

CUMBERLAND COUNTY POLICY COMMITTEE  
OCTOBER 12, 2006 – 9:30 AM  
REGULAR MEETING

PRESENT: Commissioner Talmage Baggett  
Commissioner Breeden Blackwell  
Commissioner John T. Henley, Jr.  
Commissioner Kenneth Edge  
Commissioner Diane Wheatley  
James Martin, County Manager  
Cliff Spiller, Assistant County Manager  
Amy Cannon, Assistant County Manager  
Grainger Barrett, County Attorney  
Sara VanderClute, Public Information Officer  
Tom Cooney, Public Utilities Director  
Angie Cunningham, Print Shop Supervisor  
Mayor Wayne Lucas, Town of Falcon  
Ann Hymes, Deputy Clerk

Invocation: Commissioner Baggett

1. Approval of Minutes: August 31, 2006

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

2. Discussion of Policy to Address Land Divestiture Issues

Grainger Barrett, County Attorney, stated that this item was referred from the Facilities Committee to consider if a policy should apply in instances where property is becoming available again because it is not continuing to be dedicated to a certain purpose. Some considerations include: Is there a County or other agency need for the facility? If County general fund dollars were used to acquire a property, should the County General Fund recoup those dollars before any other distribution of dollars is considered? If the County General Fund recoups dollars as capital assets, is there a desire for the funds to be designated for future capital projects generally, and reserved to be allocated specifically at a later date by the Board of Commissioners? If reacquired properties are to be reconveyed to for-profit entities, should that occur at or near market value? James Martin, County Manager, said it is management's recommendation that proceeds from the disposition of any land or buildings owned by Cumberland County be returned to the County General Fund. Commissioner Wheatley said it was the major recommendation of the Facilities Committee that since the capital needs are so great in the County, these monies come back to the County and be designated for capital needs.

**MOTION: Commissioner Henley moved to recommend to the Board of Commissioners that upon the disposition of land or buildings that have been in the name of Cumberland County and no longer being used for previously designated purposes, those proceeds be returned to the General Fund and established in a capital reserve fund.**  
**SECOND: Commissioner Blackwell**

**VOTE: UNANIMOUS**

3. Consideration of Funding a Water Extension Feasibility Study for the Town of Falcon

Tom Cooney, Public Utilities Director, said that on May 31, 2005, the Board of Commissioners met in a joint meeting with the Town Boards of Falcon, Godwin and Wade at the Wade Civic Center. At that time Mayor Lucas of the Town of Falcon requested that the County look into the possibility of funding a feasibility study to examine the expansion of its water distribution system. The Board requested that Community Development staff look into the possibility of funding the study. At that time the Town did not identify a specific project. The Town of Falcon now has proposed two projects. The first is the extension of water services along Smithfield Road to the District Seven School as well as an extension north of Godwin along Sweetwater Drive, and the second project would be to expand the water storage capacity within the Town of Falcon. The Town has received an estimate from their engineering firm in the amount of \$5,775.00 to perform the study related to the water line extensions and has not provided an estimate for the study of the additional storage issue. In the past the County has not provided grant funding for an entire study, but has participated as much as 50% of the study cost, and in some cases more. The County does not have funds available for the actual construction of any water line extensions that may be recommended by the study.

Mayor Wayne Lucas, Town of Falcon, said Falcon purchases water from the Town of Dunn. That line extends through the Town of Godwin and to Falcon. He regularly receives requests for water from two areas. One area is to extend a water main to serve approximately 30 residents along Sweetwater Drive. The other area extends approximately four miles from Falcon to District Seven School. The Falcon Town Board has met with representatives of the school system and they expressed a desire for the water. If the study is funded, the Town of Falcon would seek money from the state and federal level. Discussion followed. The County Manager recommended that the County provide 50% of the cost of the study. Commissioner Wheatley suggested that Mid-Carolina Council of Governments be contacted and asked to assist in funding the study as that is one of their major legislative goals next year.

**MOTION: Commissioner Blackwell moved to recommend to the Board of Commissioners that Cumberland County pay 50% of the cost of the Water Extension Feasibility Study for the Town of Falcon.**

**SECOND: Commissioner Henley**

**VOTE: UNANIMOUS**

Because of the possibility that Wade and the Eastover Sanitary District may also ask the County to participate in funding Water Extension Feasibility Studies, Commissioner Blackwell asked the County Attorney to arrange a meeting with Attorney John Jackson Attorney for the Town Boards, Tom Cooney, a representative from Rural Development, Mid-Carolina COG, the school system, and each of the Town Board's. He requested this be arranged within the next 90 days.

4. Discussion of Community Branding Initiative

Sara VanderClute reported that she and Angie Cunningham attended a recent meeting led by FACVB (Fayetteville Area Convention and Visitors Bureau) regarding the Community Branding Initiative. Ms. Cunningham provided examples of how some internal documents

might look using the new branding guide. The goal is to combine the County identity with the guidelines. The cost of adding additional colors to printed materials was discussed. The Committee agreed that colors be used at the discretion of the Print Shop Supervisor and the County Manager. Mr. Martin said that management recommends approval of incorporating the community branding initiative into the County identity. Commissioner Edge recommended submitting a request to the Department of Transportation to update the signs coming into Cumberland County to include the County seal.

**MOTION: Commissioner Blackwell moved to recommend to the Board of Commissioners to approve the branding for the County and pursue a request to DOT to change the signs coming into Cumberland County.**

**SECOND: Commissioner Henley**

**VOTE: UNANIMOUS**

MEETING ADJOURNED: 10:25 AM