

CUMBERLAND COUNTY POLICY COMMITTEE  
August 31, 2006 – 8:00 AM  
REGULAR MEETING

PRESENT: Commissioner Talmage Baggett  
Commissioner Breeden Blackwell  
Commissioner John T. Henley, Jr.  
Commissioner Diane Wheatley  
James Martin, County Manager  
Juanita Pilgrim, Deputy County Manager  
Cliff Spiller, Assistant County Manager  
Amy Cannon, Assistant County Manager  
Grainger Barrett, County Attorney  
Sara VanderClute, Public Information Officer  
Angie Cunningham, Print Shop Supervisor  
Bob Stanger, County Engineer  
Tom Cooney, Public Utilities Director  
Thanena Wilson, Community Development Director  
Howard Abner, Assistant Finance Director  
Greg Caison, Storm Water Services Manager  
Bob Bennett, Chairman of Storm Water Advisory Board  
Dohn Broadwell, Jr., Storm Water Advisory Board  
Dennis Gould, Storm Water Advisory Board  
Ann Hymes, Deputy Clerk

Invocation: Commissioner Blackwell

1. Approval of Minutes: November 3, 2005

**MOTION: Commissioner Blackwell moved to approve.**  
**SECOND: Commissioner Baggett**  
**VOTE: UNANIMOUS**

The County Manager asked the committee to consider adding an item to the agenda. Camden Road is scheduled for right-of-way acquisition in FY 2007 and construction is scheduled to begin in FY 2009. As part of the planning process Department of the Transportation and the Metropolitan Planning Committee are considering that sidewalks be built on one side of the project. The total estimated cost of the project would be \$405,720. The county, state, City of Fayetteville and Town of Hope Mills would participate in the funding.

**MOTION: Commissioner Henley moved that this item not be added to the agenda.**  
**SECOND: Commissioner Blackwell**  
**VOTE: UNANIMOUS**

2. Election of Chair

**MOTION: Commissioner Blackwell moved to appoint Commissioner Baggett As Chairman.**  
**SECOND: Commissioner Henley**

**VOTE: UNANIMOUS**

3. Set Date for Regular Meeting

The Committee set the first Thursday of each month at 9:30 AM as its regular meeting date.

4. Discussion of Storm Water Advisory Board Drainage Concerns

Bob Bennett, Chairman of the Storm Water Advisory Board, provided a presentation on drainage concerns in the county, particularly the Lock's Creek/Sunnyside School Road area. The Storm Water Advisory Board recommends that an engineering study be made of the Lock's Creek drainage basin with the purpose of identifying improvements that would alleviate drainage problems in this area. The estimated cost of the study would be \$350,000. Commissioner Blackwell recently visited the area and agrees there are severe drainage problems. Funding for the study was discussed. Greg Caison said the money that had accumulated in the storm water fund balance had been used to fund maintenance activities. He said the study estimate is high because the drainage area is so large. Commissioner Baggett noted that it may be possible to obtain federal money through loans and grants but that would involve a bond referendum. Attorney Grainger Barrett said there are statutes that would allow the creation of a service district for purposes such as this. People in the service district would pay a higher tax that would be used solely for storm water improvements. County Manager, James Martin, noted that assessments might also be a financing option.

**MOTION: Commissioner Henley moved to proceed with the development of a Request For Proposal for the Lock's Creek Drainage Study, determine what the cost will be and how to fund the study. The study should include the tributaries and canals that lead into Lock's Creek.**

**SECOND: Commissioner Blackwell**

**VOTE: UNANIMOUS**

5. Consider Approving Changes to County's Stationery, Business Cards and Other Printed Materials to Reflect our Community Branding Initiative as Led by the FACVB

James Martin stated that last year John Meroski, President of the Fayetteville Area Convention and Visitors Bureau, made a presentation to the Board of Commissioners on the patriotic theme being developed to market the community in a recognizable and consistent manner. The Board approved a consent agenda item indicating the support of the consistent theme captured in the phrase, *History, Heroes and A Hometown Feeling*. Angie Cunningham and Sara VanderClute have developed sample designs that would keep the county's stationary, etc. consistent with the theme. Several ideas to include crossing the county and American flag, or replacing the flag with the county seal, were discussed.

**MOTION: Commissioner Blackwell moved that Ms. Cunningham and Ms. VanderClute make modifications to the designs and bring the different versions back to the Policy Committee.**

**SECOND: Commissioner Henley**

**VOTE: UNANIMOUS**

6. Discussion of Request for "No Thru Truck" Signs on Joy Drive in Vander

Commissioner Baggett said that he spoke with Gary Burton, Department of Transportation, regarding this matter. In Mr. Burton's opinion, if this request is approved, it will be quickly followed by many other requests. Further, if approved and a request is made to DOT and signs are placed on Joy Drive, the issue of enforcement would be quite difficult. Another consideration would be that there may be times when garbage pick up trucks, moving vans and construction vehicles may need to be on the street but be prohibited by a "No Thru Truck" regulation.

**MOTION: Commissioner Blackwell moved to deny the request. He added that if there are issues dealing with the safety of children walking to school, a formal letter be sent to the School Board asking it to monitor Sunnyside School Road.**

**SECOND: Commissioner Henley**

**VOTE: UNANIMOUS**

7. Consideration of Subrecipient Request to Forgive Repayment of Funding Granted Through Public Facilities Program

Thanena Wilson, Community Development Director, reported that in October 2000 Community Development awarded Vision Resource Center (VRC) a public facilities grant to equip a teaching kitchen for the visually impaired at their Bragg Boulevard site. The total grant amount was \$11,471.91. The Bragg Boulevard site was leased property. VRC agreed to repay the grant funds in full if either the owner or VRC terminated the lease within five years after the expiration of the contract. VRC terminated its lease on or about October 2003 and relocated to its current location on Rowan Street. Since the teaching kitchen program was available at the new site, Community Development and VRC agreed that the repayment would not include those items that could be transferred and used at the new facility. Community Development staff determined that the value of the relocated items totaled \$1,303.04, leaving a balance due of \$10,168.93. VRC requested that the amount be totally forgiven or that the agency be allowed to make payment arrangements. Community Development staff proposed giving VRC credit for the three years it used the teaching kitchen in the old facility. This reduced the balance to \$4,067.58 to be repaid in installments over a six month period. VRC maintains that it would be a financial hardship on it to have to repay the grant under any terms. The last financial information received is three years old. Current financial information has never been received. VRC is asking that the grant be totally forgiven.

**MOTION: Commissioner Blackwell moved to go into Closed Session to discuss legal remedies available to the County.**

**SECOND: Commissioner Henley**

**VOTE: UNANIMOUS**

**MOTION: Commissioner Henley moved to go back into Open Session**

**SECOND: Commissioner Blackwell**

**VOTE: UNANIMOUS**

**MOTION: Commissioner Henley moved to deny the request that the County forgive repayment of money the Vision Resource Center owes to Community Development, request a current financial statement, and request VRC repay the loan over an extended 12 month period beginning January 1, 2007.**

**SECOND: Commissioner Blackwell**

**VOTE: UNANIMOUS**

This recommendation will be presented to the full Board of Commissioners at the September 18, 2006 Board of Commissioners Meeting.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 9:25 AM