
Minutes
Cumberland County Board of Commissioners
Fayetteville City Council
April 12, 1999, 7:00 PM
Special Joint Meeting

PRESENT: Chairman Thomas B. Bacote
Vice Chairman Ed Melvin
Commissioner Talmage Baggett
Commissioner J. Breeden Blackwell
Commissioner Billy R. King
Commissioner H. Mac Tyson, II
Commissioner J. Lee Warren, Jr.
County Manager Cliff Strassenburg
Deputy County Manager James Martin
Asst. County Manager Juanita Pilgrim
Tonya Harris-Council, Public Information Officer
Marsha Fogle, Clerk to the Board
Mayor J. L. Dawkins
Mayor Pro Tem Milo McBryde
Council Member Jimmy Kizer
Council Member Anne Fogleman
Council Member Betty Milligan
Council Member Paul Williams
Council Member Robert A. Massey, Jr.
Council Member Darrell "DJ" Haire
Council Member Dr. Suzan Cheek
Council Member Mark Kendrick
Council Member Curtis Worthy
Council Member Don Talbot
Council Member Wick Smith
City Manager Roger Stancil
Ben Brown, Chief Development Officer/Asst. City Manager
Jason Brady, Public Information Officer

Mayor Dawkins called the City Council meeting to order and asked for a motion to approve the Agenda.

MOTION: Council Member Massey moved to approve.
SECOND: Council Member Worthy
VOTE: UNANIMOUS

Chairman Tom Bacote called the Board of Commissioners to order and asked for a motion to approve the Agenda.

MOTION: Commissioner Melvin moved to approve.

SECOND: Commissioner Blackwell

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

Mayor Dawkins recognized David Jameson, President, Chamber of Commerce and Tony Chavonne, Chairman, noting the Chamber is providing refreshments for the evening. Mr. David Jameson thanked the two groups for allowing the Chamber to be a part of this meeting.

The two Boards recessed for several minutes to enjoy the refreshments provided by the Chamber of Commerce.

The two Boards reconvened. County Manager Cliff Strassenburg reviewed the agenda noting clarification of the roles of the two Managers. Their roles will be to act as facilitators for this meeting. In addition, Mr. Strassenburg reviewed the objectives of the meeting as approved previously by both Boards:

- n develop consensus on topics of discussion;
- n explore methods for evaluating those topics;
- n establish communication channels for future meetings/issues.

The following topics were listed for consideration for future discussion:

- n Joint Planning Process;
- n Animal Control;
- n Consolidation of Services;
- n Metrogovernment;
- n Entry Corridors/Landscape Ordinance;
- n Recycling;
- n Uniform Development Standards;
- n Landfill Location;
- n County Representation on PWC Board;
- n One Cent Local Option Sales Tax Bill;
- n Expansion of Human Relations Commission;
- n Expand Transit Service;
- n High Speed Rail Corridor;
- n Long Range Planning: Transportation & Infrastructure;
- n Reservoir Project;
- n Coordination of Economic Development Efforts (FAEDC, Chamber, Fayetteville Partnership, Minority Business Development, Convention/Visitors Bureau);
- n Senior Citizens Center;

- n Health Care;
- n Parks/Recreation (Swimming Pools);
- n Report on Joint Purchasing;
- n Preserving Funds Set Aside for Roads in this Area;
- n Annexation (Tax Revenue Consequences & Fire Departments);
- n Joint Lobbying Effort in General Assembly (On-going coordination);
- n Involvement of Other Municipalities;
- n County Involvement in Bronco Square Project;
- n ASOM/Library Coordination;
- n Youth Commission;
- n One-Stop-Shop Permits;
- n Coordination with Military.

Mr. Strassenburg indicated these items will need to be prioritized. This will be done as follows:

- n City council members will receive 5 red dots (counts 1 each) to be placed by those issues important to them;
- n County Commissioners will receive 5 blue dots (counts 2 each) to be placed by those issues important to them;

These dots will then be counted and those receiving the highest number of points will indicate highest priorities.

The topics noted above received the following points (highest priority to lowest):

<u>TOPIC</u>	<u>COUNTY VOTES</u>	<u>CITY VOTES</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Joint Planning	10	6	16
One Stop-Shop Permits	12	2	14
County Representation on PWC Board	14	0	14
Consolidation of Services	10	2	12
One Cent Local Option Sales Tax Bill	4	8	12
Long Range Planning	0	12	12
Expand Human Relations Commission	2	5	7
Expand Transit Service	2	4	6
Joint Lobbying Effort	4	2	6
Recycling	0	6	6
Metrogovernment	0	5	5
Entry Corridor/Landscape Ordinance	0	5	5
Youth Commission	0	4	4
Landfill Location	2	1	3
High Speed Rail Corridor	2	1	3
Uniform Development Standards	0	2	2

Coordination of Economic Development	0	2	2
Health Care	2	0	2
Parks/Recreation	0	2	2
Preserving Funds Set Aside For Roads	2	0	2
Annexation (Tax Revenue Consequences)	2	0	2
Animal Control	0	1	1
ASOM/Library			0
Coordination with Military			0
County Involvement in Bronco Square Project			0
Involvement of Other Municipalities			0
Report on Joint Purchasing			0
Reservoir Project			0
Senior Citizens Center			0

By consensus the two Boards looked at the top ten items and determined how they would facilitate discussion on them.

1. Joint Planning: A committee made up of three members of the City Council and three Commissioners will be appointed to discuss this issue. (Appointments will be made by the Mayor and Chairman of the Board of Commissioners)
2. One Stop-Shop Permits: Staff will prepare information for consideration by the two Boards.
3. County Representation on PWC Board: Committee (2 commissioners, 2 council members); (no consensus reached)
4. Consolidation of Services: Staff will prepare matrix and funding stream for consideration by the two Boards.
5. One-Cent Sales Tax: No vehicle for discussion.
6. Long Range Planning: Committee appointed in #1 will discuss this issue.
7. Expand Human Relations Commission: Staff will prepare cost figures for review by both Boards.
8. Recycling: Staff will continue to work on this issue.
9. Expand Transit: Committee appointed in #1 will discuss this issue.
10. Joint Lobbying: (Highway Dollars): Trip to General Assembly (Members of both Boards)

Some comments made by council members and commissioners relative to the above topics are as follows:

The Mayor suggested the County appoint a liaison member (non-voting) to the PWC Board. He noted that the Town of Hope Mills has a liaison to the PWC Board. It was also noted that the PWC Board is made up of county-residents.

Commissioner Baggett stated that because county residents do in fact provide a lot of revenue for PWC, it is important that the County have representation

on the Board.

Council Member Wick Smith noted that deregulation will affect the revenues of PWC. He also stated that it is important that PWC establish communication with the County on what they are doing to help the county citizens.

Commissioner Tyson noted that the County has access to low interest loans for water/sewer extensions and he felt PWC could benefit from some input from the County.

Commissioner King noted the importance of being united in requesting the General Assembly to adopt the one cent local option sales tax, even though we may have differences of opinion as to how it will be dispersed.

Commissioner Warren noted that the Transportation Bills will affect all citizens of the county and that it is important that both bodies lobby the General Assembly to make sure we receive full benefit of potential funding in the amount of \$570 million in the next seven years.

The Board of Commissioners and the City Council discussed future meetings to follow-up on the issues discussed tonight.

It was suggested that the City-County Liaison Committee meetings be put on hold for awhile and that these joint meetings between the two boards replace them.

MOTION: Mayor Pro Tem McBryde moved to schedule the next joint meeting for the second Monday in July.

SECOND: Commissioner Mac Tyson

VOTE: FAVOR: 18 votes; OPPOSED: 2 votes

MEETING ADJOURNED: 9:40 PM

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