

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF AVERY**

The Avery County Board of Commissioners held a Special Meeting on Thursday, March 9, 2018 at 1:30 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 take any action necessary regarding the Swimming Pool Project.

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 1:30 p.m.

Chair Hicks led prayer.

A power point presentation was presented to the Commissioners by Rob Johnson, Boomerang Architects, regarding different options for the new Swimming Pool. Option 1 was the baseline plan which was the one the Board had seen before. Option 2 was the identical plan to Option 1 but was a reduced version, i.e., roof, etc. and the community room bid out as an alternate. Option 3 was a different building type which incorporated a partial wood structure. Mr. Johnson pointed out the schedule and the bid alternates.

There was discussion regarding the storm water management of the site. Robbie Willis stated that we are mitigating water from across the street at the school. The landscape and innovative storm water management would be the last piece of the project.

There was discussion by the Board regarding the 3 options. Tim Phillips stated that he did not think a wood structure was the way to go but that the reduced version is what he thought would be the best option. Tim Phillips questioned if with the reduced version an enclosure could be constructed in the future. Mr. Johnson answered that it could be.

Blake Vance stated "My opinion is known but I respect what the board has decided but I say if we are going to do it lets do the best we can do with it. I personally think the community room is an important part of the project." Wood Hall Young, Jr. stated that he agreed the community room should be there and that he was not in favor of building a wood structure. A majority of the Board agreed that the community room should be included in the project and not bid out as an alternate.

Tim Phillips stated "I am one opinion but I don't see why we don't go ahead and make a decision with Option 2, the reduced version and bid the community room in it and see how it goes, that is my opinion." Wood Hall Young, Jr. asked if that was in the form of a motion. Tim Phillips stated yes. Wood Hall Young, Jr. seconded the motion.

Blake Vance stated "I have long said that I didn't feel like this project was at the top of the priority list right now considering the price tag but I do fully respect the fact that the Board has decided to do this project so I will be voting in favor of this direction because I think it is the best we can do and once the Board makes a decision I think it is my duty to get on Board and do the best we can do. I want to qualify my vote with that and say I am not in favor of the project but if we are going to do it lets do it right."

VOTE: 4 to 1.

For---Martha Hicks; Blake Vance; Tim Phillips; Wood Hall Young, Jr.

Against---Faith Lacey

Recess

Chair Hicks called for a brief recess.

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

Discussion on the storm water management.

Adjourn

Motion by Blake Vance and second by Tim Phillips to adjourn this meeting at 2:26 p.m. Motion unanimously approved.

Martha Hicks, Chair
Avery County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST: _____
Cindy Turbyfill, Clerk