

JOINT COLLEGE FACILITY COMMITTEE MEETING
Blue Ridge Community College and Henderson County Board of Commissioners

MINUTES
February 18, 2019

The Joint College Facility Committee met for a special called meeting at 1:30 p.m. in the Commissioners' Conference Room of the Historic Courthouse on Main Street.

Those present were: Commissioner Mike Edney, Commissioner Rebecca McCall, County Manager Steve Wyatt, Assistant County Manager Amy Brantley, Finance Director Samantha Reynolds, Engineer Marcus Jones, Budget Manager Megan Powell, Director of Business and Community Development John Mitchell, Construction Manager David Berry, PIO Kathryn Finotti – videotaping, and Clerk to the Board Teresa L. Wilson from Henderson County Government; President Dr. Laura Leatherwood, Facilities Director Peter Hemans, Mr. Chip Gould, Mr. Duke Woodhull, Mr. Chad Merrill, and Leanne Haney of Blue Ridge Community College.

CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME

Commissioner Edney called the meeting to order and welcomed all in attendance.

MINUTES

Draft minutes of the April 16, 2013 meeting were submitted for approval.

Commissioner McCall made the motion to approve the April 16, 2013 minutes as presented. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

BLUE RIDGE COMMUNITY COLLEGE PRESENTATION

Mr. Chip Gould, Dr. Laura Leatherwood, Mr. Chad Merrill and Mr. Peter Hemans shared handouts and information regarding the Four Year Plan of Capital Improvements for Blue Ridge Community College.

Building	Description	Cost
Continuing Education Building	Renovations for Basic Law Enforcement (BLET) Criminal Justice Technology, and BRCC Police Dept. moves Replace chiller Install sprinkler system and fire alarm New furniture for offices	\$1,159,100
Ground Building/Maintenance Bldg.	Replace heaters, circular fans, Roof repair	\$ 32,500
Industrial Skills Center	Replace air handlers Install ventilation system and welding booths for Art program Re-coat roof Replace water heater, boiler Install sprinkler system and fire alarm	\$ 858,900
Killian Building	Replace chiller Install sprinkler system and fire alarm Install roof liner Upgrade Student Center New furniture for library and offices	\$1,797,000
Sink Building	Replace boiler, chiller, air handlers New furniture for offices	\$ 695,500
Spearman Building	Replace boiler Install generator Renovation for Trades programs New furniture for labs/shops	\$ 526,000
TEDC	Replace boiler, chiller and compressors Replace Conference Hall tables, chairs	\$ 910,000
Campus-wide Improvements	Outdoor lighting improvements	

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	Pavement and parking lot repair Sidewalk installation Update wayfinding signage Replace 3 monument signs	\$ 995,960
Subtotal		\$6,971,960
	POPAT	\$1,000,000
	New construction Renovation of older buildings	\$23,028,040
TOTAL		\$31,000,000

Blue Ridge Community College is growing and they are using all of their facilities. BRCC needs a State of the Art facility to compete with other local colleges. Major training is being done for industrial needs, and the old buildings could be utilized for this. BRCC is working for a direct transfer to Western Carolina University. Their priority is classroom improvement. The Fletcher Center is still on the radar.

Blue Ridge Community College would like to build one new building to house Applied Science and General Studies, and a major renovation to the Patton Building. It is vital to get the State out of the way to keep the project moving. A local Bill needs to be submitted and the deadline is March 6, 2019. Representative Chuck McGrady will introduce the Bill.

The Committee requests that the Board of Commissioners approve the county attorney work with our local legislative delegation to seek a local bill that would exempt us from the State Planning Office review of plans.

The recorded meeting will serve as minutes of the meeting along with handouts.

Adjourn

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 2:25 p.m.

Attest:

Teresa L. Wilson, Clerk

J. Michael Edney, Commissioner