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Commissioners in attendance: Chair Tim Ivey, Vice Chair Darrel “BJ” Gibson, Commissioners Bo Frizzell, Clarence McPhatter II, Darwin Williams. Commissioners not in attendance: Commissioners John Alford, and Whit Gibson-by phone

Staff in attendance: Interim County Manager/Clerk to the Board Jason Robinson, Human Resources Manager Susan Sanders

Approval of the Agenda

Chairman Ivey asked for a motion to approve the agenda. **Motion was made by Commissioner Frizzell and was duly seconded by Vice Chair Gibson. Vote to approve was unanimous.**

Closed Session

Chairman Ivey then stated that the Board needed to go into closed session pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11(a)(6) to consider the qualifications, competence, performance, character, fitness, conditions of appointment, or conditions of initial employment of an individual public officer or employee or prospective public officer or employee; or to hear or investigate a complaint, charge, or grievance by or against an individual public officer or employee. **Motion was made by Commissioner Williams and was duly seconded by Commissioner McPhatter, vote to approve was unanimous.** Upon coming out of closed session, the Board continued with the agenda.

IEJ–Risk Assessment

Vice Chair Gibson asked Interim County Manager Jason Robinson to go over the risk assessment that was completed by a couple of county departments: risk management and building inspections.

Mr. Robinson stated that there are seven different things in here

1. The Wall Surface. There are no floors in the hallway; floors need deep cleansing in classrooms, and replacement in corridor.
2. Debris Exposure: Paint peeling off walls in several classrooms; need to be scraped and painted; need to remove glue and patch walls in the corridor.
3. Debris Exposure: Sidewalk has been determined to contain lead paint and asbestos. Paint is currently flaking off the canopy; canopies needs to be cleaned and painted or removed entirely.
4. Fire Protection: No fire extinguishers; need fire extinguishers mounted in the building and the fire alarm needs to be checked.

5. Electrical- Need to repair or replace lighting in corridor; need to inspect and repair or replace electrical as needed, lights open fuses, fans, etc. Missing Fixture Covers.
6. Egress - Fire exit doors at court yard lead directly to construction area. Awning over the doors need to be removed. Emergency exits – Height-It is too low; potential head injuries. Trip hazards in emergency E Grass path need to repair all tripping hazards or rain gutters run off washed areas; need to repair sidewalks.
7. Security Concerns: The area is currently a construction zone with contractors and equipment on site. There is no separation between the annex and the work areas of the gym and library. Violation to attempt to lock the exit doors lead to the courtyard. There is no outside play area that is safe and secure for activities.

Commissioners had a discussion and were in agreement that several different things could go wrong if people or children were allowed to be in that area at this time. Commissioner Alford stated that he was at the site when it was reviewed and it was no place for children. *Consensus of the Board was not to allow the group to use it for a summer camp.* Ms. Dee Rainer also asked for funding for a STEM camp. Ms. Rainer spoke on funding the difference between white boards and smartboards. No decision was made at this time by the Board.

Insurance Benefits

Ms. Susan Sanders presented the differences between the plans with 1st Carolina Care and Mark III as it related to the PPO employees. Discussed the different methodologies that she had been given to investigate. The plan premiums would be essentially the same with a .40 cent difference. The vote was given at the last meeting to terminate the plan with 1st Carolina Care. The new plan referred to as Methodology #2 would start on July 1, 2023. There was not a need for a vote this was done at the previous meeting. This presentation was just to clarify what would be best for the employees and county with premiums and coverage as it related to the PPO employees.

Former East Laurinburg Town Hall

Interim County Manager/Clerk to the Board Jason Robinson discussed the selling of East Laurinburg Town Hall. Mr. Robinson stated that the county has a relationship with Iron Horse who has a property, commercial and auction division and is also able to dual list the property in both commercial and residential real estate. It was suggested that Iron Horse be used. It was stated that there is no contract with Iron Horse, just prior relationship and flexibility in listing.

The Board had discussion that Iron Horse is in Richmond County and there are many realtors in Scotland County but that no one wanted to get into a bidding war over realtors. Commissioner Whit Gibson by phone discussed what putting the property on the market and bidding on it would look like –vs- selling to a church or someone else in the community for less that would use the building to benefit the community.

Also discussed what it would look like if Iron Horse were to find a buyer that the County does not approve of, would there be a way of backing out of the deal or refusing to sell.

It was discussed if the County would be able to sell to a church for less than the asking price rather than another buyer for the full asking price. The discussion was tabled to discuss to consult with the County Attorney and will revisit the question at a future session. Commissioners agreed, and agreed to use Iron Horse.

RCC Budget Request

Email request was received from Dr. McInnis with RCC for a \$49,000 increase in the budget taking the requested amount to \$81,000 for deferred maintenance cost. Commissioners discussed on whether or not to increase. It was suggested to hold on to the money until needed. No vote was taken.

Scotland County Youth Development

The Scotland County Youth Development has requested a donation of folding chairs, chairs, tables, computers with keyboards, and bookcases. This is a non-profit organization. The county discussed the things that they had that could be donated and the way in which to make it available to a non-profit. Suggested putting the charitable donation materials in the paper and advertising when non-profits could pick up the items. Vice Chair Gibson asked Mr. Robinson if he would put a concrete plan together.

County Manager's Report

Mr. Robison stated that Southeast Community Action Partnership will visit IEJ on June 27, 2023 at 1:30pm. They are bringing someone from SHARP with them for a site visit. Mr. Robinson stated that he will meet them there and invited all commissioners to attend. Chair Ivey has a medical obligation on that day, and Vice Chair Gibson stated that he will be out of town.

It was mentioned that The Sherriff and two deputies are meeting with the schools next week to talk about SRO.

Vice-Chair Gibson asked Chairman Ivey to respond to Ms. Rainer, to make sure she is clear on what was decided on the building at IEJ. Chairman Ivey stated that the building is not safe to use and they don't have the funds.

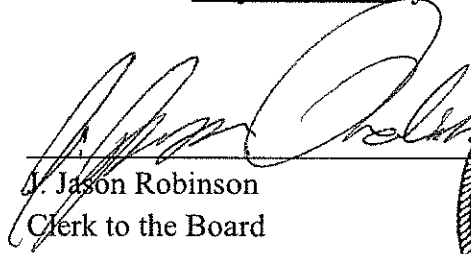
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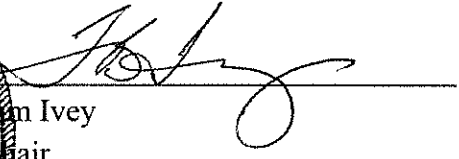
and a 3% merit increase. Motion was duly seconded by Commissioner McPhatter and the vote to approve was unanimous.

Adjournment

Having no further business, the motion was made by Vice-Chair Gibson to adjourn. The motion was duly seconded by Commissioner Williams.


Jason Robinson
Clerk to the Board


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Tom Ivey
Chair

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