

HEALTH & EDUCATION COMMITTEE

February 25, 2014

5:30 p.m.

Courthouse

MINUTES:

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Commissioner Rhonda Allen
Commissioner Carol Cook
Commissioner Will Jordan
Commissioner Jeff Phillips
Commissioner Chantho Sourinho
Commissioner Brad Turner
Commissioner Jeff Jordan, C

OTHERS PRESENT:

Ernest Burgess
Dana Garrett
David Nipper
Jeff Sandvig
William Tollett
Sandy Harris
Steven Richards
Lisa Nolen
Don Odom
Gary Clardy
Wayne Blair
Garey Eakes
Alexa Stroh
Pettus Read

Kevin Ferguson, Phyllis Ferguson, Michelle Willard, Susan Tribble, Mary Tollett, Jason Brown, Brian Lewis, Glenda Dyer, Sara Pyemieriewoki

Chairman J. Jordan presided and called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. with six members being present at that time.

MINUTES:

"Commissioner Cook moved, seconded by Commissioner Sourinho, to approve the minutes of the last meeting. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

COMMUNITY CARE REPORT:

Chairman J. Jordan presented the Community Care minutes of February 6, 2014 for the use and information of the Committee. Following discussion,

"Commissioner W. Jordan moved, seconded by Commissioner Turner, to approve the Community Care report. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

HEALTH DEPARTMENT REPORT:

Dana Garrett presented the Health Department report for the use and information of the Committee. Following discussion,

"Commissioner Sourinho moved, seconded by Commissioner Cook, to approve the Health Department report as presented. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

SPECIAL PROJECTS REPORT:

Lisa Nolen presented the Special Projects report for the use and information of the Committee. Following discussion,

"Commissioner J. Phillips moved, seconded by Commissioner Allen, to approve the Special Projects report as presented. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT:

The Committee was advised there were no budget amendments this month.

Superintendent Odom, Mr. Clardy and Mr. Sandvig addressed the Committee advising they were requesting funding for Phase I at Eagleville. Phase II was done prior to Phase I. The Committee was advised grades 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 are capped but the school can accept some freshmen. Phase I is a 30,300 square foot addition that includes nine classrooms, two science labs, a band rehearsal room, a choir rehearsal room, boys and girls restrooms, offices, stage dressing rooms, 1,500 square foot dining expansion, bank/bookstore and serving line renovation. Eagleville has one of the highest graduation rates in the County. The addition may also help the

middle school situation in Rockvale. The design was done in 2011 and the original bid in August, 2011 on Phase I was \$4,421,600. Mr. Clardy now estimates Phase I at \$6,796,000. The Committee was provided a proposed project schedule of bid opening on June 3, 2014, construction starting June, 2014 and construction completion July, 2105. The Committee was advised Phase I should get Eagleville out of portables. There are a total of 146 portables in the County with three of these used for purposes other than classrooms. The Committee was advised the school administrators have been challenged to be creative in finding seats for students to avoid buying portables. The cost of a doublewide is \$65,000.

Mr. Odom advised the School Board will not be opening another school by August, 2015 contrary to the five year plan.

Commissioner Turner advised he wanted to make sure this bond issue is completed before the election so as not to leave this for the next Commission to handle.

"Commissioner J. Phillips moved, seconded by Commissioner Cook, to approve the Eagleville Phase I project at an estimated cost of \$6,800,000. This motion passed unanimously by roll call vote."

Mr. Clardy next advised some of the coal tar roofs leaked during the recent bitter cold weather. The roofs are fourteen years old and have three to four year life expectancies left. During the bitter cold nights the roofs froze and when thawed, water ran through them. The roofs have been temporarily repaired and the School Board will be asking for money in the capital improvements budget next year to replace these roofs. The insurance company is currently inspecting the roofs. Coal tar roofs have been outlawed and the eight remaining on County schools need to be replaced. There is no way to repair a coal tar roof. There is a \$100,000 deductible per event on the insurance. Mr. Clardy advised the 5¢ received for maintenance is not keeping up with needs on roofing, HVAC, etc. which needs to be addressed and he is putting together a strategic plan to address the issues.

Commissioner Turner next asked administration to encourage recycling in schools with the Solid Waste Department. Superintendent Odom advised the biggest thing is milk cartons and they are hard to recycle. Mr. Clardy advised there was also a contamination problem from outside sources so they have locked the containers.

Mr. Clardy advised the winter weather has taken a toll on the Blackman job and it is possible the sixth grade wing will not open as scheduled but the construction company is trying to catch up.

There appearing to be no further business to come before the Committee, Chairman J. Jordan declared the meeting adjourned at 6:27 p.m.

JEFF JORDAN, Chairman