

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF AVERY**

The Avery County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on Monday, September 16, 2019 at 3:30 p.m. in the Commissioners Board Room, Avery County Administrative Complex, 175 Linville Street, Newland, NC.

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

Members Absent: Dennis Aldridge

Call To Order

Chair Hicks called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

Blake Vance led prayer.

Tim Phillips led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Board Appointments

Northwestern Regional Housing Authority

Troy Clark has expressed his desire to be reappointed to the Northwestern Regional Housing Authority. This application has been reviewed.

Motion by Blake Vance and second by Tim Phillips to appoint Troy Clark to the Northwestern Regional Housing Authority for a term of five years. Motion unanimously approved with those in attendance (4-0).

Jury Commission Member

Pursuant to NC General Statute 9-1, the county commissioners appoint one member to the Jury Commission every two years. Linda Taylor has expressed her desire to be appointed to the commission.

Motion by Tim Phillips and second by Blake Vance to appoint Linda Taylor to the Jury Commission. Motion unanimously approved with those in attendance (4-0).

Morrison Library Board and AMY Regional Board

Clayton Harpold has expressed his desire to be reappointed to the Morrison Library Board and AMY Regional Board.

Motion by Blake Vance and second by Tim Phillips to reappoint Clayton Harpold to the Morrison Library Board and AMY Regional Board. Motion unanimous with those in attendance (4-0).

Boomerang Design Memorandum of Understandings

Phillip Barrier, County Manager, stated that in June we signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Boomerang for the community building at the new Agriculture Center. Boomerang had already done some preliminary work on the community building. We proceeded with them on the architectural MOU. There are three more MOU's to be considered for other engineering fees that would be separate from theirs. There is one for the mechanical/electrical engineering, one for the structural engineering and one for the civil engineering. There is a fourth special consulting MOU before you and that is for the sound expert with an associated fee of \$7200.00.

Michaelle Poore, County Attorney, explained that the first MOU would be for the proposed fees for the structural engineering; the second one is the MOU for proposed fees for the mechanical/electrical/plumbing engineering; the third one is the MOU for the proposed fees for the civil engineering; and the fourth one is the MOU for the proposed special consulting limited scope.

Motion by Wood Hall Young, Jr. and second by Tim Phillips to adopt the four Memorandum of Understandings (structural engineering; mechanical/electrical/plumbing engineering; civil engineering; and special consulting limited scope) for the Community Building Project. Motion unanimous with those in attendance (4-0).

County Manager Updates – Phillip Barrier, Jr.

Mr. Barrier reported that he had written letters of support for the Health Department; Blue Ridge Partnership for Children; YMCA; Feeding Avery Families; and Avery County Transportation for a grant through the AMY Wellness Foundation.

Finance Officer Report – Tim Greene

Budget Amendment

The Emergency Management Department received a NC Tier II Non-Competitive Grant. The grant is for hazardous materials emergency response planning, training and related exercises for our regions Local Emergency Planning Committee. This is a reimbursement grant.

Motion by Wood Hall Young, Jr. and second by Blake Vance to adopt the Budget Amendment for the Emergency Management Department in the amount of \$3,000.00 with a debit of \$2,500.00 to Capital Outlay (105250.7400); debit of \$500.00 to Supplies-Hazmat (105250.3310); and a credit of \$3,000.00 to Emergency Management Grant (103800.0000). Motion unanimous with those in attendance (4-0).

Budget Amendment

The Senior Services department has received a \$1,670.00 donation from the Avery County Council on Aging, Inc. to be used to pay for ½ of the cost of adding power doors on the front of the building.

Motion by Blake Vance and second by Tim Phillips to adopt the Budget Amendment for the Senior Services department in the amount of \$1,670.00 with a debit of \$1,670.00 to Cap. Out.-State Grant Monies (105960.7410) and a credit of \$1,670.00 to Donations (103345.0000). Motion unanimous with those in attendance (4-0).

Budget Amendment

Request that the Board of Commissioners amend the current year budget for the Avery County High School Additions and Renovation Project Ordinance.

Motion by Tim Phillips and second by Blake Vance to adopt the Budget Amendment regarding the Avery County High School Additions and Renovation Project Ordinance with a credit of \$104,975.00 to General Construction (456600.4004) and a debit of \$104,975.00 to Architect/Engineering Fee (456600.4005). Motion unanimous with those in attendance (4-0).

Motion by Tim Phillips and second by Wood Hall Young, Jr. to adopt the revised Avery County High School Additions and Renovations Project Ordinance. Motion unanimous with those in attendance (4-0).

County Attorney Report- Michaelle Poore

There is nothing to report at this time.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Blake Vance and second by Wood Hall Young, Jr to approve the August 5, 2019 minutes. Motion unanimous with those in attendance (4-0).

Agenda Consent Items

Adopted by Consensus of the Board.

Upcoming Meetings

The next Regular Meeting is October 7, 2019.

Recess

Chair Hicks called for a brief recess.

Chair Hicks declared the meeting to be back in Regular session after a brief recess.

Public Hearing – FY 2021 Community Transportation Program – Debbie Smith

Motion by Wood Hall Young, Jr. and second by Blake Vance to go into a time of Public Hearing regarding the Fiscal Year 2021 Community Transportation Program at 4:00 p.m. Motion unanimous with those in attendance (4-0).

Debbie Smith, Avery Transportation Director, explained that the Community Transportation Program provides assistance to coordinate existing transportation programs operating in Avery County as well as provides transportation options and

services for the communities within this service area. These services are currently provided using Avery County Transportation vans including 4 mini vans, 3 conversion vans, 4 lift vans and one ramp van. For the administrative part of the grant we are asking for \$167,095.00 with a local share of \$25,065.00. For the combined capital grant we are asking for \$91,467.00 with a local share of \$9146.00.

Ms. Smith stated that she had some voluntary public involvement forms for anyone in the audience to fill out.

Ms. Smith requested that the Board adopt the Resolution regarding the Community Transportation Program and to approve the local funding.

Motion by Wood Hall Young, Jr. and second by Tim Phillips to go out of a time of Public Hearing regarding the Fiscal Year 2021 Community Transportation Program Grant at 4:10 p.m. Motion unanimous with those in attendance (4-0).

Motion by Blake Vance and second by Tim Phillips to adopt the Resolution regarding the FY 2021 Community Transportation Program. Motion unanimous with those in attendance (4-0).

Motion by Blake Vance and second by Tim Phillips to approve the local funding share for the FY 2021 Community Transportation Program. Motion unanimous with those in attendance (4-0).

Adjourn

Motion by Tim Phillips and second by Blake Vance to adjourn this meeting at 4:15 p.m. Motion unanimous with those in attendance (4-0).

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

ATTEST: _____
Cindy Turbyfill, Clerk