

CUMBERLAND COUNTY POLICY COMMITTEE
AUGUST 24, 1998, 11:00AM
REGULAR MEETING

Members Present: Chairman Rollin Shaw
Commissioner Johnnie Evans
Commissioner J. Lee Warren, Jr.
Others: Cliff Strassenburg, County Manager
James Martin, Deputy County Manager
Neil Yarborough, County Attorney
Marsha Fogle, Clerk
Tonya Harris-Council

1. Approval of Minutes: May 29, 1998

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

Commissioner Evans arrived.

2. Discussion: Revisions/Amendments to the Cumberland County Code of Ordinances,
Article III, Storm Water Planning Requirements

Mr. Greg Caison, Director of the Storm Water Management Department, told the Committee that he is setting up a series of meetings with the home builders, engineers and other interested parties to review and discuss concerns they may have relative to the amendments to the Ordinance. He indicated he could report back to this committee in October.

3. Assessment of Resources Required for Various Revaluation Cycles

Mr. Garrett Alexander, Tax Administration, presented an overview of the considerations that need to be addressed in determining the date of the next revaluation. Some of the factors to be considered are as follows:

- Quality of tax records;
- Revenue requirements/sales ratio/current market values;
- Current status of the Computer Assisted Mass Appraisal and Geographic Information Systems;
- Public sentiment;
- Delays caused by the last revaluation, personnel turnover and the level of Information Services support;
- Budgetary constraints in increasing the funding for revaluation.

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The Tax Administrator noted the ultimate goal is to ensure that the next reappraisal reestablishes the quality of the property records and provides equitable valuations. The schedule of the reappraisal must be established after careful consideration of all factors, as noted above.

Mr. Alexander reviewed the advantages and disadvantages of an eight year, four year and two year valuation schedules. In addition he provided information outlining the resources needed under each scenario.

In conclusion, Mr. Alexander recommended that we reappraise *when necessary*. The Commissioners will have to determine what needs will trigger a revaluation.

The Committee directed Mr. Alexander to make this same presentation to the full Board of Commissioners at the September 21, 1998 meeting.

Commissioner Evans questioned Mr. Alexander about the tax maps, noting the County had hired a firm to fly the county a couple of years ago. Mr. Alexander stated the project was in trouble up front as we did not expand the scope of services to get what we wanted. He indicated the problem we have today is that there are approximately 10,000 transfers that have been done since 1994. We did not require in our initial specifications requirements that transfers and splits be addressed. At this point, it will take about \$90,000 to accomplish the task. In addition, we did not check the information received because we did not have a computer large enough to allow us to do so. A computer system has since been purchased which will allow us to check the information as it is submitted.

Commissioner Evans noted the importance of this project and offered the following motion:

MOTION: Commissioner Evans offered a motion to recommend that the Board appropriate \$90,000 to finish mapping the splits and transfers since the inception of the project to date. (This matter will go on the September 8, 1998 agenda)

SECOND: Commissioner Warren

DISCUSSION: Mr. Alexander indicated the \$90,000 amount may not be accurate at this time as that figure was based on early projections. Mr. Alexander will provide up-to-date information at the commissioners' meeting.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

4. Discussion of the Structure for the Community Health Care Board

Mr. Strassenburg told the Committee staff has not had time since the last meeting to come up with ideas for the structure of the Community Health Care Board. He recommended we defer this item to the September 15 Policy Committee meeting.

MEETING ADJOURNED