

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF AVERY**

The Avery County Board of Commissioners held a Special Meeting on Friday, August 17, 2018 at 2:00 p.m. in the Commissioners Board Room, Avery County Administrative Complex, 175 Linville Street, Newland, NC. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss and approve the needs based Public School Capital Fund Grant Application and discuss and take any action necessary for the release of the North Carolina Lottery Funds.

Members Present: Martha Hicks, Chair; Blake Vance, Vice-Chair; Faith Lacey; Tim Phillips; Wood Hall Young, Jr.

Members Absent: None

Call To Order

Chair Hicks called the meeting to order at 2:03 p.m.

Chair Hicks led prayer.

Phillip Barrier, County Manager, advised that he had been working with Jeff Jaynes, Dr. Taylor and the architects. There is lottery money that is available for the school capital needs. The resolution before you authorizes release of the lottery funds. We have a grant opportunity to receive lottery funds but we also have lottery funds available now. Our County Attorney was led to believe when she heard about the grant it was presumed that if you got the grant you could not receive your lottery funds available. On page 2 of the application on the second line it talks about county eligibility. We must be a Tier 2 county and have not received an amount greater than 8.75 million from 2012/2013 to 2017/2018. I am asking today that we sign the resolution asking for the \$1,789,600 and the \$10,400 to be pulled out for the high school.

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF LOTTERY FUNDS
PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 18C OF THE NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL STATUTES**

WHEREAS, the Avery County, North Carolina, Board of Commissioners and the Avery County, North Carolina, Board of Education met in joint session and discussed the proposed construction of an updated Avery County High School (hereafter “the Project”); and

WHEREAS, certain expenses have been incurred for the same; and

WHEREAS, charges have been incurred for architectural services and for an environmental assessment, and the Board of Education has requested that the amount of \$1,789,600 and the amount of \$10,400 be requested from lottery funds; and

NOW THEREFORE, the Board of Commissioners authorizes the following:

That the amounts of \$1,789,600 and \$10,400 be requested from lottery funds for the construction and renovation of Avery County High School.

Mr. Barrier asked that the Board consider this resolution.

Wood Hall Young, Jr. asked why the amounts are broken up separately. Nancy Johnson, Finance Officer, stated that it was the way the Board of Education did their applications. The \$10,400 is to help with the USDA Loan; we had to have an environmental study done. The remainder of the balance will go toward the school project. Ms. Johnson said that the money stays in the state account until it is requested. We have to have a bill first in hand to request the amount. There will be a paper trail for every dime that is spent.

Tim Phillips asked who makes the decision where it goes to? Blake Vance stated that basically they spend the money and we write the checks. Mr. Barrier stated this is just asking for the release of this money.

Mr. Young questioned what the projection of the accounts growth for the year would be. Ms. Johnson answered around \$150,000.

Motion by Blake Vance and second by Tim Phillips to adopt the Resolution Authorizing the Release of Lottery Funds Pursuant to Chapter 18C of the North General Statutes. Motion unanimously approved (5-0).

Mr. Barrier directed the Board to the Public School of North Carolina Application for the Grant Program. The application is due by August 31st. There are a lot of unknowns with this grant. The grant can only go to new construction. Once we ask for the grant and we receive the grant we have to wait five years before we ask for another grant but this is not certain.

I am asking the Board today to allow the chairman to sign the assurance page in case we decide to file for the grant for a possible 10 million dollars.

Motion by Blake Vance and second by Wood Hall Young, Jr. to allow the Chairman to sign the assurance page in case we decide to file for the grant for a possible 10 million dollars. Motion unanimously approved (5-0).

Adjourn

Motion by Wood Hall Young, Jr. and second by Blake Vance to adjourn this meeting at 2:18 p.m. Motion unanimously approved (5-0).

Martha Hicks, Chair
Avery County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST: _____

Cindy Turbyfill, Clerk