

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF AVERY**

The Avery County Board of Commissioners held a Special Meeting on Monday, July 9, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. in the Commissioners Board Room, Avery County Administrative Complex, 175 Linville Street, Newland, NC. The purpose of the meeting was to award the bid on the New Swimming Pool Project and to approve a letter of intent.

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 5:00 p.m.

Chair Hicks led prayer.

Rob Johnson, Boomerang Architects, stated that the purpose of the meeting is to award the low base bid for the general construction of the Swimming Pool.

The pool house is a 5,600 square foot building with a 5000 square foot zero entry pool. The pool decks are about 12,000 square feet. The budget for the base bid for the site work, base bid and contingency was \$2,765,746.00 so within the context of the low base Garanco was at \$2,752,300 which was \$13,446 below the budget. The next bid was Simcon which was \$2,785,000. Greene Construction was another 3% off the budget. The alternates will need to be scrutinized.

Our recommendation is that this single prime general construction contract be awarded to Garanco based on the base bid and then the county manager will send a letter of intent which can go out tomorrow which puts the contractor on notice. There is bonding, insurance and contract documents that have to be gathered up and sent to you.

Blake Vance stated "I don't think there is anyone here that doesn't know my position on this. I have felt we could do something different but the Board has chosen to go forward and I have full confidence in Boomerang Designs and of Garanco. The bread is baked and this is where we are. The board made a decision and I am going to support Boomerang and Garanco even though I don't support the project."

Wood Hall Young, Jr. questioned when the alternates would be discussed? Mr. Johnson stated that these alternates need to be revisited and scrutinized.

**Motion by Tim Phillips and second by Wood Hall Young, Jr. to award the contract to Garanco, Inc. in the amount of \$2,752,300.00. Motion unanimously approved (5-0).**

**Motion by Blake Vance and second by Wood Hall Young, Jr. to approve a letter of intent with approval by the County Manager and the County Attorney. Motion unanimously approved (5-0).**

**Adjourn**

**Motion by Blake Vance and second by Tim Phillips to adjourn this meeting at 5:00 p.m. Motion unanimously approved (5-0).**

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**Martha Hicks, Chair  
Avery County Board of Commissioners**

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Cindy Turbyfill, Clerk