

HEALTH & EDUCATION COMMITTEE

September 22, 2020

5:30 P.M.

Chamber/Zoom

MINUTES:

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Commissioner Wayne Blair, V.C.
Commissioner Jeff Phillips
Commissioner David Gammon
Commissioner Joe Gourley
Commissioner Rod Key
Commissioner Carol Cook
Commissioner Rhonda Allen, C

OTHERS PRESENT:

Bill Ketron
Dana Garrett
Teresa Jolly
Rachel Lehew
Doug Bodary
Bill Spurlock

Chairman Allen presided and called the meeting to order at 5:30 P.M. with seven members present. 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 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 stated that the Health Department has lifted its COOP plan and services are returning to normal. WIC continues to operate at 100% telehealth. The department continues to administer 200-250 Covid test daily, with a county wide total of 800-1000. They distributed over 5000 welcome kits to MTSU students. The current positivity rate is 8.4%, which is great. Dental services continue to be suspended except for emergency cases. Ms. Garrett advised of continued discussion with the State on flu vaccine protocols. Commissioner Blair inquired on the possible fall surge with the flu and Covid. Ms. Garrett suggested continuing the use of masks, social distancing, hand washing and getting vaccinated. Ms. Garrett announced that Lashan Dixon, Assistant Public Health Director received three prestigious honors in August and September. Ms. Dixon received the MTSU "Young Alumni Achievement Award, the 2020 ATHENA Young Professional Leadership Award, and the Tennessee Public Health Association's "Tennessee Public Health Worker of the Year". Commissioner Cook suggested recognizing Ms. Dixon at the next full Commission meeting. Following discussion,

"Commissioner Cook moved, seconded by Commissioner Gourley, to approve the Health Department report as presented. The 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 Ketron advised that the CCRC Board of Directors approved a one-time hazard pay bonus for the employees of CCRC. This will be a net bonus of \$250.00 for fulltime and \$150.00 for part-time. Gov. Lee announced that nursing homes will begin opening October 1 for essential caregivers, if the facility has no new cases for 28 days. CCRC's first positive test was September 4, 2020. The first possible visitor would not be allowed until October 16, 2020. Following discussion,

"Commissioner Gourley moved, seconded by Commissioner Blair, to approve the Community Care Report as presented. This motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote."

SPECIAL PROJECTS REPORT:

Teresa Jolly presented the Special Projects report for use and information with no new information since last month. Commissioner Cook inquired when the Rocky Springs addition would be open. Ms. Jolly responded she was unsure of the date. Following discussion,

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

SCHOOL BOARD REPORT:

Director of Schools, Bill Spurlock presented a budget amendment for additional expenditures for the federally mandated comprehensive coordinated early intervention services (CCEIS) program (Tab). This amendment budgets for additional funding as approved in the CCEIS programs' plan with the State Department of Education to continue to address disproportionately in discipline issues identified in a prior year. Funding for these current expenditures are 100% federal IDEA grant funds that are being transferred for the School Federal Projects Fund. Following discussion,

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

Director Mr. Spurlock presented a Fund 177 amendment to move funds between planned capital projects (Tab). This is a request to amend the FY 2020-2021 capital project fund planned projects to reallocate \$430,000.00 in funding from a back-up server project in order to renovate restrooms at Smyrna Middle, Oakland High, Riverdale High, Smyrna High and Lavergne High Schools. Additionally, a request to reallocate \$75,000.00 in funds from the Life Safety-Security, rekey to Primus door replacement category to the Life Safety-Security Program/DVR project category. Commissioner Gourley questioned if this was a good time to do this transfer due to the large number of virtual students. Director Spurlock advised yes. Commissioner Key inquired why now? Director Spurlock advised that due to the age of the buildings some were "grandfathered" in for ADA compliance but stressed that some of the buildings are 32 years old and need updating.

Director Spurlock stated there are 21,000 students participating in distance learning. Everyone is ready for all students to be back in the buildings, especially since at risk students perform better in the actual building. Commissioner D. Gammon inquired about the local news reporting that 2% of virtual students are missing. Director Spurlock advised that is not the case in Rutherford County. Following discussion,

"Commissioner Blair moved, seconded by Commissioner Key, to approve the Fund 177 amendment as presented at forward to Budget. This motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote."

OTHER/OLD BUSINESS:

There appearing to be no further business, Chairman Allen declared the meeting adjourned at 6:02 P.M.

RHONDA ALLEN, Chairman