The Avery County Board of Commissioners met in Special Session on Tuesday, December 12, 2017, at 3:00 p.m. in their offices in the Avery County Administrative Complex, Newland, NC. The purpose of this meeting was to discuss the Avery County Pool Project and take any action necessary.

Members Present: Martha Hicks Chair, Blake Vance Vice-Chair, Faith “Faye” Lacey, Wood Hall Young, Jr., Timothy Phillips

Others Present: Rob Johnson, Rick Brown, Seth Phillips, Matt Deblum

Call to Order
Vice Chair Vance called the meeting to order at 3 p.m. He read the meeting notice and then turned the meeting over to Phillip Barrier, Jr., County Manager. Chair Hicks came in later.

Revised floor plan for pool building
Phillip introduced Rob Johnson from Boomerang Designs and turned the meeting over to him. Mr. Johnson stated Boomerang took a fresh look at the original plan. They identified some inefficiencies. They reworked the floor plan after discussion with Robbie Willis and Seth Phillips about how the building would be used.

Rick Brown presented a powerpoint of the old layout and the new layout. The visibility of the front door and front desk from the manager’s office was addressed. Seth said he and Robbie had asked for good visibility for the office. The hallway to the changing rooms was moved to the outside wall when you enter the front door. This wall has windows all the way down which brings in natural light and keeps line of sight open. The community room will also be visible from the front door, front desk, and office. The community room will have a small kitchen area and possibly a screen on the opposite wall to show videos or presentations.

Mr. Johnson commented how Boomerang wanted to tie in the rockwork on the Old Rock Gym to the new building with materials. The exterior will have very similar rock on the columns while the interior will use modern, bright, and family friendly colors.

Blake asked Ms. Lacey if she had any comments or questions and remarked that he was very impressed with the new design. Ms. Lacey asked if parking lot was included. Mr. Johnson said the parking lot was included in the cost estimate. She also wanted to know how many parking spaces there would be. Rob calculated approximately 60.

The meeting was turned back over the chair. Chair Hicks asked about the grant for storm water mitigation and how Boomerang was going to work with the engineers from NC State. Mr. Johnson said their civil engineers would work with the people from NC State to fulfill the terms of the grant. Martha was concerned this would slow down the construction process. Mr. Johnson felt this would not be a problem. The storm water mitigation plan would be incorporated into the process.
Martha asked if anyone had any further questions. There were no further questions. Wood Hall Young, Jr. made a motion to accept the proposed changes. Tim Phillips seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Adjourn
Being no further business, a motion made by Blake Vance with second by Tim Phillips to adjourn. Motion unanimously approved by those present. The meeting adjourned at 3:32 p.m. The next commissioners meeting will be January 8, 2018.

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Martha Hicks, Chair
Avery County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST: _______________________
Dawn Carpenter
Clerk Pro-Tem