

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF AVERY**

The Avery County Board of Commissioners held a Special Meeting on Tuesday, October 15, 2019 at 5:15 p.m. at the Avery County Board of Education Central Office, 775 Cranberry Street, Newland, NC. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss and receive an update on the Avery High School Addition and Renovation.

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

Members Absent: Martha Hicks, Chair (surgery); Dennis Aldridge (vacation)

**Call To Order**

Blake Vance called the meeting to order at 5:16 p.m.

John Greene called the meeting to order for the Board of Education.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Pat Edwards led prayer.

Tim Greene, Finance Officer, explained that the County wanted to touch base on where we were financially with the Avery High School Addition and Renovation. There have been a couple of items that was unpredicted in the budget. One of them was some engineering fees that was listed on Boomerang's spread sheet but was not included in the total. There was also soil nailing at \$138,000. In Branch Builds bid, there was a \$200,000 soil allowance in the base bid. The \$104,000 of engineering fees that was not included in the total was shifted from General Construction to the A&E line item. Basically, it has come out of contingency. Up through June 30<sup>th</sup>, we have spent 2.6 million dollars on the addition and renovation. The project is fully funded at this time.

Bill Miller, Interim Superintendent, gave a brief report on the construction progress. The soil nailing is to be completed today. They should be able to start getting the footings in place and get that piece back on schedule. The block walls are being placed. The heat system will be turned on tomorrow.

Mr. Miller said that the furniture will need to be ordered by December 31, 2019 so we can save 5% on the order. It looks like the FF&E will be around \$550,000.

Blake Vance stated that he would appreciate if we could meet with more regularity of the Boards. It is a big project and it would be wise to go no more than six weeks on such a huge project. John Greene, Chairman of the Avery County Board of Education stated that it would be good to take turns with meeting.

**Adjourn**

**Motion by Wood Hall Young, Jr. and second by Tim Phillips to adjourn this meeting at 5:34 p.m. Motion unanimous with those in attendance (3-0).**

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

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