

HEALTH & EDUCATION COMMITTEE

June 22, 2020

5:30 P.M.

Chamber/Zoom

MINUTES:

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

OTHERS PRESENT:

Bill Ketron
LaShan Dixon
Doug Bodary
Dr. MacDonald
Bill Spurlock
Steve Sandlin
Rachel Lehew
Trey Lee
Lisa Nolen

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 Gourley moved, seconded by Commissioner Blair, 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."

MINUTES:

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

HEALTH DEPARTMENT REPORT:

On the behalf of Dana Garrett, LaShan Dixon presented the Health Department report for use and information. Ms. Dixon announced that the COOP plan has been lifted and explained the new daily update changes. All patients, visitors, and staff are screened, and face masks are required. The Health Department continues to offer 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 250 plus calls daily. Dr. MacDonald advised that the health department is seeing an increase of cases and most of those tested are asymptomatic. Commissioner Gourley questioned if hospitalizations were up. Dr. MacDonald stated yes, but no bed shortage at this time. Commissioner Blair questioned if in the months of June, July and August will numbers go down as with the flu. Dr. MacDonald stated no and at this time they still don't have enough information about the virus to know. Following discussion,

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

Ms. Dixon presented a budget amendment for additional appropriations for communications. Following discussion,

TO: 101-55110-307 Communications \$7,100.00
FROM: 101-55110-335 Repair & Maint. Bldg. \$7,100.00

"Commissioner Gourley moved, seconded by Commissioner D. Gammon, to approve the budget amendment and forward to Budget. This motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote."

COMMUNITY CARE REPORT:

The minutes from the last CCRC meeting were presented for use and information. Mayor Ketrone presented and requested that a Resolution of Appreciation and Thanks to be forwarded to the full Commission. Following discussion,

"Commissioner Blair moved, seconded by Commissioner Cook, to approve the resolution of appreciation for the employees of CCRC and forward to the full Commission. This motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote."

SPECIAL PROJECTS REPORT:

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

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

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT:

Director of Schools, Bill Spurlock, addressed the Committee and presented two (2) budget amendments for Fund 141. Fund 141-General Purpose School 2019/20 Year-End Clean Up Budget Amendment. This clean-up budget amendment increases 2019/20 revenues by \$2,599,257 and uses \$649,000 for 2019/20 expenditures. The largest of the expenditures is for additional laptop computers and online enrollment software, with some of this cost to be reimbursed next fiscal year from the CARES Act Funds. Additional payroll line item increases are for accrued leave payouts from long term employees retiring at fiscal year-end. Fund 141-General Purpose School 2019/20 Year-End Unpaid Student Meal Bad Debt Budget Amendment. In accordance with Federal requirements, the centralized cafeteria fund cannot absorb the cost for unpaid student meal debt at fiscal year-end. After the receipt of large amounts of donations and a tremendous effort by our individual school bookkeepers and cafeteria managers, the balance for unpaid student meal bad debt for the 2019/20 fiscal year has been reduced from \$235,242.00 to a current year-end balance of \$156,313.00. Following discussion,

"Commissioner Blair moved, seconded by Commissioner Ealy, to approve the two (2) budget amendments for Fund 141 as presented and forward to Budget. This motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote."

Director Spurlock presented the next budget amendment. Fund 143-Centralized Cafeteria 2019/20 budget. This year-end cleanup amendment adjusts expenditure line items to true up non-payroll expenditures, as well as small payroll line item adjustments in case of fiscal year-end accrued leave payouts for full time cafeteria staff retirements/terminations. Following discussion,

"Commissioner Gourley moved, seconded by Commissioner Blair, to approve the Fund 143 budget amendment as presented and forward to Budget. This motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote."

Trey Lee presented a bid recommended by Engineering and Construction from RG Anderson for \$41,602,000.00 for the site and school and Williamson Construction Company for \$722,595.00 for the Off-Site Sewer. The request for funding of the Tan Oaks Elementary in the amount of \$49,707,595.00. This bid is fifty (50) dollars a square foot and is cheaper than the last school project completed. Commissioner Phillips requested for Lisa Nolen, Finance Director to address the Committee on projected revenue numbers. Ms. Nolen advised that the County would be okay this next fiscal year but the next year would depend on the numbers. Commissioner Gourley advised he didn't think we are at

a fiscal peak and if we had to raise taxes, how much would that be? What are some alternatives? Could we slow the rate? Director Spurlock stated we can't stop growth and with Davidson's County raising taxes, our numbers are going to increase due to people moving to Rutherford County. Mr. Lee stated that they are utilizing every available space for classrooms, even gymnasiums. Commissioner Blair advised we are required to educate our children. Rutherford County now utilizes 155 portable classrooms. Commissioner Cook advised of a 300 home PUD planned in the Rock Springs area. There is a 652 home PUD planned for the McFarland property. Commissioner Phillips requested for Lisa Nolen to address the Committee. Ms. Nolen stated that there would be no property tax increase this year. A property tax increase could be necessary in 2021-2022. Commissioner Phillips advised he was nervous about the uncertainty of the revenue. Commissioner Blair questioned when was the latest a decision could be made on this. Mr. Lee stated if this motion fails, this project is dead. Mr. Lee stated no more portables can go to Buchanan, one might be placed at Christiana, no more room at Lavergne Middle and one might go at Rockvale. We will need at least 23 portables, costing \$104,000.00 each. Following discussion,

"Commissioner Blair moved to approve funding for the Tan Oaks Elementary as presented. Motion failed for lack of a second motion.

Mr. Lee presented the bid for the Lavergne Middle School addition. The request for funding is \$16,173,640.00.

Commissioner Gourley inquired about rezoning to ease the burden off the other schools. Director Spurlock advised that Kittrell Elementary was the only school with room. Mr. Lee advised we know we have 1,000 extra students coming and we will continue to do the best we can with what we have. Commissioner Phillips advised he would support the addition at Lavergne Middle School.

"Commissioner Phillips moved, seconded by Commissioner Blair, to approve funding for the Lavergne Middle School as presented and forward to Budget. This motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote."

Commissioner Blair inquired how many more portables will be needed for the 2020-2021 school year. Mr. Lee responded twenty-five (25) to thirty (30) and they cost \$104,000.00 each.

OTHER/OLD BUSINESS:

Chairman Allen announced the July meeting is TBA.

There appearing to be no further business, Chairman Allen declared the meeting adjourned at 6:38 P.M.

RHONDA ALLEN, Chairman