

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF AVERY**

The Avery County Board of Commissioners met in a Joint Meeting with the Avery County Board of Education on Thursday, May 12, 2016 at 7:36 p.m. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the recommendation of an architect by the Special Joint Committee regarding the Avery County High School DPI Report and to discuss the Roundabout at the Intersection of High School Rd. and Hwy 194.

Members Present: Martha Hicks, Chair; Maxine Laws, Vice-Chair; Faith Lacey; Blake Vance

Members Absent: Reo Griffith

**Call To Order**

Chair Hicks called the meeting to order at 7:36 p.m.

Tim Greene, County Manager, read aloud the notice for the Joint Meeting.

**Special Joint Committee Recommendation of the Avery County High School DPI Report**

Tim Greene, County Manager, explained that the special joint committee had interviewed two architectural firms; one was Padgett Freeman/Vannoy Construction and the other was Beeson, Lusk and Street. We were very comfortable with both of those architectural firms and in fact we initially were looking at recommending Padgett Freeman. When we got down to the price, Padgett Freeman's price was considerably higher than Beeson, Lusk, and Street. We ultimately recommend Beeson, Lusk and Street. The fees for assessing what was on the DPI report are \$12,000. The other firm was \$50,600. That is why we decided to recommend Beeson, Lusk and Street. If you have any questions, now is a good time to ask them. Dr. Burleson will present the recommendation of Beeson, Lusk and Street to the Board of Education and I will present a recommendation to go with Beeson, Lusk and Street to the Board of Commissioners.

Dr. David Burleson advised that he would like to have the opportunity to come back to this group and talk about Beeson, Lusk and Street helping us with the bleachers at the high school, too, when we get to that point. I think that will need an architectural firm to help us with that.

There were no questions or comments.

**Roundabout**

Mr. Greene stated that we feel pretty certain that no one was interested in a roundabout. I presented to the Rural Transportation Committee a priority list and we did not list the roundabout as a priority. We all know that we would like to have a red light

there but the transportation department will not put a red light there. They feel very certain that roundabouts are the way to go.

Dr. Burleson commented that at some point maybe we could find another way of getting to the schools.

**Adjourn**

**Motion by Blake Vance and second by Maxine Laws to adjourn at 7:45 p.m.**

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

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