

CUMBERLAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
AND  
HOPE MILLS TOWN COUNCIL MEETING  
FEBRUARY 26, 2008, 7:00PM  
HOPE MILLS TOWN HALL

PRESENT: Chairman Breeden Blackwell  
Vice Chair Jeannette Council  
Commissioner Kenneth Edge  
Commissioner Ed Melvin  
Commissioner John T. Henley, Jr.  
Commissioner Diane Wheatley  
Commissioner Billy R. King  
Mayor Eddie Dees  
Mayor Pro Tem Bob Gorman  
Commissioner Tonzie Collins  
Commissioner Doris Luther  
Commissioner Jackie Warner  
Grainger Barrett, County Attorney  
James Martin, County Manager  
Amy Cannon, Asst. County Manager  
Juanita Pilgrim, Deputy County Manager  
Cliff Spiller, Asst. County Manager  
Marsha Fogle, Clerk  
Randy Beeman, Hope Mills Town Manager  
Bill Davis, Hope Mills Attorney  
Natasha McCants, Deputy Clerk – Hope Mills  
County Staff

Mayor Dees and Chairman Blackwell called their Board to order.

1. Discussion: Hope Mills Lake #1 or #2 as a possible water reservoir

The Town is working on this issue and looks for support from the County.

2. Discussion: Development Standards

The Mayor noted that at the last Mayor's Coalition meeting, a request was made to all of the municipalities to bring to the next meeting its municipal standards so they could be shared with the 2030 Committee. Commissioner Henley noted that representatives from the City and County met this date and agreed on some issues regarding MIA's and other standards. These recommendations will go to the City Planning Boards and Joint Planning Board for recommendation, and then on to the City Council and Board of Commissioners for approval. One important change IS THAT City Council approval will not longer be required for extension of PWC sewer outside of the proposed Sewer Service Area.

3. Discussion: Naming of Hope Mills Bypass

The Mayor spoke about naming the unnamed portion of the Hope Mills Bypass. The Town would like to keep the Elk Road name from Legion Road to Camden Road. Emergency officials are fine with this and this will require less disruption to the citizens living in the area.

The Town of Hope Mills will send along a Resolution to the Board of Commissioners regarding the naming of the Bypass.

4. Discussion: County ¼ cent sales tax

Chairman Breeden Blackwell explained that the sales tax is a result of Medicaid relief for counties. He noted the County has a lot of pressing needs and this ¼ cent sales tax will assist in helping us meet some of those needs. The quarter cent will bring in about \$8 million. If the ¼ cent sales tax passes, he noted the County has agreed to decrease the property tax by 2 cents for FY08-09. Chairman Blackwell noted the importance of each municipality supporting the referendum.

The Town will address this issue at its meeting on March 4.

5. Other Matters - No other matters were discussed

The Town of Hope Mills adjourned its meeting.

The County Attorney asked the Board of Commissioners to add a Closed Session to discuss an economic development matter (NCGS 143-318.11(a)(4))

MOTION: Commissioner Council moved to add the above item and to go into Closed Session to discuss it.

SECOND: Commissioner Edge

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

MOTION: Commissioner Henley moved to go back into Open Session.

SECOND: Commissioner King

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

The Chairman adjourned the Board of Commissioners meeting at 8:20PM.

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Clerk to the Board