

COUNTY POLICY COMMITTEE
JUNE 8, 1994, 3:00PM

MEMBERS PRESENT: Johnnie Evans, Ch.
Tom Bacote

OTHERS: Cliff Strassenburg
Danny Higgins
George Vaughan
David Ivey
Tom Grantonic
Deborah Smithwick
Water Moorman
Marsha Fogle

MEMBERS ABSENT: Juanita Gonzalez

1. Approval of Minutes: May 11, 1994

Minutes stand approved as read.

2. Consideration of Proposed Amendments to Section 4.8,
Cumberland County Code, Requirements for Building Permits

Danny Higgins, Deputy County Attorney, was asked to elaborate on a statement made by Mr. Grantonic concerning the taxing of property prior to final plats, etc. being filed. Mr. Grantonic noted that the tax office can value property as lots as opposed to acreage once streets are put in. Mr. Moorman took exception. Mr. Higgins read that portion of the Machinery Act addressing this statement, noting that properties could in fact be taxed as lots once roads go in.

Walter Moorman again told the Committee that requiring final plats to be filed before permits are issued will in fact delay development. It could delay the development as much as two to five months. He said the current procedure allows homes to be finished quicker and on the tax books much sooner. He said the current procedure is in fact a real courtesy to the homebuilders, but also benefits the County in the long run.

Representatives from the Assessor's Office and the Land Records Department said the problem is having to remap once the final plat is filed. They noted additional work that needs to be done which in fact costs the county additional money.

Commissioner Evans asked if it was feasible to quantify the amount of money it costs relating to remapping once final plats are filed and then charge that amount back to those builders who cause the remapping procedure, i.e., fees would be charged if the final plat is different from the preliminary plat, causing a remapping. Mr. Moorman noted that in most cases the preliminary plat and final plat are identical. He said he had no problem in charging fees when remapping was necessary.

Staff was instructed to quantify the additional cost of remapping and bring the information back to the committee.