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**Minutes**  
**Cumberland County Board of Commissioners**  
**June 1, 1999, 6:00 PM**  
**Special Meeting with the Spring Lake Town Council**

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Present: Chairman Thomas Bacote  
Vice Chairman Ed Melvin  
Commissioner Billy King  
Commissioner Talmage

Baggett

Commissioner J. Breeden

Blackwell

Commissioner H. Mac Tyson II  
Commissioner J. Lee Warren,

Jr.

Cliff Strassenburg, County

Manager

James Martin, Deputy County

Mgr.

Juanita Pilgrim, Asst. County

Mgr.

Neil Yarborough, County

Attorney

Grainger Barrett, Senior Staff

Atty.

Marsha Fogle, Clerk to the

Board

Mayor Marvin Lucas  
Alderman Ethel Clark  
Alderman Charles Troy  
Alderman Ray Adcock  
Alderman James Wall  
Bradley Smith, City Manager  
John Jackson, Attorney -

Spring Lake

Cora Nunes, Clerk, Spring Lake

INVOCATION: Commissioner J. Lee

Warren, Jr.

## PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Bacote and Mayor Lucas called the meeting to order.

### 1. Joint Purchasing

Mayor Lucas said the Town of Spring Lake may be interested in joint purchasing with the County. Mr. James Martin, Deputy County Manager, stated that the County and the City of Fayetteville have signed a joint purchasing agreement for items such as motor oils, lubricants, etc. In addition, the County and City of Fayetteville are looking at joint purchases of ammunition, janitorial supplies, and film for law enforcement agencies. Mr. Martin said the County would be happy for Spring Lake to participate in this joint purchasing arrangement.

Bradley Smith, Spring Lake Town Manager, said he would make a list of capital items and other supplies they use and forward it to the County to see if there could be some joint purchasing efforts.

### 2. Dispatching ( Police Calls )

It was noted the County currently dispatches fire calls. Mayor Lucas said the Town may be amenable for police calls to be dispatched by the County. However, he noted concern there could be some down time. It was noted the Sheriff Department dispatches its own calls.

### 3. Economic Development

Mayor Lucas stated the Spring Lake area needs a major boost in terms of economic development. He suggested a 3<sup>rd</sup> Industrial Park in the Spring Lake area.

Commissioner Baggett inquired about a tract of land that Fort Bragg may possibly give to Spring Lake. Mayor Lucas said that transaction is still in negotiations. Commissioner Baggett asked if there was anything the Board of Commissioners could do to help with the transaction. The Mayor said he would appreciate the Commissioners help at the proper time. Commissioner Baggett also pointed out that the construction of four lanes to Sanford would certainly help Spring Lake.

Cliff Strassenburg, County Manager, noted the County contracts with FAEDC to market the county and suggested the Town of Spring Lake may want to consider that as an option to market their area. In addition, he suggested the Town may also want to contact the Convention & Visitors Bureau.

Mayor Lucas said the Town is working very hard on portraying the proper image to lure economic development to their area.

#### 4. Extension of Pope Runway

Mayor Lucas noted there has been one meeting to discuss this issue. He said there will be another meeting. The Mayor said the Town would like to keep as much territory as they can. However, he noted they want to be good neighbors to the military, and it may be that what is best for the military is best for the Town.

At this point the military is considering several options with respect to the runway: (1) extend it at Fort Bragg; (2) extend it into Spring Lake; and (3) do a combination of the two. In response to a question from Commissioner Blackwell, the Mayor said the Town has not taken an official position on this issue. He said they would wait and see what the military determines fits their needs.

Commissioner Warren said he was very appreciative of the tactful way in which the Town of Spring Lake is dealing with this issue.

Chairman Bacote noted the many positive things that the County is doing in the Spring Lake area, i.e., new library, resource center, health care clinic from Cape Fear Hospital and the fact that there will be DSS employees, Health Department employees, Mental Health employees and a sheriff's sub station at the resource center.

Mayor Lucas noted that the Town of Spring Lake has not had a full time magistrate for a number of years. He asked the County to use its influence to get a magistrate for Spring Lake.

Commissioner Baggett asked how the transition is going with the Manchester Fire Department. The Mayor indicated it was going well. Bradley Smith, Manager of the Town of Spring Lake said county staff had been extremely

helpful in the transition.

Commissioner Baggett also inquired as to the relationship between the Town and the Cape Fear Valley Health Clinic. The Mayor responded everything is going well.

Commissioner Melvin inquired as to any problems with response time from the Ambulance Service. Mr. Bradley said since an ambulance is stationed at Spring Lake, there have been no problems.

Bradley Smith noted that the Town of Spring Lake would be celebrating its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary in a couple of years. He said Commissioner Blackwell has agreed to serve on a committee to plan the celebration. He invited other commissioners to serve as well.

Alderman James Wall noted the need for a full-time magistrate for Spring Lake. He pointed out that it takes about four hours to go from Spring Lake to the County Courthouse to transact business with a magistrate, virtually leaving the Town of Spring Lake without adequate coverage. Bradley Smith said he had spoken with Judge Keever about the issue, but had received no help.

Another issue that is of concern to the Town Council is the lack of bus service. It was noted FAST was suppose to provide service beginning in March; however, there is still no service. Juanita Pilgrim, Assistant County Manger, suggested the Town of Spring Lake contact Jerome Brown with the City of Fayetteville to follow up on the status of this issue.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 7:05PM

Cumberland County Board of Commissioners  
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Special Town Hall Meeting with Spring Lake Citizens

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Chairman Bacote called the meeting to order. The County Manager invited residents to address the Board about any concerns they have.

1. Richard Weaver - Concerned about the extension of the Pope Runway. He said he had not been notified and would like an opportunity to express his concerns to the appropriate people. Mr. Weaver was directed to contact the Spring Lake Town Manager who would give him information on who to contact about this issue.

2. Don Miller - Concerned about the Pope runway extension. He said they live right in the path of the extension. He noted it would devalue their property and he hoped the Tax Office would give them some relief when it happens. In addition, Mr. Miller expressed concern that the extension would cause many businesses to close and people would lose their livelihood. Mr. Miller also noted the need for a full time magistrate for

Spring lake. He said there is a lot of domestic violence in the area and it is difficult for some of the residents to get down to the County Courthouse to talk to a magistrate.

3. Carolyn Nails, Pastor, Penecostal Church, 497-8565 (church); 868-9072 (home). Pastor Nails noted her concern about vacant dilapidated buildings in her area. She said they are becoming a safe haven for drug dealers and users. She said she would like to see the area cleaned up. In addition, she noted a street by the Church has been known as Williams Street for years. However, the County does not recognize that name. Cliff Strassenburg, County Manager, said he would ask the County Inspections Department to contact Pastor Nails about the minimum housing issues in the area. In addition, he will ask our Street Naming Department to call her about Williams Street.

4. Billy Wellons - Spring Lake needs a magistrate. In addition he would like to see the County get tough on enforcing some of their ordinances.

5. Tom Spinks (works for Spring Lake Inspections Department) - Mr. Spinks said the County has neglected the Manchester District in the area of minimum housing issues. He said trash and undergrowth are very bad. He indicated he would be glad to show the county inspectors the problem areas. He said the zoning ordinances, minimum housing ordinances and sign ordinances are not being enforced.

6. Verna Owen: Ms. Owen said Spring Lake needs a new Senior Citizens Center.

Commissioner Tyson pointed out that there appears to be consensus that Spring Lake is in need of a magistrate. In addition, he noted there are areas of concern as it relates to the County Inspections Department.

The Chief of Police of Spring Lake said he had all but cried on Judge Keever's desk begging for a magistrate. He noted that Spring Lake is not allowed to use the magistrate in the Fayetteville City Hall and he questioned that practice as a magistrate is paid by the State of North Carolina and should be available for everyone. He said the Town of Spring Lake would be willing to do whatever needs to be done, i.e., get a computer, hook up lines, etc. to accommodate a full time magistrate.

MOTION: Commissioner Melvin moved that the Board of Commissioners go on record in support of a full-time magistrate for Spring Lake.

SECOND: Commissioner Tyson

DISCUSSION: Commissioner Baggett suggested that when the officials in Spring Lake talk to the Legislative Delegation and/or Judge Keever about this issue, they use "buzz" words such as domestic violence and how not having a magistrate could have detrimental effect on families.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

Chairman Bacote commended Spring Lake on the excellent job they are doing on improving the image of their community.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 8:05PM

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