

HEALTH & EDUCATION COMMITTEE

January 27, 2015

5:30 p.m.

Courthouse

MINUTES:

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Commissioner Carol Cook  
Commissioner Phil Dodd  
Commissioner Will Jordan  
Commissioner David Nipper  
Commissioner Pettus Read  
Commissioner Brad Turner  
Commissioner Rhonda Allen, C

OTHERS PRESENT:

Ernest Burgess  
Lisa Nolen  
Aaron Holliday  
Terry Hodge  
Gary Clardy  
Glenda Dyer  
Bill Dickerson  
Barbara Wolke  
Dana Garrett  
Jeff Sandvig  
Don Odom  
Ann Haley  
Jeff Jordan  
Jim Estes  
Coy Young  
Becky Shelton

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

MINUTES:

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

COMMUNITY CARE REPORT:

Chairman Allen presented the Community Care minutes of January 8, 2015 for the use and information of the Committee. Following discussion,

"Commissioner Cook moved, seconded by Commissioner Read, to approve the Community Care report. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

HEALTH DEPARTMENT REPORT:

Dana Garrett presented the Health Department report for November and December, 2014 for the use and information of the Committee. Following discussion,

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

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT:

Jeff Sandvig presented a proposed General Purpose School budget amendment advising Rutherford County's Adult Education Program has been awarded a critical needs grant of \$69,550 for fiscal 2014/15 that includes increasing the hourly pay rate for part-time adult education teachers from \$21 to \$22. Following discussion,

"Commissioner Jordan moved, seconded by Commissioner Turner, to approve the General Purpose School Budget Amendment for the Adult Education Critical Needs Grant of \$69,550 as presented. This motion passed unanimously by roll call vote."

Mr. Sandvig next presented an amendment using \$44,000 from the Capital Projects Fund, Account 34685, Committed for Capital Projects, to purchase one acre of land from John and Judith Turner for \$40,000. The Turners will donate two acres of land as part of

this purchase. The remaining \$4,000 will be used for closing costs. The land will be used for practice fields for Eagleville High School. The lease for the current practice field is being cancelled. Following discussion,

"Commissioner Read moved, seconded by Commissioner Cook, to amend \$44,000 from Account 34685, Fund 177 - Committed for Capital Projects, in order to fund the purchase of one acre of land for the Eagleville practice fields as presented. This motion passed unanimously by roll call vote."

Superintendent Odom next presented the five year building program at a cost of \$234,000,000 advising the projections are pretty good for three years out but years four and five are their best guesstimates. Essentials addressed in the plan are (1) enrollment counts and anticipating district growth; (2) continue to address renovation needs in overcrowded schools and (3) the system has 146 portables. The plan has the potential to eliminate 47 portables in the first three years. Mr. Odom reviewed the school populations especially in middle schools and included the number of students with percentage increases. Mr. Odom reviewed the number of portables in use and where they are located. Mr. Odom reviewed the building program as presented through August, 2020 and advised the School Board was looking for a commitment on what projects they can do.

Commissioner Jordan advised he could support the whole plan except for the \$1,800,000 in bleachers at Smyrna and LaVergne which are only used 6 or 7 nights a year as that money needed to be put towards classrooms. Aaron Holliday advised the bleachers are a matter of safety and parody and the stadiums are a small amount in the overall budget. Time after time the School Board returns money from projects and although the stadiums are not classrooms they are necessary.

Mr. Clardy advised he would like a firm commitment to fund the majority of the plan because a lot of planning has to be done. The amount required for the next borrowing is \$57,394,000.

Finance Director Nolen provided information on potential capital projects per the Board of Education's request and the timing of funds needed as well as information on the portion of funds that have to be shared with the City of Murfreesboro. The prior request of the School Board of \$57,394,000 increased to \$63,196,957 per Ms. Nolen's calculations. Ms. Nolen provided information on other County general projects including the parking garage, road projects, vehicle repair garage, Justice Center and renovating the old Judicial Building.

Commissioner Turner advised if the County does not build schools to keep up with population then it can face fines for overcrowding.

Commissioner Cook asked if the School Board could put excess money from projects towards the stadiums and Mr. Sandvig advised in the past the overages have been used to start new projects so money would have to be borrowed if it were saved up. Commissioner Jordan advised he hoped the building program did not derail the new Justice Center. Following discussion,

"Commissioner Nipper moved, seconded by Commissioner Read, to forward the request to the Budget Committee at \$55,594,000 taking out the Smyrna and LaVergne stadiums with the School Board to bring forward detailed information on funds for furniture, fixture and equipment required to open the schools. 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 6:53 p.m.