

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF AVERY**

The Avery County Board of Commissioners held a Special Meeting on Friday, August 17, 2018 at 2:30 p.m. in the Commissioners Board Room, Avery County Administrative Complex, 175 Linville Street, Newland, NC. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss and take any action necessary regarding the New Swimming Pool Project including the alternates from the bid sheet and take action on a budget amendment if necessary.

Members Present: Martha Hicks, Chair; Blake Vance, Vice-Chair; Faith Lacey; Tim Phillips; Wood Hall Young, Jr.

Others Present: Rob Johnson, Boomerang Architects; Pierre Henwood, Boomerang Architects; Ricky White, Garanco

Phillip Barrier, County Manager, explained that the budget ordinance for the Swimming Pool is carried throughout the project and was started last fiscal year when we had Isaacs & Associates for the architect so we are asking for another \$28,900 to cover our current and foreseeable architectural and insurance fees. Permits, Insurance, Surveys will require another \$14,093; furniture budget of \$10,000; advertising budget of \$1,875 and I am asking that we have a new budget line item for the unseen change orders of \$131,702. I am asking for an amended budget ordinance of \$159,031.

Blake Vance stated that he had privately spoken with Ms. Faith Lacey and he was going to do it publicly. "Faye, I owe you an apology. When we started this project we were getting from the previous architect numbers of 1.6 million for an outdoor and Faye said it will cost 3 million dollar for an outdoor pool and I said that is not what the architect said but we have found out she was right. So Faye, I am sorry. I wanted to do that publicly, you were right."

Wood Hall Young, Jr. questioned if the \$131,072 in contingency will only be used in the event if something unforeseen happens. Mr. Barrier said yes like hitting rock, additional soil testing, etc. and consensus will be gotten from the board before any change orders and contingency money is spent.

Tim Phillips questioned what line item the water taps, natural gas and electricity would come from. Mr. Barrier stated that it would come from contingency and he would be getting consensus on that before paying it out.

There was discussion about natural gas.

Mr. Young stated that there were two houses on that property so there should already be water taps and sewer taps. Ricky White, Garanco, explained that there would need to be two 2 inch lines. Robbie Willis, Parks and Rec. Director, said that the lines were already in. Mr. Barrier stated that he told them to wait on the taps. The fee for the water taps is \$28,000. I will ask for a discount on the fee.

Mr. Barrier stated that management is asking for a budget amendment for the pool of \$159,031. Mr. Young questioned if \$131,072 was enough in the contingency line item to take care of the electricity, water, gas, etc. Mr. Barrier said that the architects suggested 5% to be built in for contingency.

Mr. Vance said that we are spending 3 million dollars on a pool that will be open 82 days a year, that is less than 3 months. I am throwing that out to the board. My commitment was to be a wise steward and that to me is not wise stewardship.

Mr. Phillips said you can't look at one year it is year after year and if this pools lasts as long as the other one it is money well spent.

**Motion by Tim Phillips and second by Wood Hall Young, Jr. to adopt the budget amendment in the amount of \$159,031 to the Swimming Pool Project Ordinance.**

**VOTE: 4 to 1.**

**FOR---Martha Hicks; Faith Lacey; Tim Phillips; Wood Hall Young, Jr.**

**AGAINST---Blake Vance**

Mr. Barrier explained that management, Rob Johnson, Pierre Henwood, and Ricky White all sat down and discussed the alternates but I want the Board to be aware of the alternates and decide how we want to move forward with the alternates.

Rob Johnson, Boomerang Architects, advised that there was a base bid and then there were alternates.

Each alternate was discussed. Umbrella Bucket Trio is \$31,640; Slide is \$52,965; Diving board is \$25,495; all three numbers add up to the \$110,100. We have explored doing in lieu of the Bucket and Umbrella install four jets at the zero entry area and that would be \$12,400. There were other costs that could be removed but I thought the slide is smart to do now and the diving board.. Our thought is do the slide, diving board and maybe step down to four jets instead of the Umbrella and Bucket. We have explored several lighting options at \$14,878.

**Consensus by a majority of the Board to accept Alternate 1 at \$10,750, Alternate 2 at \$44,365, Alternate 5 at \$110,100 and Alternate 8 at \$14,878; total of \$180,093.**

Mr. Vance said basically we are at 3.3 million dollars for this swimming pool.

**Motion by Wood Hall Young, Jr. and second by Tim Phillips to adopt a budget amendment in the amount of \$180,093.**

**VOTE: 4 to 1.**

**FOR---Martha Hicks, Faith Lacey, Tim Phillips, Wood Hall Young, Jr.**

**AGAINST----Blake Vance**

**Recess**

Chair Hicks called for a brief recess so the County Manager and Finance Officer could update the Swimming Pool Project Ordinance.

Chair Hicks declared the meeting to be back in session after a brief recess.

**Motion by Wood Hall Young, Jr. and second by Tim Phillips to approve the amended Swimming Pool Capital Project Ordinance.**

**Motion unanimous with those in attendance (4-0). Blake Vance had left the meeting at this time.**

**Adjourn**

**Motion by Wood Hall Young, Jr. and second by Tim Phillips to adjourn this meeting at 3:34 p.m. Motion unanimously approved.**

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**Martha Hicks, Chair**  
**Avery County Board of Commissioners**

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Cindy Turbyfill, Clerk