

CUMBERLAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SEPTEMBER 12, 2005, 7:00PM
JOINT MEETING WITH HOPE MILLS TOWN COUNCIL

PRESENT: John T. Henley, Chairman
 Billy R. King, Vice Chairman
 Commissioner Jeannette M. Council
 Commissioner J. Breeden Blackwell
 Commissioner Kenneth S. Edge
 Commissioner Talmage S. Baggett
 Mayor Edwin Deaver, Town of Hope Mills
 Commissioner Robert Gorman, Town of Hope Mills
 Commissioner Jerry Legge, Town of Hope Mills
 Commissioner Doris Luther, Town of Hope Mills
 Commissioner Eddie Maynor, Town of Hope Mills
 James Martin, County Manager
 Amy Cannon, Asst. County Manager
 Cliff Spiller, Asst. County Manager
 Grainger Barrett, County Attorney
 Marsha Fogle, Clerk to the Board
 Roy Taylor, Interim Town Manager, Town of Hope Mills
 Phyllis Register, Clerk, Town of Hope Mills
 Patti Speicher, County Planning Department
 Tom Cooney, County Public Utilities Director
 Sonja Green, Community Development

ABSENT: Commissioner Diane Wheatley
 Commissioner Ronnie Strong, Town of Hope Mills

Invocation: Mayor Edwin Deaver
Pledge of Allegiance

The Mayor and Chairman called their respective Boards to order.

1. Update on the expansion/renovation of the Hope Mills Community Center as a Recreation Center

The Board will be invited to the groundbreaking. It was noted the County appropriated \$800,000 for this project.

2. Discussion regarding developments and development standards in the County in areas adjacent to municipalities

Commissioner Doris Luther noted the problems that arise when development standards are not uniform. She noted specifically the Steeple Chase Subdivision, which the Cumberland County Board of Commissioners rezoned. Following the rezoning, the developer requested that Hope Mills annex them. The county development standards are less restrictive than those of the Town of Hope Mills.

Chairman John Henley noted that these are the types of issues that a "Joint Planning Board" can address. He urged the Town of Hope Mills to consider rejoining the County's Joint Planning Board. He noted that once the Town agrees to be a part of a Joint Planning Board, issues regarding MIA's can be discussed. John Henley pointed out that each municipality would continue to have its own zoning board.

Commissioner Baggett said while he was willing to discuss the MIA issue, he could not support doing a blanket MIA designation such as a two mile perimeter from the city limits. He said the MIA discussion needs to look where we want our growth to go and then tailor the MIA in that regard.

Mayor Deaver said his board would be having a retreat early next year and would be discussing these issues.

Commissioner Legge noted his concern about the lack of uniformity in our planning ordinances. He expressed concern about green space, sidewalks and stripping of land.

Chairman John Henley said the only way to work out and solve these issues is for everyone to sit down and talk about them. He again noted the importance of on-

going planning together, in addition to the 2030 Plan that the County and Municipalities are working on together.

Commissioner Blackwell said he believed a Joint Planning Board can be created that could address everyone's concerns. He suggested that perhaps we ask someone from the Institute of Government to assist us in developing a joint planning board.

Chairman Henley suggested that the 2030 Plan Task Force, made up of representatives from the county, the school board and all of the municipalities, could look at the establishment of a Joint Planning Board and bring forward a recommendation to the County and the Municipalities.

There appeared to be a consensus for the support of a Joint Planning Board. More discussion will occur.

Commissioner Gorman commented that one of the reasons that the Town pulled out from the Joint Planning Board was because of the number of representatives it had on the Board.

3. Discussion regarding developments within the County which impact on traffic congestion within/through town limits

Commissioner Eddie Maynor noted that the traffic congestion is heavy on the priority list. A Joint Planning Board would allow for discussion on these issues.

Commissioner Kenneth Edge noted the Governor has diverted our Transportation funding. He also said that the Transportation Improvement Program is updated every two years. He said that money was pulled from the Camden Road project and put into the Loop project for security for Ft. Bragg. He said we all need to be talking to our legislators urging them to address the transportation needs.

4. Discussion of county/municipal gateways

Sally Bailey, a Hope Mills representative on the Joint Appearance Commission, inquired if the County is going to appropriate money towards the gateway projects. Chairman Henley noted that the Board is waiting for the Joint Appearance Commission to present a plan along with cost figures for the projects. He noted problems with planting when there is no water source or irrigation system to keep the plants alive. Commissioner Breeden Blackwell suggested that the NC Department of Transportation be involved in planning the gateway projects because of its policies regarding what can go on state rights of way.

Mayor Deaver shared the following announcements:

September 23, 3:00PM – Bridge Ribbon Cutting
Viet Nam Traveling Wall – September 22-28, Hope Mills

The Chairman of the Board and the Mayor of the Town of Hope Mills adjourned their respective meetings.

Clerk to the Board

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Chairman Henley called the meeting to order and asked for any public comments.

Speakers:

1. Jesse Belflowers – Inquired about storm water management. It was noted that the County and the City of Fayetteville have signed an interlocal agreement which sets a fee to be paid by County residents and City of Fayetteville residents that is used to address quality-type storm water issues (Phase I). Phase II which begins in 2007 will begin to address quantity issues; however, the County and City will have to determine to what extent they want to address quantity issues, as fees will have to be raised. The County Attorney noted he has been asked to look at a “2-tier” type of fee, i.e., a base fee and then a higher fee within the City limits.
2. Al Bradford – Mr. Bradford said we need to ask the Legislature to look at its annexation laws and to move toward a more sensible framework that would be similar to what at least a great majority of other states are doing.
3. Eddie Deese – Inquired about the permitting process for Lake Upchurch to see if it is the same process that Hope Mills is going through for its Dam. Tom Cooney, County Public Utilities Director, indicated that the process is pretty much the same and the County is dealing with the same federal and state officials.
4. Doris Luther – inquired about using Hope Mills Lake #2 as a Reservoir. Tom Cooney, Public Utilities Director, indicated that the changes of getting it permitted would be very slim. Commissioner Baggett noted that Senator Larry Shaw had tried to champion the cause of a Reservoir here in the County and it was not successful.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 8:10PM

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