

**HEALTH & EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

April 28, 2020

5:30 P.M.

Chamber/Zoom

**MINUTES:**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Commissioner Wayne Blair  
Commissioner Jeff Phillips  
Commissioner David Gammon (ZOOM)  
Commissioner Joe Gourley  
Commissioner Carol Cook  
Commissioner Rhonda Allen,C

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Bill Ketron                   Trey Lee  
Dana Garrett                Lisa Nolen  
Doug Bodary  
Rachel Lehew  
Bill Spurlock  
Steve Sandlin

Chairman Allen presided and called the April meeting to order at 5:30 P.M. with four members present in the chamber and one present via zoom at. Chairman Allen advised **"This meeting of the Health and Education Committee is being conducted electronically pursuant to Governor Bill Lee's Executive Order 16. I would ask for a Motion that conducting the meeting electronically is necessary to protect public health, safety and welfare in light of the Coronavirus."**

"Commissioner Blair moved, seconded by Commissioner Gourley, to approve that conducting the meeting electronically is necessary to protect public health, safety and welfare in light of the Coronavirus. This motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote."

Chairman Allen called for a moment of silence in honor of Commissioner Steve Ervin, who passed unexpectedly on April 16, 2020.

**MINUTES:**

"Commissioner Blair moved, seconded by Commissioner Cook, to approve the minutes of the last meeting. This motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote."

**HEALTH DEPARTMENT REPORT:**

Dana Garrett presented the Health Department report for use and information. Ms. Garrett advised that the Health Department is under their Continuing Operation Plan. The Health Department is offering free COVID-19 testing Monday through Friday at the Health Department and requested for citizens to please call ahead at 615-898-8770. The department is receiving 200-300 calls a day. Ms. Garrett advised she would be adding a new line item in the monthly report for COVID-19 testing and hospitalizations. Ms. Garrett stated that "rolling testing" across the state will continue Saturday and Sunday this weekend. Testing will take place Saturday, May 2 in Murfreesboro at McKnight Park from 9:00 until noon completely free with no restrictions. Kroger Little Clinics are also offering free testing April 30 and May 1; however, patients need to have an appointment and present symptoms. Ms. Garrett commented on the outpouring of community support and praised Nissan for donating face shields. Mayor Ketron announced that all Rutherford County Government employees will return to work Friday, May 1 but buildings will continue to be closed to the general public. Screening protocols will be enforced and any employee presenting a 100.4 fever will be sent home. Follow discussion,

"Commissioner Gourley moved, seconded by Commissioner Blair, to approve the report as presented. The motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

Ms. Garrett presented the State and County Contract with the Health Department. (Budget clean-up) Following discussion,

"Commissioner Gourley moved, seconded by Commissioner

Phillips, to approve the request and forward to Budget. This motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote."

Ms. Garrett presented a budget amendment for this fiscal year. Following discussion,

"Commissioner Phillips moved, seconded by Commissioner Blair, to approve the request and forward to Budget. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote."

Mayor Ketron advised that all the counties and cities are getting grant funds. This project and several others will fall under Special Projects utilizing the three (3) million-dollar grant.

Chairman Allen thanked Ms. Garrett and her entire staff for all of their hard work during this time.

#### **COMMUNITY CARE REPORT:**

There was no CCRC meeting for the month of April due to the COVID-19 quarantine. Commissioner Cook presented an unofficial report on CCRC. Ms. Cook stated that there are ninety-five residents at CCRC, and all are Covid-19 free. Mayor Ketron advised that CCRC was the first nursing home facilities to close once the COVID-19 hit the area. The daycare center is opening to the children of employees only and will have no contact with the residents. There was a small fire involving one of the industrial washing machines which will need to be replaced. The new machine will cost around \$15,000.00. There has also been some vandalism and the suspects has been caught.

#### **SPECIAL PROJECTS REPORT:**

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

"Commissioner Phillips moved, seconded by Commissioner Cook, to approve the Special Projects report as presented. This motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote."

#### **BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT:**

Chairman Allen advised that the amendments will be grouped according to fund and voted on together.

Director of Schools, Bill Spurlock, addressed the Committee and presented two (2) budget amendments for Fund 177; which includes to approve the routine annual capital budget amendment and re-budget for the FY 2018-19 carryover, already County Commission approved and to approve the amendment to the FY 19-20 Approved Fund 177 Education Capital Project Fund. Following discussion,

Commissioner Phillips questioned if the monies could be better utilized than on gym floors and use the money on the HVAC at Central Middle. Commissioner Phillips asked if the School Board could better prioritize?

Trey Lee advised, "yes" but the gym floors are on a rotation schedule and over time become a hazard due to grit and general wear and tear.

Director Spurlock stated the School Board will not use the 1.5 million dollars until they know what the Capital Project Fund looks like.

Commissioner Gourley advised of being cautious in spending money until we know.

"Commissioner Blair moved, seconded by Commissioner Cook, to approve the two (2) budget amendments for Fund 177 as

presented and forward to Budget. This motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote with the contingency that the 1.5 million is not to be used until the FY 2021 Capital Project Budget is determined."

Commissioner Phillips questioned if the contingency would come back to this Committee. Director Spurlock stated, "yes".

Director Spurlock presented the next three (3) budget amendments from GPS (General Purpose Schools) Fund; which includes to amend a total of \$394,010 in already budgeted medical and life insurance dollars to the major functions where these funds are needed as presented and to amend a total of \$1,108,570 in already budgeted salaries and benefits for teachers and nurses to the line items where these funds are needed as presented and to create a new object code 217 to record our employer contribution to the hybrid retirement plan for teachers and other salaried staff in TCRS's hybrid plan. (This amendment moves \$1,062,500 from object code 204 for the traditional retirement plan to the new object code 217 for the hybrid retirement plan across several functions as presented.) Following discussion,

"Commissioner Phillips moved, seconded by Commissioner Blair, to approve the three (3) listed budget amendments and forward to Budget. This motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote."

Director Spurlock presented the Building Program Fund Budget Amendment. Following discussion,

"Commissioner Cook moved, seconded by Commissioner Blair, to approve the proposed amendment and forward to Budget. This motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote."

Commissioner Gourley cautioned on spending. Director Spurlock advised that this money was bond money and not tax dollars.

Director Spurlock presented the 20-21 FY Budget for use and information. The budget will be voted on during the joint meeting with the Health and Education Committee, the Rutherford County School Board and the Budget Committee on May 26, 2020 at the Rutherford County Central Office. Trey Lee advised that the budget was a starting point and the Board will reprioritize once numbers come in. Following discussion,

**OTHER/OLD BUSINESS:**

Chairman Allen advised that the Joint Meeting with the Budget Committee, the Health and Education Committee and the Rutherford County Schools is scheduled for May 26, 2020 at 5:30 P.M. This meeting will be held at the Rutherford County School Board.

Chairman Allen announced that the June Health and Education meeting has been changed to June 22, 2020 at 5:30 P.M.

The Annual Commission meeting to set the tax rate is scheduled for June 26, 2020.

There appearing to be no further business, Chairman Allen declared the meeting adjourned at 7:22 P.M.

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RHONDA ALLEN, Chairman