

HEALTH & EDUCATION COMMITTEE

October 25, 2016

5:30 p.m.

Courthouse

MINUTES:

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Commissioner Carol Cook
Commissioner Phil Dodd
Commissioner Joe Gourley
Commissioner Will Jordan
Commissioner Jeff Phillips
Commissioner Pettus Read
Commissioner Rhonda Allen, C

OTHERS PRESENT:

Ernest Burgess
Teresa Jolly
Gary Clardy
Tony Kinkel
Becky Shelton
Dana Garrett
Jeff Sandvig
Robert Stevens
Lane Yoder

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

MINUTES:

"Commissioner Cook moved, seconded by Commissioner Read, to approve the minutes of the last meeting. 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 Dodd moved, seconded by Commissioner Cook, to approve the Health Department report as presented. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

COMMUNITY CARE REPORT:

The Committee was provided a copy of the October 6, 2016 minutes for its use and information and Mayor Burgess advised operations were going well. Following discussion,

"Commissioner Phillips moved, seconded by Commissioner Jordan, to approve the Community Care report as presented. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

SPECIAL PROJECTS REPORT:

Teresa Jolly presented the Special Projects report for the use and information of the Committee. Following discussion,

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

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT:

Gary Clardy reviewed information with the Committee including student enrollment, brick and mortar capacity, national effective use rate, usage capacity, overage classrooms in portables, roving teachers and dates on original and new construction on schools in the system. The Committee discussed the national effective rate and why the County was building schools for 1,000 students if the usage capacity is only 810.

Mr. Clardy reviewed the student growth since 01/02 and the five year building plan approved by the School Board advising past three years is not a firm plan. Mr. Sandvig advised the School Board thinks the Rockvale High School needs to open by 2019. Mr. Clardy advised the five year plan will be presented to the Budget Committee for its information.

"Commissioner Dodd moved, seconded by Commissioner Phillips, to approve the School Board report as presented. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

REQUEST BY MOTLOW COLLEGE FOR PARTIAL FUNDING OF NEW BUILDING:

Dr. Tony Kinkel, President of Motlow College, addressed the Committee advising Motlow is the fifth fastest growing campus in the country. At the Smyrna campus there is 18 square feet of assignable space per student versus 132 square feet per student at the Moore County campus. Motlow College has campuses in Moore County, Fayetteville, McMinnville and Smyrna. Between now and the year 2025, there are projections of 730 additional adult students and 895 high school seniors attending the Smyrna campus. Dr. Kinkel provided information on the number of students from various Tennessee counties advising 80% of the Smyrna students are from Rutherford County, 5.5% from Davidson County and 2.5% from Wilson County. Dr. Kinkel provided information on the economic impact of the Motlow campus for Rutherford County.

Dr. Kinkel reviewed the schematic of the Smyrna campus and advised he was requesting funding for construction of Building #3 which will be 78,000 square feet and is the number one priority of the Board of Regents at this time and will pay 90% of the construction cost but the school must raise 10%. Dr. Kinkel advised Smyrna is providing an overflow parking area at \$70,000 which is considered in kind and helps with the match. Additionally, Smyrna may help with a new entrance. Dr. Kinkel advised they were asking for \$200,000 in 2018 and again in 2019 which is 1.5% of the total cost for the third building. The total cost is \$27,100,000 at \$350 per square foot.

Mayor Burgess advised the project does need to be done but the County has to subsidize the BEP State funding and it is hard to get excited about the project when the State of Tennessee has surplus funds and will not fully fund school needs. The State of Tennessee provides nothing to build schools and the Committee just heard the five year plan of the Rutherford County School Board and this will be new money on the burden of taxpayers. Finance Director Nolen will need to advise the least troubling way to find the money requested. Dr. Kinkel advised the school is looking at Smyrna, private donations, fundraisers, etc. for donations as well as money set aside from students.

Dr. Kinkel advised Motlow is the number one feeder school for MTSU and has started moving into the health care field. Chairman Allen advised community colleges do not have a strong alumni source. Dr. Kinkel advised due to space constrictions they have classes 7 days a week and start at 6:00 a.m. and go late as well as on line classes.

Commissioner Robert Stevens advised he recommended sending the request to the Budget Committee for funding of at least part of the request with the Finance Director to review funding.

"Commissioner Cook moved, seconded by Commissioner Jordan, to forward the request to the Budget Committee for information and then back to the Health & Ed Committee for a recommendation."

Commissioner Phillips advised it may be premature to send the matter to the Budget Committee in case the Health & Ed Committee decided not to recommend any funding. The amount requested was actually 15% of the match required and Commissioner Phillips advised he would prefer 1% of the match.

"Commissioner Cook withdrew her motion and Commissioner Jordan withdrew his second."

"Commissioner Phillips moved, seconded by Commissioner Cook, to recommend to the Budget Committee \$135,500 per year for two years for a total of \$271,000 for the Motlow requested funding. This motion passed unanimously by roll call vote."

There appearing to be no further business to come before the Committee, Chairman Allen declared the meeting adjourned at 7:13 p.m.

RHONDA ALLEN, Chairman