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Commissioners in attendance: Chair Bob Davis, Vice-Chair Carol McCall, Commissioners John Alford, Whit Gibson, and Tim Ivey. Commissioners Gholston and McPhatter were absent. Staff in attendance: County Manager Kevin Patterson, Deputy Clerk to the Board Jason Robinson, and approximately 60 members of the public.

**Call to Order and Invocation**

Chairman Bob Davis called the special meeting of the commissioners to order, and delivered the invocation.

**Approval of the Agenda**

Chairman Davis then stated that he would entertain a motion to approve the agenda.

**Motion was made by Vice Chair McCall to approve the agenda and the motion was duly seconded by Commissioner Alford. Vote to approve agenda: Unanimous**

**Public Input concerning Laurel Hill Community Center**

Chairman Davis turned the meeting over to Mr. Neil Emory with the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners. Mr. Emory introduced himself and explained the format for the night. Mr. Emory stated that the format was going to be to break into small groups and talk about two questions: 1. What services/activities would you like to see the county provide at a facility? 2. What activities happen for which a facility is needed? Mr. Emory further stated that each group would report out what their group has discussed. The large group was then split up into five smaller groups and those groups answered the two questions and reported their discussions to the larger group. Upon conclusion of the reporting, Mr. Emory provided a summary of what he heard. Mr. Emory stated that this is what he heard from the reporting from each group: 1. Want a space that is usable for the community (old or new) and have a plan in place. 2. The priority is as follows: athletic space (gym), multi-purpose space (flexible for family reunions, birthday parties, funerals), athletic fields (to be part of parks and recreation), football field (practice facility as well), nutrition site, polling place, disaster relief, outdoor improvements. Upon conclusion of Mr. Emory's summary, Commissioner Alford stated that as far as he was concerned the process has already begun and agree that this needs to be a now project and not something down the road. Commissioner Alford further stated that this Board is committed to putting a building in the Laurel Hill community. Commissioner Ivey thanked everyone for coming to the meeting. Commissioner Ivey stated that things are already turning and what he heard is something identical to Wagram. Commissioner Ivey further stated that he was concerned folks would have a tie to the old gym but that doesn't seem to be the case.

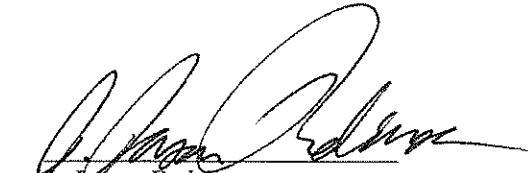
**Motion was made by Commissioner Ivey to take the hold off of the demolition and move forward.** Vice Chair McCall also stated that the process has started but the time frame is hard to nail down. She also stated that the Board is committed to the process and committed to having something in Laurel Hill. Commissioner Gibson stated that given the estimates that he has looked at it would cost more to renovate what is there than to build new. Commissioner Gibson also asked if the demolition moved forward if it could be completed by Mother's Day for


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Laurelfest. County Manager Kevin Patterson stated that it would be done by Mother's Day. **Motion was duly seconded by Commissioner Gibson. Vote to move forward with demolition: Unanimous.** Chairman Davis stated that the Board was committed to building something nice for a replacement building in Laurel Hill.

**Adjourn**

Having no further business, **Motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Commissioner Alford. Motion was duly seconded by Commissioner Ivey. Vote to adjourn: Unanimous.**

  
J. Jason Robinson  
Deputy Clerk to the Board

  
Bob Davis  
Chair

(county seal)

