

CUMBERLAND COUNTY POLICY COMMITTEE
APRIL 16, 1998, 11:00AM
REGULAR MEETING

MEMBERS

PRESENT: Chairman Rollin Shaw
Commissioner Lee Warren
Commissioner Johnnie Evans

OTHERS: Cliff Strassenburg, County Manager
James Martin, Deputy County Manager
Neil Yarborough, County Attorney
Karen Musgrave, Staff Attorney
Sheriff Earl Butler
Deborah Koenig, Attorney for the Sheriff
Marsha Fogle
Rick Heicksen
Press

1. Approval of Minutes: February 19, 1998

MOTION: Commissioner Warren offered a motion to approve
SECOND: Commissioner Shaw
VOTE: UNANIMOUS

2. Discussion: North Carolina Department of Transportation Sidewalk Program

Mr. Rick Heicksen, Planning Department, presented a plan for the construction of sidewalks within the city limits of Fayetteville and in the unincorporated areas of the county. Towns receive Powell Bill money they can expend for construction of sidewalks within their city limits. There is presently no mechanism for county's who may want to participate in the sidewalk program. However, if a town requests the DOT to construct a sidewalk which will go through a portion of an unincorporated area, the County can sign an agreement with that town that the county will reimburse the Town for the cost of the sidewalk in the unincorporated area. The State of North Carolina will participate with the municipalities for sidewalk construction up to 2% of the total cost of the project. Some of the projects that are now on the drawing board will not be started for several years. Money would not have to be expended until construction of the sidewalk is completed.

In addition, Mr. Heicksen noted there are projects on the drawing board regarding the development of medians on five lane roads. The medians would at first be grassed, but eventually the plan calls for trees and shrubbery. The NC DOT will cut the shoulders of the roads, but not the medians. The City of Fayetteville will cut the medians, but will charge to do so.

As a related matter Mr. Strassenburg told the Committee that he had received a request from the Fayetteville City Manager regarding Glensford Drive Extension. There is a portion of property in that area the City has not annexed; however, they would like the county to extend to them extra-territorial jurisdiction for that portion that has not been annexed. This would allow for orderly development consistent with city standards. There are no residences in the area that has not been annexed. Mr. Strassenburg has suggested that perhaps the County could negotiate a deal with the City, i.e., they pick up the cost of sidewalk construction in some of the unincorporated areas of the County when they are entrances into the City and the County could consider extra-territorial jurisdiction for the Glensford Drive Extension.

The Committee authorized the Manager to talk with the City about this issue to see if an agreement could be reached which would be beneficial to everyone.

3. Review/Discussion of the Proposed County Noise Ordinance

In response to a question, the Sheriff indicated there was a need for an ordinance that could be enforced. The cost of the equipment to enforce the Ordinance is \$2,400 per meter plus a one time cost of \$375 for software. It was indicated there would be an initial need for six meters.

Cliff Strassenburg, County Manager, suggested some changes to the ordinance in the area of definitions, in some of the tables, and in other areas. He noted he also asked the Civic Center Manger to review that portion of the ordinance that could affect the Crown Coliseum. Commissioner Shaw asked that the ordinance be effective all of the time not just during the evening and early morning hours. Commissioner Warren said he did not want anything in the ordinance that would affect our hunters' rights.

The Committee instructed the legal staff to make the changes as suggested by the County Manager and bring it back to them at the next meeting. At that point they will refer it to the full Board of Commissioners for approval. It was suggested the Ordinance be made effective July 1, 1998 and that the money to fund the purchase of the noise meters be included in the Sheriff's budget for FY98-99.

MEETING ADJOURNED