

CUMBERLAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SEPTEMBER 28, 2006, 7:00PM
JOINT MEETING WITH THE TOWN OF HOPE MILLS

PRESENT: Chairman Billy R. King
Vice Chairman Kenneth Edge
Commissioner Talmage S. Baggett, Jr.
Commissioner Breeden Blackwell
Commissioner Jeannette M. Council
Commissioner John T. Henley, Jr.
Commissioner Diane Wheatley
Mayor Eddie Dees
Mayor Pro Tem Bob Gorman
Commissioner Tonzie Collins
Commissioner Jerry Legge
Commissioner Doris Luther
Commissioner Terry W. Smith
James Martin, County Manager
Roy Taylor, Hope Mills Town Manager
Grainger Barrett, County Attorney
William Davis, Hope Mills Town Attorney
Phyllis Register, Clerk, Town of Hope Mills
Marsha Fogle, Clerk, Board of Commissioners
Staff from the County and the Town

The meeting was called to order.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

A. Cumberland County Joint Planning Board

The Town of Hope Mills Board of Commissioners indicated it wants to rejoin the Cumberland County Joint Planning Board. It will adopt a Resolution of Intent to rejoin the Planning Board at its next meeting. Some issues important to the Town regarding rejoining the Joint Planning Board are:

- (1) Comprehensive Land Use Planning (current underway with 2030 Growth Vision Plan)
- (2) Detailed Area Studies & Plans (assistance in formulating studies/plans for specific areas, intersections & corridors, i.e. the area surrounding the intersection of Elk Road, Legion Road and the Hope Mills By-pass)
- (3) Re-establish the Municipal Influence Area to insure consistency of development such as drainage, sidewalks, etc.
- (4) Annexation planning to assist in short and long term goals of reasonable and logical annexation
- (5) Assistance in Phase II storm water controls and water quality, air quality initiatives and hazard mitigation planning
- (6) Assistance in overall mapping, GIS and zoning map maintenance

Other issues of importance include setting new standards for appearance of its facilities, gateways, businesses and residents, revisiting its sign ordinance, controlling urban sprawl and water availability and the ability to produce electric power.

The Town of Hope Mills would continue to do the rezoning inside of the town limits.

A staff person from the County Planning Department would be assigned to the Town of Hope Mills to assist them in matters relating to joint planning, etc.

Staff from the County and the Town will draw up a proposed Inter-local Agreement for approval by both entities. The issues of cost and representation on the Joint Planning Board will be addressed in the Inter-local Agreement.

Grainger Barrett noted that the storm water issues would be addressed in a separate interlocal agreement because of the joint utility structure with the City of Fayetteville. He noted the County passed an ordinance and set a fee of \$12.00 per year for county residents for storm water quality issues. This fee is paid when the citizen pays taxes. The City of Fayetteville then actually operates the utility and allocates the money spent in the City of Fayetteville and the County. Such an agreement may be drawn up with the Town of Hope Mills.

Mr. Tom Lloyd, Planning/Inspections Director, noted the County Planning Department addresses transportation issues, comprehensive planning, subdivision/development issues and has a GIS section. All of these services would be available to the Town of Hope Mills once it rejoins the Joint Planning Board.

B. Hope Mills Lake and Dam

Mayor Eddie Dees inquired if the County could waive fees at the County Solid Waste Department if the Town has to haul trees to the landfill as a result of having to clear the lake bed. James Martin, County Manager, said the County can work with the Town on this issue and probably provide a substantial discount if needed.

In addition, the Town asked for assistance from the County if the need arose for the Town to borrow money to complete the lake/dam construction. It currently has raised about \$7 million. A possibility would be to borrow the money and assess the residents. The County Board of Commissioners indicated it would work with the Town on this issue and assist as much as possible.

C. Public Comments

Lisa Waring, President of Friends of Hope Mills Lake, Inc. noted her organization of 576 citizens is working toward the restoration and preservation of the lake. She asked the Board to do all it could to assist in this project.

Following comments from the Board of Commissioners and Town of Hope Mills Commissioners the meeting was adjourned at 8:00PM.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 8:00PM.