforts so that residents do not see transfers because of the shared server. The server is owned by the County; however both groups share the same protocols, training and GIS to make for smooth transitions and transfer of information.

Some of the challenges and risks the City and County will face are the following:

- Intergovernmental Agreement
- Funding Model

- o Cost Sharing
  - By Population, City heavy
  - Per Calls Received, City heavy
  - Square Footage Split, County heavy
  - Straight 50-50 split
- o How to fund
  - NC 911 Board Grant Program
  - Other Grant Programs
  - Alternate funding from City and County
- Support Oversight
- Dedicated IT department
- Who should managed and execute department, recommended it be an Executive Steering Committee or 911 Advisory Board
- Ability to agree on:
  - o Location and design
  - o Costs
  - o Staff Breakdown
  - o How to secure funding
  - o Retain all staff

Mr. Tom Forsberg gave the update on the Site Plan Study. It was decided the building would need to have 32,500 Sq. Ft. of office space broken up into three zones; administrative, commons, and Operations center. It would also need 7,600 Sq. Ft. for vehicle storage with a total estimated square footage of 40,000. The Operations Center will need to be specially built as a hardened zone to FEMA Threat Assessment standards to protect against unknown forces, both natural and manmade.

Three areas have been chosen as possible sites:

1. Cedar creek Business Park, 15 acres, total cost: \$29M
2. Fields Road, 50 acres, total cost: 30M or 33.5M with attached Fire House
3. Tracy Hall, 245 acres, total cost: 29M. Not a good option due to one access road and flood plain

Mayor Pro Tem Colvin asked why all of the locations were on the outskirts of town. Mr. Loflin explained that it mostly has to do with land available and that traditionally operations centers should be removed from high traffic areas to lessen the possibility of attack or collateral damage.

Council Member Jensen asked if it would be cost effective to utilize old buildings instead of building brand new. Mr. Loflin stated that it is possible; however the costs would rise due to having to change the structure into a hardened site. Also, in some instances, it is physically impossible to do.

Mayor Robertson asked if anyone explored the idea of co-locating on airport property. Gary stated that airport co-location was not explored for this study. The issue is that the FAA has very strict restrictions on towers which tend to make it impossible.

The tower would need to be at least 100 foot tall for the Operations Center.

Commissioner Adams asked if there would be any cost savings as co-habitation instead of co-location. Mr. Loflin stated that the savings would be so minor that it would not be significant enough to justify.

## **5.2 UPDATE ON RED LIGHT CAMERAS**

Mr. Lee Jernigan, Traffic Engineer, explained that the Red Light Camera program began on July 1, 2015 with four cameras. On July 8, 2015 citations began to be issued for those four cameras. On October 1, 2015 six more cameras were set up at intersections. Those cameras went live with citation issuing on October 8, 2015.

As of December 31, 2015, 7,600 citations have been issued from all cameras. Approximately, 9,000 citations have been issued as of January 31, 2016. 2% of those citations are repeat offenders. The most active intersection for citations tends to be Morganton and Skibo.

Mayor Pro Tem Colvin asked Mr. Jernigan if the number of accidents has gone down since the cameras went live. Mr. Jernigan explained that he currently only have three months of data and so are unable to accurately make that determination or see a trend yet. He expects they will be able to give an answer around the six month mark.

Mayor Roberson asked Mr. Jernigan if the number of lives lost in accidents at intersections have decreased and also if there is a plan for expansion. Mr. Jernigan stated he would look into fatality numbers to see if there has been a change. He also stated that the City has the ability to add five more cameras for a total of 15. However, there is currently no schedule to set up those additions.

Commissioner Edge asked if there was such a thing as "Dummy Cameras" and what the possibility would be to incorporate those into the plan. Mr. Jernigan explained that "Dummy Cameras" are sold; however, the City does not currently own any, and there is not a budget to do so.

## **5.3 UPDATE ON PARKS AND RECREATION BOND**

Mr. Gibson stated the education of the parks and recreation bond is going very well. He has had the opportunity to speak at multiple venues such as churches and community groups. He was excited to see the amount of people that want to invest in the community through supporting this bond.

Mr. Gibson also stated during the City Council Strategic Planning Retreat it was discussed that developing an appearance behavior throughout the City is needed. This can be accomplished by developing and understanding of areas that are both City and County managed.

**6.0 OTHER ITEMS OF BUSINESS**

Mayor Pro Tem Colvin requested Roadside Clean Up Gateway Initiative be placed on the next agenda.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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JENNIFER L. AYRE  
Senior Administrative Assistant

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NAT ROBERTSON  
Mayor

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