

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF AVERY**

The Avery County Board of Commissioners met in a Board Workshop on Tuesday, January 24, 2012 at 8:30 a.m. in the Linville Room, Cannon Memorial Hospital, 434 Hospital Drive, Linville, NC.

Members Present: Kenny Poteat, Chairman; Phyllis Forbes, Vice-Chair; Scott Heath; Martha Hicks; Glenn Johnson

Members Absent: None

Call To Order

Chairman Poteat called the workshop to order at 8:40 a.m.

Pay Plan/HR Director

There was discussion regarding implementing the rest of the salary classification plan. Becky Veazey had recommended that due to the number of employees, Avery County needed a human resources director.

Fire Commission/Board Pay/Meeting

The Board discussed possible compensation for the Fire Commission and discussed compensation of other boards.

A meeting with the Fire Commission will be scheduled in February.

M.B. Kahn Contract

Discussion regarding M.B. Kahn Contract. Consensus of the Board to retain M.B. Kahn Contract at Option 2 and negotiate the price of Option 2 at \$7500 to \$8000 and if that is not possible go with Option 2 at \$10,000.

Recess

Chairman Poteat called for a brief recess.

Chairman Poteat declared the meeting to be back in session after a brief recess.

EDC/Money/Committee

The Board discussed the A.C. P.R.I.D.E. project at the old Banner Elk School. They also discussed that the EDC Director must get assurances that the Town of Banner Elk will give a variance and get the state and county inspectors in the building before any money is spent on this project.

EDC committee was discussed and that will be put on hold at this point.

IPADS

IPADS were discussed for the Board. Consensus of the Board not to get IPADS at this time.

Current Capital Projects – New Banner Elk School; Avery County Jail

Discussion regarding the current capital projects; new Banner Elk School and the Avery County Jail.

Recess

Chairman Poteat called for a brief recess for lunch.

Chairman Poteat declared the meeting to be back in order after a brief recess.

Upcoming Capital Projects

Upcoming capital projects were discussed by the Board. These included Recreation; Original Courthouse; DSS Building and New High School.

Consensus by the Board to have the renovation of the original part of the courthouse be top priority.

The other projects would not be prioritized at this time so that more information could be gathered.

Recess

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Yellow Mountain

Commissioner Hicks updated the board regarding Yellow Mountain Enterprises.

Smart Start

Commissioner Hicks updated the board regarding Smart Start.

Broadband

Discussion regarding Broadband. The Economic Development Director is working on Broadband. The County Manager was instructed to investigate other providers for Broadband.

Mayland Community College

Commissioner Forbes updated the Board about Mayland Community College. Mayland has received the old Three Mile Prison property from the state of North Carolina.

Fair Board Property

Discussion regarding the Fair Board property.

Animal Shelter

Discussion regarding the property leased to the Avery County Humane Society. The Board requested that the County Manager share with Ms. Morton that there may be a possibility that this property would not be for sale.

Adjourn

**Motion by Scott Heath and second by Phyllis Forbes to adjourn this workshop at 2:36 p.m.
Motion unanimously approved. (5-0).**

**Kenny Poteat, Chairman
Avery County Board of Commissioners**

ATTEST: _____
Cindy Turbyfill, Clerk