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**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF HENDERSON**

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
THURSDAY, MAY 24, 2018**

The Henderson County Board of Commissioners met for the continued meeting of May 16, 2018 at 3:00 p.m. on May 24, 2018, to hold a joint meeting with the Board of Education in the Commissioners' Meeting Room of the Historic Courthouse on Main Street, Hendersonville.

Those present were: Chairman Mike Edney Vice-Chairman Grady Hawkins, Commissioner Tommy Thompson, Commissioner Charlie Messer, Commissioner William Lapsley (was at an MPO meeting and arrived later in the meeting), County Manager Steve Wyatt, Assistant County Manager Amy Brantley and Attorney Russ Burrell.

Also present were: Director of Business and Community Development John Mitchell, Engineer Marcus Jones, PIO Kathryn Finotti Videotaping, and Chad Roberson of Clark Nexsen.

Present with the Board of Education were: Superintendent Bo Caldwell, Michael Absher, Colby Coren, Mary Louise Corn, Blair Craven, Lisa Edwards, Chair Amy Holt and Rick Wood.

Absent was: Clerk to the Board Teresa L. Wilson.

CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME

Chairman Edney called the meeting to order and welcomed all in attendance. The primary reason for this meeting is a joint meeting with the School Board at their request.

Chair Amy Holt stated there have many questions from the public on the Hendersonville High School project. She asked Chad Roberson of Clark Nexsen to explain how we had got to the point of needing additional funding. Ms. Holt and Mr. Roberson had talked this morning and she feels it would be beneficial for the public to hear the information.

Chad Roberson stated he had shared the information this morning also with Assistant County Manager Amy Brantley and he hoped it was helpful to walk through the process. At this point there are no construction documents for the building. What we have is a design and development documents. There is a schematic design phase that you go through, which is an early phase of the design. The buildings typically get very big and then they get shrunk and then you keep moving forward in the design making it more and more real. The closer that we get to construction documents the more reliable the information that we have for the contractor and sub-contractors to look at. We are about halfway through the design process. If you said go today, we would need about six more months to complete the construction documents.

When we talked with the Board of Commissioners back in the fall of 2016, we were about halfway through the schematic design process. We didn't really even have a real floor plan. We had images of the building with again no real floor plan. After the schematic design phase was finished we went through the entitlement process (rezoning process with City of Hendersonville) which took about five months. We restarted the project and continued the design development components. The contractor looked at it, we reviewed it and provided an estimate. This took several iterations until we have gotten to where we are right now.

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Chairman Edney stated we have been at this for four years, and asked Chad what else had been done. We had two commissioners and school board members meeting in groups over months and months and months. What was that process all about?

Mr. Roberson explained that that process was the programming process where we are taking the space profile that DPI provided and comparing it to what the actual school request is. It is a back and forth process. Some of those components are bigger and some of the components are smaller. This was a big chunk of the process.

Chair Holt asked Mr. Roberson to touch on what they had discussed earlier today where we started and we were over 200,000 square feet with their programming and then how it's been trimmed down.

Mr. Roberson responded when you go through the schematic design phase the buildings always get bigger. You must have some flexibility in the design of the building so that when things start to move around you are not so confined with the perimeter of the building. The building are always bigger and we keep working closer and closer until we get down to the actual budgeted square feet.

Chair Holt said so if we were at the budgeted square feet of 161,000 today with the auxiliary gym and the 900 seats, would it be about the range of \$52.6m?

Mr. Roberson responded yes. The challenge they have is that they have been fighting escalation (the cost of construction materials and labor rising in the market) the entire time and also fighting a program that was bigger than the original budget. We have had almost double the amount of escalation over the last few years. We started and we included escalation in there as we always do, typically construction recommends 4/10 of a percent per month all the way through construction and opening of the building. What we have been seeing is somewhere in the neighborhood of 8 to 12 % escalation per year, and 4/10 translates into a 4% per year. This is hyper-inflation since we built in 4/10 of a percent per month.

Mr. Blair Craven asked when the escalation counting actually started for Clark Nexsen with four years thus far on the project.

Mr. Roberson responded the budget was established back in spring of 2016 with an opening in August 2020, so the escalation was during that timeframe. With where we are right now we are opening in January 2021 with final completion in August of 2021. This is almost an entire year of escalation plus hyper-inflation on top of that.

Mr. Rick Wood asked Chad Robertson at what point did Clark Nexsen determine that a full size auditorium and two gyms could not be done within the budget of \$52.6m.

Mr. Roberson stated they have said all along (since 2016) if more than 161,000 square feet was needed then it would be more money. Five estimates were provided in 2016 that were above and beyond the 161,000 square feet. There has never been a question that anything above the 161,000 square feet would be above the budget.

Mr. Wood didn't feel the School Board was aware of this until the previous Monday.

Ms. Amy Holt explained where the School Board thought they were and where they are now. A joint meeting was held November 16, 2016 and the minutes read...Commissioner Lapsley said that Commissioner Hawkins and he sat on a committee that included Chair Bazzle, Vice-Chair Mary Louse Corn, Superintendent David Jones, and later Superintendent Bo Caldwell, John Mitchell, David Berry,

and Dr. John Bryant. This group met after the commissioners decided to proceed with the project and selected Clark Nexsen as the Architect of Record for this project. This group is fully aware that the Architect has met with Principal Bobby Wilkins and other members of school staff to go over what needs to be included in the proposed buildings. Recommendations were fine-tuned at the last meeting and all agreed that it was time to share this information with the public. They felt the best way to do that was in a joint meeting with the two boards. It has been a joint effort and everyone has put into it. Commissioner Lapsley said Commissioner Hawkins and he are very pleased with how it all transpired to the final project.

And then it goes into the presentation that we saw upon the screen and it says Chad Roberson with Clark Nexsen presented the drawings. And the last paragraph from the bottom it says (showing us around the school building) to the left would be a new auditorium with a capacity of 900. If you flip it to the next page it said...Rick Wood asked is there an auxiliary gym and Chad Roberson said there is an auxiliary gym that has the capacity of 250. The auxiliary gym is up one story and sits on top of the locker rooms. New gymnasium capacity is around 1000 and they have incorporated a spot for the trophies in the gymnasium. If you flip over three more pages...Charlie Messer asked if the project number is about \$50m and Chad Roberson said we are at \$52.6m. So the School Board walked away from that project thinking all of those things were included. We were not aware at that point that these were "if" items. Items that could be cut. We had no clue. And then the next meeting that we had is the next set of documents. At their December 5th meeting, the Henderson County Board of Commissioners voted unanimously to seek an up or down vote from the Board of Education regarding their support of the \$52.6m Hendersonville High School construction project. For the purposes of discussion Mary Louse Corn moved that the Henderson County Board of Education support the construction of the new Hendersonville High School as conceptually designed by the architect and presented publicly on November 6, 2016, and seconded by Mr. Colby Coren. So that's where the School Board voted to support and go ahead with the Project. Ms. Holt wanted to make the commissioners aware that they really had no clue that there was even a thought of not being an auxiliary gym or the 900 seat auditorium. If there had been that idea, they would have stopped it right there. It appeared to her from the notes that Mr. Lapsley was in favor and Commissioner Hawkins was in favor of the design that included the 900 seat auditorium and the auxiliary gym. There is no way they can hold school without an auxiliary gym. They would be making students practice until 9 or 10 p.m. with basketball, and they wouldn't have a place to hold wrestling meets which typically go on the same time as basketball practice or basketball games. There is a major programming hiccup right there. Ms. Holt did not support this to begin with and the School Board does not want to support not having the auditorium for 900.

Chairman Edney addressed Chad Robertson and stated in November 2015, Chad Roberson was out of town and a gentlemen named David Lancor came in his place. Was this gentlemen prepared and did he know what he was talking about?

Mr. Roberson responded yes he did.

Chairman Edney asked Mr. Roberson if he received the go today, when would we be in the building.

Mr. Roberson responded January 2021.

Chairman Edney stated on the project escalation 2021 is the year and number we look at is \$55m? Mr. Edney feels at this point we are probably even talking more money.

Mr. Roberson responded that is correct, and we should be talking more money. What we have done is squeezed this building to death. We have changed systems, we have changed finishes, and we've made modifications to that square footage to keep it in the original budget.

Commissioner Hawkins stated he feels the real confusion came in May 22, 2016...Commissioner Edney made the motion to accept the Hendersonville High School proposal amended to include for planning and costing purposes and gymnasium of 1450 and an auditorium of 800-1000...so he feels when this went back to the architect, 5-6 months later he included it for planning for costing purposes but still the same amount of money for square footage that we had originally looked at and the cost that was associated with it. As he looks through this, he can kind of see how that got back to the architect. From his perspective he doesn't feel we need a lot of time on how we got here but how to move forward. Time in money as we've already experienced. He encouraged the Boards to look for ways to move forward to get the project going. The school is needed and has a lot of safety factors that he would like to see on board sooner than later. Hopefully we can find a way to accommodate the training and the student needs in whatever method we can come about.

Chairman Edney asked if the School Board and their staff have cut everything to the bone.

Mr. Roberson responded that it is not cut to the bone. It is a responsible look at the program and making sure everything that is necessary for them to operate in a twenty-first century learning environment is included in that building.

Blair Craven asked when a design element is typically submitted to DPI, is that original design element submitted just that one time or multiple times?

Mr. Roberson stated it goes in for schematics, DD, and for construction documents as well.

Mr. Craven responded so the design element that you submitted per the DPI has the building at 199,000 square feet with two auxiliary gyms and an upsized auditorium.

Mr. Robertson responded yes.

Mr. Craven asks if we didn't build that, would you have to go back and redraw and resubmit that to DPI.

Mr. Robertson responds they would submit it as the next phase.

Mr. Rick Wood, regarding escalation, stated there will be other cost not included such as artificial turf on the athletic field and the surfacing of the tracks. We also have to look at the fact that approximately \$3m has already been spent on renovation of the Stillwell building. There will be some additional cost on further renovations once it has been determined how it will be used.

Chairman Edney stated the Board is on record for supporting the installation of artificial turf at Hendersonville once the time comes.

Chairman Edney played an audio from November 2015 of David Lancor of Clark Nexsen regarding upsizing the school:

(David Lancor) It is feasible to have an 800-1000 seat auditorium in the new construction without a major up in the cost. What you would do is take the basic programming scope put together by NCDPI, (now you would have to look at that scope because if you are going to increase the size of the terrain you would

remove or reduce scope from somewhere else) that is something to be done moving forward. I can comfortable with that. This is certainly a possibility that the team would get in there and decide they don't want to do that, they don't want to take one of those things out but they do want an auditorium. That could happen to. That's a process we would survive with projects. So yes it could be done for that figure, of course.

(Chairman Edney) Can you give me a top figure of what it would cost to expand the scope to double the size of the auditorium?

To go from a 400 seat to an 800 seat auditorium (400 seats is 3600 sq. ft.) Double that and multiple the numbers it would be roughly \$900,000. An additional 3600 square feet at \$250 a square foot. It is more than a million to double the size of the auditorium. (Finish of recording)

Chairman Edney asked Chad Roberson to explain the cost.

Chad Roberson stated that when the gentlemen in the audio did the calculation, he was just doing an average square footage cost, across the entire building. But if you are isolating those extra square feet to increase the size of the auditorium it is not \$250 per square foot. It's much more than that because you are averaging the cost of...you've got a \$1000 per square foot, you've got \$500 per square foot, you've got \$100 per square feet, which totals \$250 per square foot.

Chairman Edney responded that he didn't explain that. He led us to believe it was something really easy to do.

Chad Roberson stated he made a mistake in that discussion. He was three years ago and much has changed in the market in that timeframe.

Chairman Edney asked if the existing facilities are at 132,000 square foot.

Chad Roberson stated the existing facilities are 142,600 square foot.

Chairman Edney responded the slide said 132,000 square foot. It said DPI recommends 150,000 square foot and Clark Nexsen started at 161,000. What was the basis of that? Was that including the extra gym and the auditorium?

Chad Roberson responded no. The efficiency ratio that DPI uses for a double loaded corridor building is only a dead flat site in eastern North Carolina and we don't have that condition here. So the buildings typically less efficient because you have to deal with extra corridors, you have to deal with grade change across the building, so we added the additional 15% to the building in order to incorporate that efficiency ratio, which is higher.

Chairman Edney asked if there were other cost increases due to site conditions.

Chad Roberson responded yes, we have unsuitable soil out there and we are having to use geosphere systems so yes there has absolutely been additional cost associated with that. It is increasing the cost of the site. Underneath the site of the new gym there is unsuitable soil so we have to remediate that area.

Chairman Edney asked if the design had to be changed as well, originally he thought it was two floors.

Chad Roberson responded that area was never two floors, they are undercutting underneath the main gym and there are two floors in that location.

Chairman Edney asked what the absolute best number to move forward.

Chad Robertson said for the entire project moving forward with items that have been identified as alternates and 187,000 square feet, the total project is roughly \$66.8m total. This includes owner contingency, Geotech, Surveyors, special inspections, design fees, everything, as well as FF&E.

Lisa Edwards asked for clarification. She had written down what went to DPI the first time for programming was 161,000 square feet with auxiliary gym and 900 auditorium...and hyper-inflation of 12% a year. She asked if she had written it down incorrectly.

Chad Roberson responded as he mentioned before when they start the building are big and get submitted to the regulatory agencies and then we continue to work on the design with shrinkage during the process. So they are always bigger when they go in for schematics than when you go into CD's where they go out for the construction documents and then they are where you need them to be in order to be in the budget.

Rick Woods asked if the \$66.8m includes the artificial turf track.

Chad Roberson responded no it does not.

Commissioner Hawkins interjected that the turf was always going to be separate because there were still questions of what ran underneath the football field and other engineering concepts. The Board plans to deal with that as a separate issue in the next several years.

Amy Holt verified that the School Board had clarified this already. Turf came later in the project.

Commissioner Hawkins, fast forwarding, if we ended up building a 1000 seat auditorium, how do we justify to the public that you have 800 good seats in the Stillwell building and now have two auditoriums that are very capable. We have done a lot of work on the Stillwell building.

Mary Louse Corn stated initially in this process...the School Board, Hendersonville did vote to...and I'm with you Grady. We need to talk about what we are going to do. But if we are going to go back, we as a majority wanted to renovate Stillwell and build Hendersonville High School closer to it so it would be a part of the school. That was not the outcome. The Commissioner preferred to have a brand new school and not renovate Stillwell. So that's how come we are there or here now with an auditorium still in Stillwell, and another auditorium needed. As far as moving forward to build a new high school without a gym and auxiliary gym would be a huge mistake. She could not support that. I have been supportive of the commissioners as you have given us various times to weigh in but always with the understanding of what was said in these meetings was what was meant, an auxiliary gym and a larger auditorium. Larger than the other schools have because a larger auditorium was very, very important to Hendersonville High School. And then their desire for us to stay with the Stillwell and renovate that was kind of the compromise...that we would build an auditorium that would seat their student body in a brand new school away from Stillwell. As a former educator, high school principal, I could never support having kids walk from the new high school, at the distance it is now, over to Stillwell every time they wanted to use the auditorium to see their whole student body. Which, accordingly to Mr. Wilkins is fairly often. First of all there is the security issue, that's an issue we are dealing with now in schools that were built in a time before we had to worry about that. We dang well better build this school in a secure way. We've got that opportunity. So that's the issue with the auditorium. First of all unless we make Stillwell an

interval part of Hendersonville High School, I could not support that kind of student moving back and forth and that's how we got there. The other part is it depends on which costs more and how much money the commissioners want to put into this school. Does it cost more to add \$11m and build it like we have said we want to build it, or should we go back to the drawing board and think about renovating Stillwell and moving that high school where it's one cohesive unit? If we are not willing to do that then as far as she is concerned there is no option but build it, spend the money, or forget the whole deal.

Commissioner Hawkins responded to Ms. Corn's statement about the whole student body together...the new gym has a 1000 feet capacity in it, would that not be a place to have the whole student body meet?

Ms. Corn stated you can certainly have pep rallies and those kind of things but again it was the compromise, I think, with Hendersonville High School community to leave the auditorium that seats there student body and do far more activities that other high schools do. Now...yes they could change their culture and yes they could do without but that was one of the biggest fights and public input that we had...had to do with having programs where the full student body could be seated. I wish every high school had that. We could never have our whole student body in the auditorium at West High. But it's not the optimum and if we are going to, one of you said, build a school that meets the twenty-first century, then let's do it right.

Colby Coren stated he supported the project from day one for a new high school, with the intention of a 1000 seat auditorium because the tradition of the Bearcat nation is an integral part of who they are. Moving forward he could not support a 400 seat auditorium for them for their purposes for their traditions. The traditions are more than just the people and they are. The tradition needs to stay alive and so supporting anything less than a 1000 seat auditorium for them would be a no go.

Rick Wood feels the same. The auxiliary gym and the full size 900 seat auditorium is very important for him. He wishes there was some way to go back to the initial recommendation of option #2 with renovation of the Stillwell building and have a more compact campus. With having only on the Boyd property maybe the gyms and parking there, of course parking is a big issue. I do know you have spent a lot of money already but part of that is the tearing down of the facilities on the Boyd property which would have to be done anyway. In some of the planning, architectural and some of the work we've done already is money that could be used in another type plan. But I wish we would consider that because we are going to have to come up with a good use for the Stillwell building either down the line, there is going to have to be money spent there, why not spend money to fix it up for use as part of the new high school. I wish we could find a way to do that today.

Chairman Edney is a Bearcat and has tried to express to people from that standpoint the auditorium is much more important than the extra gym. From an academic teaching standpoint you've got to have the gym. So you need them both. There are two options. Figure out a way to fund the \$66.8m project, or go ahead a build the new gymnasiums at the north end of the football field, tear down the old gyms and then have Chad start from scratch and redesign new facilities closer to Stillwell where you could integrate them. I would be perfectly happy with that, but my problem is to do that we would probably set everything back two years if not longer. Your older number was \$3m per year we are losing at 4%, and with 8-12% we would losing \$6-8m per year, every year we put this thing off.

Blair Craven feels you have to consider the cost of renovation versus the cost of building a building new. Per Chad was \$225 a square foot to renovate the Stillwell building.

Chad Roberson stated renovating the Stillwell building would be less but keep in mind that any option like that you wind up with modular. There is no way to work on that site without incorporating modular units into the mix.

Rick Wood stated this is certainly true and one of the negatives we looked at with our original recommendation. There will be modular units and it will be a long period of time. But there would be a gym available throughout the process.

Chairman Edney stated this is correct but the time itself is adding \$12m plus to the project. You are not going to save any money by going back and doing that. The third option is to do nothing and patch up and let the next generation deal with it. Given the facilities, he doesn't feel that is an option.

Commissioner Hawkins feels the gym and auditorium are critical issues at a cost of about \$66m. The County Attorney has informed him that we have time to put this on a School Bond for the November election. This would give the Board an opportunity to have the other 100,000 people in the County to weigh in. You can sell the criticality of your needs and try to get the bond passed. We would then have the money to do what you feel we need to do without escalating any more cost or delays.

Colby Coren responded that this sticks the School Board with the issue and the problem that was caused by the County's architect.

Commissioner Hawkins stated this is not correct.

Colby Coren feels this is the way he is hearing it. This was an issue with an architect that the County hired and is on your salary, that you are paying, that's your payroll, and we are going to be responsible for the additional costs because of something that we thought was already on the books. That we thought was already there.

Commissioner Hawkins does not feel this is correct. If you look back at the May meeting, the areas that you are looking at, this Board approved up to \$56m, but did not include except for problematically the larger auditorium and gym. And so by the time it got back to you guys in November that was breach across the Board but it wasn't what the Board had asked for in these minutes of May 2, 2016 meeting.

Colby Coren said jump forward to August 17, 2016 meeting that said the number has been attributed to Clark Nexsen's \$76m and asked Chad Roberson if that number is correct.

Mr. Roberson responded the current program that Clark Nexsen is doing has two gyms and an auditorium with 1000 seats. It's \$52.5m and there is no money in it for the Stillwell building. How were we not supposed to be led to believe that the planning and the funding included a 1000 seat auditorium and 2 gyms?

Chairman Edney feels obviously there has been bad communication and he doesn't want the same thing beyond that. What does the majority of the School Board want?

Blair Craven stated there are two options. Build as we saw the design or you stop the project and go back to the drawing board and look at more cost saving measures. Use the Stillwell building as he had voted on two years ago and as the School Board voted on before that and do it right.

Rick Wood would like more discussion before saying yea or nay.

Chairman Edney asked the County Manager if the County could handle the \$66.8m project without raising taxes.

County Manager Steve Wyatt stated no we could not. The upcoming year you can because of low debt service. The following year is the new year of the re-evaluation. This project will call for a tax-increase and if the projects increases, it will be a larger tax increase. The money comes from taxes and in this case the majority of this comes from property taxes over a period of 20 years financing or whatever the term is for financing. Again, in the coming budget, we can cover the debt service because there is just a little bit at the end of the year with whatever direction that we go, if there is a direction to go in that fiscal year. In other words, if the scope of the project is such that we borrow the money next year, he feels there would be an interest only payment at the end of the year. We can cover that. When you get into the next year, that's when you start paying the full debt service for the project. You would build part of the tax rate into paying for that debt as well as Edneyville Elementary School. We are still paying for the Sheriff's Department, Emergency Services Headquarters and the schools operating supplemental budget and all those things.

Lisa Edwards stated that during the time of all the talk about the Law Enforcement Training Center she never heard about raising taxes. So why is she hearing this now.

County Manager Steve Wyatt stated the Board in that year added a penny on the tax rate at that time, two years ago. In that year the money was set forward the next year and this year being the last year of the re-evaluation cycle. Now next year everything that happens is a tax increase. Because if we didn't do anything it would be zero. But you will build your tax rate with all of these costs involved. The school nurses, the Sheriff's deputies, the EMS, schools, etc.

Lisa Edwards stated so there is a penny tax increase for three years through next year. Can this money be used for the school?

Mr. Wyatt stated yes it could be, it would be the Board's decision but the tax rate has not been voted on yet.

Chairman Edney stated basically every re-evaluation we go back to a zero based budget and build it from bottom up and try to build it for a four year period so that you don't raise taxes every year so that the citizens can have some consistency in the tax rate.

Lisa Edwards questioned why the Board could not use that money.

Chairman Edney feels we can.

Rick Wood asked what he felt was a critical question, how does he see the role of the School Board versus the Commissioners in building the schools?

Chairman Edney stated he could give the attorney's answer but his answer is we do it as a team and do it together. If we don't agree and we are not on the same page, we don't do it.

Commissioner Messer stated a lot has been done over the last ten years by the Commissioners and Board of Education. These boards have switched many things around to get a new Edneyville Elementary School in the process. We purchased the Boyd property and it was a multi-year process. Three choices were provided to us by Clark Nexsen. There are many moving parts such as safety, highway 25, etc. and construction should have started on Hendersonville High School this month. It doesn't matter who

makes the motion because we started the process when the choice of the three options was made. We spent \$1m on the Stillwell building on things that had to be done. The budget number was presented and a motion was made November 7, 2016 to direct staff and the architect to move forward with the plan of Hendersonville High School at the budget of \$52.6m. The public will vote this down and I feel everyone knows that. Maybe we need to scratch this and start over. We need to make safety one of the most important issues. The space is landlocked and we only have so much space. We must work within a budget or taxes have to be raised.

Blair Craven asked Commissioner Messer if he feels we need to go back to the drawing board and renovate.

Commissioner Messer stated he has been contacted by many citizens who feel renovation is the way to go.

Blair Craven is in agreement.

Rick Wood doesn't have an answer either. We must find what is best for the kids of the county and what the taxpayers can afford. I generally agree with Mr. Craven. We need more discussion to see what options are available before we start picking one or two. We do need to renovate the Stillwell building and make it a more compact and safe campus than it is now. We do not need to have too big of a school there. It is reaching capacity for that site right now. Maybe we can encourage more people to go to the new Innovative High School but as we get more growth we may at some point down the line build a new high school at another site. Maybe not replacing the school but an additional high school. We don't need to try to build for 1000 students on that site. I don't think it can handle it. Build it for 800-900 students. Again, what are our options and what can we do?

Commissioner Messer questioned how long City Council held the County up on the road closure. Prices are rising daily for materials.

Commissioner Thompson understood that we were looking at pricing the gym and the auditorium up until 2-3 weeks ago when staff brought it to our attention that we were looking at \$14.2m more for those upgrades. I mentioned a long time ago that whenever you go to the outer areas of the county people don't care. It's the nucleus that are there working on this one project. I saw many of your expressions when a bond issue was mentioned. It will not pass and you know it. The county as a whole wants to make sure that we spend our dollars wisely. The bearcat nation wants everything it can get and we've only got a certain amount of money in a bucket. I was looking at the November 16, 2016 minutes provided to the commissioners by Chair Amy Holt and whoever did the minutes said that Chuck McGrady was a commissioner and was present at the meeting. They left off Grady Hawkins. There are always opportunities for things being missed and things being wrong, and things being heard differently. There is always a chance that people misunderstand what has been said. I don't know who took the minutes and I'm not fussing about that, the point is that we all have misunderstandings and we need to communicate. I have advocated since way before we ever got into this that the best thing to do was to go out Highway 25 eight to ten miles and build a brand new beautiful school and let some of the folks from other high schools transfer to the new school alleviating some of the high school enrollment and shift Hendersonville folks that way. And then the School Board make a decision on what to do with Stillwell. The statement was made a moment ago that it is all or nothing and right now he is with nothing.

Amy Holt intervened that Commissioner Thompson stated the rest of the county doesn't care. I would venture to say if we were building out in the Edneyville area, renovating North, that part of the county would really care and none of the rest of the county would care.

Commissioner Thompson responded they would care and you are exactly right.

Amy Holt stated Hendersonville High cares because it is their school. We should do what was presented to them. I don't want you gentlemen to think I'm here pointing fingers saying you deceived us, you led us down this road, that's not it...it is just what was presented to us. It was never said you are not going to get...we don't have a dual meeting, that's the only dual meeting we had with you, a joint meeting. We didn't have the one in May where you know it was we are just pricing this...just for pricing. We only know what we saw and it's not be said and eighteen months since this is and if...it's in the plans, we've done all the programming around it. I talked to Chad this morning and I asked him okay so let's just say we have a consensus between the two boards today that we kill the auxiliary gym and kill the extra 500 seats and we have a 400 seat auditorium and we go forward, will you have to redesign. He said yes he will have to redesign and it will cost a couple of months. So it's been designed with those intentions and we didn't know...that's where we were at when we voted to support this project.

Commissioner Thompson stated originally Hendersonville was not your number one priority.

Chair Amy Holt responded absolutely not...Edneyville was always our number one priority...always.

Commissioner Thompson and we took the opportunity to check that out, look at it, visit it on numerous occasions and we agreed with you. That's why Edneyville is moving along. It's just as you recognized a few minutes ago, if you put out a bond issue, you want get a school, it won't happen. People will not vote for it. They didn't vote for the sales tax increase a couple of years ago.

Chair Amy Holt is not arguing that situation. But what our job to do is to come to the commissioners and ask for the money. That's what we are tasked with.

Commissioner Thompson responded and we are responsible to everyone in Henderson County not just the people who go to Hendersonville High School that care about it.

Chair Amy Holt agreed absolutely.

Chairman Edney stated this is a \$66.8 m project, is the School Board satisfied with that project and will it meet the needs for the next 50 years in your opinion.

Michael Absher asked if the auxiliary gym and auditorium were included in the \$66.8m.

Blair Craven stated the School Board voted 4-2 for that option.

Chairman Edney did not feel the Board of Commissioners were in a consensus to approve this option, even though he felt financially the county could do it. To him it was obvious to kill the whole thing and advertise for a new architect with new eyes to look at everything including renovations and start totally from scratch. I don't know what else to do. I'll never vote for anything less than a full size auditorium because I know that it matters.

Commissioner Messer feels it is only appropriate to make this decision with a full Board, and Bill Lapsley should be a part of it. He will be here in approximately 15 minutes. If we can't redo what we have out there and make it work maybe Commissioner Thompson has the right idea with finding a new location.

Blair Craven feels the important thing to do is to renovate the building and not look at property outside that you would have to purchase and then build a new football stadium, build a new baseball complex, go on and on and spend a hundred million dollars plus. I don't think that would be prudent at all. I think we use what we have, we renovate the building. We put a lot of money into the auditorium as everyone from the bearcats wanted initially and we build a smaller footprint similar to, maybe not exactly as the option #2 that was presented before and do that in a physically responsible manner. I think that is our charge and I think that is something we should look at and we should do.

Commissioner Messer, questioning the school board members, asked how old the gyms were. One built 100 years ago and the other in the 70's. Could those gyms be preserved? He feels the one built in 73-74 could be preserved. You will save 7-8 million there.

Blair Craven stated he feels you definitely need to look at options at that point and time but the options should include Stillwell building property along with the Boyd property being built for Hendersonville High School, not another high school that is not in Hendersonville.

Commissioner Messer asked staff and Chad if they felt the price tag would come in lower than the \$66.8m project currently being discussed.

Blair Craven stated it is preliminary but per Chad...I think two weeks ago he mentioned that renovating the Stillwell building at \$225 per square foot...looking at 65,000 square foot, simple math looking at 14-15 million dollars right there. And certainly the auditorium needs some help with seats, lighting, and the stage and so on and so forth. We are talking about the safety components of what happened on February 14th in Parkland, and making sure we can squish those buildings closer together to make sure we have some type of covered walkway that those kids can access the Stillwell building to the new building so we don't have kids walking out in the open as Ms. Corn had said...trying to get somebody to walk from the new school to the old auditorium. I think it can be done.

Commissioner Thompson asked how well the Stillwell building was currently operating.

Blair Craven stated it is at capacity, that's why we are talking about adding a new school and adding some more square footage. It is a building that has stood the test of time. The classrooms are small and it does need renovation.

Mary Louse Corn stated the media center is too small.

Commissioner Thompson asked what the difference was between the average daily attendance of students from Hendersonville and students from Henderson County that make up the 750 students.

Blair Craven stated that would have to be directed to the Superintendent.

Chair Amy Holt felt the number she was given by Bobby Wilkins was 42% of the student body live in the County and not the City of Hendersonville.

Commissioner Thompson asked Chad Roberson to explain if they go in the process of renovating the Stillwell building how long it would be to get that accomplished. It was his understanding from two years ago that a student could actually go from junior high and never be in anything except a mobile facility for the whole time that they are in high school. From day one when the construction begins how long will it take for the building is finished and students would actually be able to say they went to school for four years in that school.

Chad Roberson asked if they were just talking about Stillwell or the entire school. (Everyone responded the entire school) The construction process for Option #2 is the longest durations of construction because you have to phase it multiple times and you have to bring in modular units because the students can't occupy the buildings while they are under construction or while there is major renovation. It is nearly impossible to do that.

Commissioner Thompson responded so you are taking 750 students and put them in modular units all over that campus so that you can build the school.

Chad Roberson stated you would have to. This is what was had presented previously and there millions of dollars associated with this.

Blair Craven asked Commissioner Thompson if he was aware of how many modular units are currently being used.

Commissioner Thompson stated he was aware that there were some everywhere.

Blair Craven notes that he gets Mr. Thompson's point but the point is that they would be temporary modular units.

Commissioner Thompson wanted to know the amount of time temporary is and asked Chad Roberson to try to explain.

Chad Roberson responded if he remembered correctly from what they presented before, the construction duration was four years in that option because you have to build it in so many sequences and those units have to be on place for the entire time.

Several people talked at once and could not understand.

Mary Louse Corn shared that documents she had said 21 months for the modular units and 47 months for construction. If this doesn't save us money which seems to be the issue at this point I think this Board agrees...it's not just for athletics but for PE classes what goes on that we need this auxiliary gym. Different reasons but want a larger auditorium. We need to pause and look at it...does it save us any money. If it really doesn't save us \$11 million I'm not sure it's worth that...21 months and 47 months, all that kind of thing. The issue at least coming here was the \$11m cost overage. Am I wrong? Wasn't that why we are having this meeting? Are we going to spend \$11m more? If we are going to save money hey let's go back to that, but if we are not going to save money I'm not sure it's worth that extra time. And I don't know the answer to that question.

Commissioner Thompson thought it was \$14.2 million.

Mary Louse Corn responded well \$14.2 million, whatever.

Chad Roberson stated it is the exact same numbers that were presented previously and the number included all of the alternate items including the Fassifern lot. Nothing has changed since the last time it was presented to you guys.

Everyone talking at one time and could not understand, numbers were being thrown out.

Commissioner Messer stated these numbers did not even include the \$800,000 turf field. There are many drainage issues with the field so this number is still in question until a professional engineer checks it out.

Chairman Edney provided a couple of options to Chad Roberson. If we build new gyms at the north end, you will have to have your own HVAC and all that separate I assume, am I correct? But you would not have to if it was all a part of the big project or would it be self-standing any way.

Chad Roberson stated if you build new gyms on the Boyd lot and...what about the rest of the buildings?

Chairman Edney responded if everyone decided to build the gyms now and then deal with other stuff, what sort of money are we talking and is it going to be considerably more because it's not integrated with HVAC and all that stuff.

Chad Roberson stated yes it would have to have its own system. It would be basically stand-alone building over there and then you run into the security issue of migrating students around on the campus.

Chairman Edney said no different than what we have got now.

Commissioner Messer referring to Chad asked if you take everything north of the Stillwell building and then everything up to the old gymnasium...and you've got the new gymnasium and the open Boyd property, he feels it would be crazy to build two gymnasiums without building some kind of building that would take care of it. We've been in those classrooms, you've got twenty students in there and they are...it is tight. Somewhere down the road you are going to have to build a 60,000 – 80,000 square foot building whether it be one level or two levels like we did at the Law Enforcement Center, to accommodate your students. That building over there came in at \$7.9m around \$8m, the Sheriff's complex.

Steve Wyatt stated that at that time we got one of the floors at no extra charge because of the way the economy was. The economy was a lot different then.

Commissioner Messer stated even if you take \$8m and you take inflation and everything figured in with that in six or seven years that \$8m would probably go to \$12 or \$15m. I'm just using some common sense numbers. I think it would still come in...if you did a needs factor on the overall cost rather than just trashing the whole thing because the county commissioners setting in these chambers 4-5 years from now are going to be facing this if we do what happened the last four years and that \$66m is going to cost \$100m.

Chairmen Edney stated the new gym (the 70's gym), he has been told is in worse shape than the older gym. Looking at pictures you have separation of precast panels, is that something that needs to be fixed or can be lived with or is live water coming in that can't be stopped.

Chad Roberson stated the gym is over 40 year's old and is old, worn out, and needs work done to it. A lot depends on what you want to do to it.

Chairman Edney wants to make it not leak.

Chad Roberson said then you would have to fix that.

Chairman Edney feels there would be substantial cost even if you kept the gym, and it's the dead center of the campus.

Commissioner Lapsley arrived.

Chairman Edney filled in Commissioner Lapsley and stated that we are at every option from doing nothing to financing \$66.8m. He was not sure there was a consensus anywhere on any particular point.

Commissioner Lapsley apologized for being late. He was attending an MPO highway regional meeting that he chairs.

His position is that we need to do the project. He is not going to get any cheaper. I feel the same about the layout of the buildings and all of that. I think we had that debate several years ago. I haven't changed my opinion about the layout and he feels that his view as far as the two components, we need to do the gym. This school has two gyms and we should provide two gyms. So, I believe strongly that we should add that to the cost of the project. As far as the auditorium is concerned my feeling several years ago was that, as he understood it, Hendersonville High School needed the additional capacity two or three times a year and for special graduations and events and things. And so my feeling at the time, and I don't know of anything that would change that, was that we save the Stillwell building, we put what money we need to into the existing auditorium to bring it up to as close to new as we can do it so that the school has on the campus a 900 (or whatever that proper number is) seat auditorium available for those events. But that we include in the new school the standard size auditorium. So in fact there are two auditoriums on the campus. So I would not support spending \$11m on a new auditorium on the new campus. I would support and I believe this Board said it was going to support two years ago continued investment in the Stillwell building to do all the things we needed to do...the roof, the safety, the elevator and a number of other things. And upgrade the auditorium as it needs to be done. I understood that the Stillwell auditorium as part of that renovation work, was to move the stage back as I recall, and new lighting system, new control room and some other things which will probably cost \$2-3m maybe. But in my mind \$2-3m there if we are going to save the Stillwell building, let's put in in there, let's fix up that auditorium, that is a lot cheaper than \$8m in a new auditorium. I guess I'm halfway between. Fund one but not fund a new 900 seat auditorium, but upgrade this to an auditorium.

Chair Amy Holt made a couple of points to Mr. Lapsley's statement. The auditorium is used several times per month, she could see feasibly if they only used a couple of times a year, and you know for move up...just to take the kids over there. But they use it in their programming a lot. It's several times a month and where several of us feel that it way to far, it is not safe, with everything that is going on now, and we are trying to button down our campus' and make them safer. We feel like that's just too far and you know I spoke with Mr. Wilkins this week and he said I can't use the Stillwell auditorium, it's too far. You have to put the campus' closer if you want us to use that. It kind of shocked me because I know how Mr. Wilkins fills about the Stillwell building but he just doesn't feel like that's safe for his kids, to go that distance.

Commissioner Lapsley questioned that several times per month they have all the students in the auditorium.

Chair Amy Holt responded yes they do.

Commissioner Lapsley stated this is different than he had understood. How long does it take for the children to walk from new campus to the Stillwell building?

Chair Amy Holt responded it was the safety aspect, it's not just the distance.

Commissioner Lapsley asked if it was unsafe for them to walk there.

Chair Amy Holt responded they are trying to make our campus' one point of entry.

Blair Craven stated one thing to think about there is it's 800 kids that you are going to be walking from one building to the next. Also we have to decide if we went through with the \$66m option what we are going to put into the Stillwell building. If you have central office or whatever, you are going to be marching 800 kids through offices or whatever the case may be to get to the Stillwell auditorium at that point.

Commissioner Lapsley replied unless you made a new entrance into the auditorium. Which could be on the backside.

Commissioner Thompson mentioned if we put all these kids in modular units there are in and out and in and out, which is a lot more exposure for 2 to 3 years than a crowd of kids walking from one destination to another and there is nothing wrong with getting a little bit of exercise. You've all talked about gyms and turf fields and everything else. I don't think it will hurt them at all.

Chair Amy Holt stated their Board is not willing to it and the principal won't do it either.

Commissioner Thompson responded well that's...we're at an impasse on that. They need to be walking a little bit.

Chair Amy Holt stated she was not saying they do not need to exercise or walk, she was saying they don't feel like it is safe, not for a hundred years.

Commissioner Thompson said but you feel it would be for 3-4 years with them all over the campus like a bunch of ants. How many modular units would it take to house 750 students?

Chair Amy Holt did not feel 750 students would be in modular units. She thought one of the options was to do it in phases.

Commissioner Thompson asked Chad Roberson how many modular units were designed for Option #2.

Chad Roberson stated he did not recall for Option #2. It would be enough to take care of at least half of the student population. It is not small modular units. It is larger modular like a mini village.

Commissioner Messer does not feel a decision can be made today. Much more homework is necessary. We have a great record with Chad Roberson and Clark Nexsen. You can't make a split decision on \$11m.

Chairman Edney did not feel that anyone has said that what's proposed is bad or exotic or too good or any of those fancy words. The architect has done a good job and this is what they need. It's just a matter of what it costs to do what is needed.

Blair Craven asked what information was needed from the School Board.

Commissioner Messer feels the School Board needs to be given an opportunity to come up with some plans. He has heard the discussion. We must work to get this together. If we spend more money the people of Henderson County need to know where that money is going. Let's get some prices on rebuilding the old gyms if water leaks are all we've got. I know a new gym is probably \$10-12 m.

Rick Wood while both Board are thinking about this maybe another option, rather than wash our hands to the project, maybe not build the \$66m school. Hendersonville High is going along pretty well as it is now. Maybe we need to look at the 70's gym and see what kind of condition it is in. It may be good for another number of years. Since we do not have a consensus of either Board, maybe we do some things that maybe don't move ahead but move along. Renovations on the Stillwell building and other things that need to be done on the campus. Get the Boyd property ready for parking or whatever since parking is a big issue. Just not spend the money right now. We have some real maintenance needs that we could spend money on. We have a critical need of fixing roofs in our schools right now, Dana Elementary, Central Office, Rugby Middle, Hendersonville Middle, Etowah Elementary, West Henderson High, Flat Rock Middle have critical needs with replacing roofs. Place we have the additional cost on our budget this year for safety needs. Maybe we don't need to move ahead on this \$66m school right now.

Chairman Edney stated this is an option but it will be a lot more if we wait. We have June 4th to get a budget number. Do you think we need to get back together after we've all had a chance to think about it?

Commissioner Hawkins felt it would be hard to explain the expansion of the auditorium with the Stillwell building over there. I hear what you are saying but I feel if you walked outside and asked somebody they would struggle with that. This is the biggest part of the delta and the money being spent. Regarding adding the gym at this point, these things are put together like a jigsaw puzzle, if you pull that piece out, the architects have been working for years to make these things fit, it would probably take another six or eight months to figure out to make things fit. I think that would be a real obstacle. We did a thorough evaluation of the Stillwell building. It is an old building with old building problems. We looked at the problems and weighed the costs. We also added in living in a modular unit village for a while and the cost for that. I think it would be hard to justify expanding the auditorium because as suggested you could probably make the Stillwell building auditorium work. Safety is certainly an issue and maybe there are other ways to address that. But to convince the guys in Tuxedo we need \$11m so that you don't have to walk to the auditorium I think would be a hard sell for us. I am willing as I think the rest of the Board is to look at some kind of compromise between the auditorium and adding \$3m for the second gym. It will take more time and more inflation but may get us into a position to move forward. We've already spent a lot of money on the Stillwell building with a new roof, sealants, a new HVAC system, and we are working on the emergency exits. If you are not doing a lot of actual classroom training in there I don't know how much more standards you need other than repair of the auditorium. He feels \$3m may alleviate the gym problem but would be an option to look at or maybe we just need to start over. We bought the Boyd property to build a new high school, not necessarily a parking lot. We have already bought another piece of land for parking. From a safety point we can probably never be 100% proof. We will do the best we can.

Chairman Edney stated Vannoy had provided a \$13-14m cost to renovate the Stillwell building. If you do it you must do it correctly.

Commissioner Hawkins feels when you are looking at square footage for schools we have to look at DPI standards at Raleigh. We have to go to the Local Government Commission when we are looking for loans and they will look for the numbers to be very close to DPI with some margin.

Colby Coren asked...so if you've got a DPI compliant school it's going to have a 400 seat auditorium. We renovate Stillwell and their using that auditorium, there is a 400 seat auditorium sitting there that will never be used. I can guarantee that for you. Because they are going to walk right past it and go to Stillwell for anything they need...so that's a waste of money as well. Building that 400 seat auditorium because it will never be used by the student body.

Commissioner Hawkins stated they would find something to use it for...storage.

Lisa Edwards stated she went out and walked the property at Stillwell a few evening ago to get in her mind what is being talked about. She can't in good conscience or nor would she ever support kids having to walk from another building to the Stillwell building without sometime of cover or enclosed structure. When Parkland happened it changed the way we have to think. We are committing 50-60 generations to this building. So we have got to think way into the future and we have got to get it right and she doesn't feel anyone would support children having to walk from another building to the Stillwell building without another structure.

Chairman Edney feels if you are going to redo the football field anyways, which means we have to redo the stands, which means the press box and concessions and all that, so maybe an option is to build a building between the two which would have the Hall of Fame hallway and all that sort of stuff, music, etc. which does cost money.

Commissioner Hawkins stated then you would have to go to the other high schools and build them little covie ways to go everywhere.

Commissioner Lapsley asked if he was hearing correctly. If the Board of Commissioners decides to fund the larger auditorium there is no need to spend any money in the Stillwell building because now the Stillwell building is not part of the campus.

Michael Absher stated that was in essence what they were saying.

Mary Louise Corn feels the same.

Michael Absher stated but also the Hendersonville community has said plenty of times if Stillwell is not part of the school it's not part of the campus. You've signed a death sentence to it.

Commissioner Lapsley feels that is why we have spent the money to upgrade the roof and auditorium and do all these things so it would a higher level and part of the campus. But what I'm hearing now is that because it's located so many feet away it's not needed.

Colby Coren stated they were given the task of finding a purpose for Stillwell. We have discussed this several times. We've had joint meetings and we have not yet come to a decision because we wanted to make sure this project was done correctly and that we walked away feeling good about this project. So we have not come to a consensus of the use for the Stillwell building. We have had a couple of meetings or a couple of workshops discussing various uses that could be options but we were under the impression that it was to be used for a separate purpose, and not to be integrated into the school at this point.

Commissioner Lapsley responded other than the auditorium, that was the only thing in his mind connected, but I'm hearing now that it's more important from the School Board's perspective to enlarge the auditorium and then just don't make the Stillwell building a priority or consider it part of the campus.

Blair Craven stated personally he did say that at all. He clearly, when he voted two years ago, wanted to include everything, Stillwell auditorium with the new buildings being closer. He believes that was the purpose of purchasing the property at Boyd...was to be able to expand at some time in the future. Not in lieu of or get rid of the Stilwell building. But when the option was chosen, option #3, to build a brand new school and we are going to be able to confine all of our kids in that area and have two gyms, the

works, but then we had to find a different use for that Stillwell building. That's something that we have been grappling with and like Colby I believe said we have not yet come to a consensus.

Chairman Edney stated he doesn't want the Board of Commissioners to make a decision on the Stillwell building, it is totally the choice of the School Board. Rick and others have had different ideas and we want you to tell us what and we will go from there.

Commissioner Thompson responded that just because they want something doesn't mean the commissioners are going to give it to them.

Blair Craven stated that's true because this Board voted that way along time ago.

Commissioner Thompson said we voted in our session together...time after time after time...indicated that the School Board would have the opportunity to use the Stillwell building. We even throughout some ideas. But if you want to go the route that Grady wants and has mentioned with a bond I'd be happy to let you try that.

Chairman Edney did not have a consensus from the Board of Commissioners to do the project as proposed and the Board discussed when to meet again and discuss this further.

Colby Coren thinks the vote for the next 75 years happened in December when the School Board voted to build a school with a 1000 seat auditorium and an auxiliary gym of 250 seats in it.

Chairman Edney agreed.

Colby Coren stated wherever that funding comes from that's not in our hands. The funding for that happens right here from you guys in front of the taxpayers. We've made our vote for the next 75 years as a Board multiple times now, and have had multiple discussions so at this point I think our Board stands united that we voted on this and that's what it is.

Commissioner Hawkins agreed and hears what he is saying but on the other hand this Board's telling you they don't have the money to build what you want to have built. So either we end up not building anything and keep going or we find something cheaper than what your Board voted for numerous times. True enough you've got the knowledge of what needs to be in the schools and size of the classrooms and all of those perimeters but we end up shouldering the burden for the financing of it. So what I think this Board is telling you is we can't afford what you want.

Chairman Edney feels this Board is not saying that but some members are. I'm saying that we can afford it but we don't have the will to do it. We can afford it, we have \$1.2 m built in that we were going to spend on law enforcement that will more than cover this additional money.

Commissioner Messer is not saying that we can't afford it, he is saying we need some time if this is not the right thing to do and that is his opinion. County staff needs to bring a number back to us which will go into effect July 1, 2018 and then we can start the process. But I don't think we should be put on the timetable for a month.

Chairman Edney asked if the Board wanted to table the project or kill the project since it would be in this budget year.

Commissioner Messer responded if he is being put on the spot to answer if we are or are not going to do it, he said he would vote to kill the project.

Commissioner Lapsley would like to see the project keep moving forward. He doesn't want to see the project die. Personally again there are two components.

Commissioner Lapsley made the motion that the Board of Commissioners direct the architect to proceed with the design of the second gym at a cost of \$3.5 m.

Commissioner Lapsley requested that discussion be tabled about the auditorium for a future joint meeting to figure things out. He hates to see the Boards continue to sit here and he is beginning to get to the point where four years ago we asked for priorities of projects and this was a priority and we are trying to figure out a way to do it. If we are at an impasse, I hate to see us just kill the whole project. But I would like to see us at least move ahead with the second gym.

Commissioner Messer asked for clarification of timing. Would he like for that to be included in this budget cycle?

Commissioner Lapsley stated to have the engineer keep moving forward on the second gym and include it in the project at \$3.3 and move on. Within the next 30 days that these Board's meet and try and resolve the issue about the auditorium.

Commissioner Hawkins asked if we are looking for the price or the cost of designing.

Commissioner Lapsley stated \$3.3m he feels is the cost for design and construction of the second gym. Add this to the project.

Chairman Edney did not feel \$3.3m included the design.

Chad Roberson responded it would be somewhere in the \$3.3m for construction dollars. It does not include owner contingency, special inspection or other components required of that. It's around 15% more on top of that to account for the other stuff.

Commissioner Lapsley asked if \$3.5m would cover it.

Chairman Edney was in opposition because the School Board was in opposition. He did not want to go against the School Board.

Commissioner Hawkins did not wish to support the motion either unless the Board agrees that the auditorium subject doesn't come up again. At this point we can agree to do the extra gym without the auditorium and we move forward with the project in his opinion but just to pick off a little piece for the extra gym he didn't feel would move us forward.

Commissioner Messer made a call for a vote.

The motion failed 1-4 with Commissioners Edney, Messer, Thompson and Hawkins voting nay.

Chairman Edney made the motion that the Board go forward with the entire \$66.8m project, with the full auditorium and both gyms.

Commissioner Hawkins noted that the money which had been set aside for the Law Enforcement Training Center was more than used up for the extra SRO's for the school. That penny of tax that was coming in...which by the way the \$3m that the County spent on schools turf out there actually came out of the penny that played on the Training Center which was a result of the selling of the land that the County got for the Bent Creek property.

Commissioner Thompson stated we are also looking at \$715,000 that the School Board is asking in addition to that as well as the City asking for \$480,000 to take care of their SRO's.

Commissioner Messer called for a vote.

The motion failed 1-4 with Commissioners Thompson, Messer, Hawkins and Lapsley voting nay.

Commissioner Messer made the motion that the Board table the project until July or August to acquire additional information. The motion passed 3-2 with Chairman Edney and Commissioner Hawkins voting nay.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

Attest:

Teresa L. Wilson, Clerk to the Board
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J. Michael Edney, Chairman