

MINUTES
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
BLEDSOE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
OCTOBER 12, 2021

The Bledsoe County Board of Education met in special session on October 12, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. at Bledsoe County Middle School. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Mr. Vincent Boring with six members present.

Roll Call:	Mr. Vincent Boring, Chairman	-	Present
	Mr. Don Snow, Co-Chairman	-	Present
	Mr. Andy Billingsley	-	Present
	Mr. Ben Farmer	-	Present
	Mr. Jacob Frady	-	Present
	Mrs. Carolyn Oakes	-	Present
	Mr. Charles(Bron) Reece	-	Absent

1. Construction Process Workshop and any needed action.
Mr. Kyler Lane with Farmer and Morgan gave a presentation outlining Infrastructure Development from the beginning to the end of construction. Mr. Lane discussed the following five areas:
 1. Planning
 2. Project Development
 3. Design
 4. Bidding
 5. Construction
2. Request by Mr. Brian Turner, Maintenance Supervisor, for the approval of bids for the Covid Center.
Mr. Boring stated that the lowest bid for the Covid Center was \$560,000.00 and the budget was \$270,000.00 for the building. The bids were higher than anticipated.

There was a lengthy discussion on this agenda item.

Mr. Turner stated his recommendation would be to not accept the bids and look for other options for the building.
Mr. Turner suggested that the Board consider purchasing a modular unit that would contain everything needed for the Covid Center.

The unit prices that were quoted ranged from \$115,000.00 to \$165,000.00 with delivery and setup. The Board would have to do the site work and utility hook up.

Mr. Turner felt like this could be done within the budget for the building. This modular could be delivered and setup in twelve weeks after

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ordering.

Mr. Boring stated he would be in favor of doing this and come back at the November meeting with pricing.

Mr. Turner stated he was hoping to get approval to bid tonight and that if the design and specification could be done in time to run in the paper for two weeks', bids could be opened at November 8, 2021 regular meeting.

Mr. Farmer asked if we had pricing on the site work and utilities? Mr. Turner stated we did not.

Mr. Turner stated the bid would be for modular unit and unless site work exceeds \$10,000 the site work would not have to be bid.

Mr. Boring stated that approve the design and at November meeting approve for the unit to be sent out to bid.

Mr. Farmer stated that all of the cost associated with the modular unit should be decided before moving forward and have a project budget. Mr. Farmer stated that he thought in the State of Tennessee there was a dollar threshold that you have to have architectural engineer involved in the project and that needs to be found out. Mr. Farmer suggested Mrs. Sparkman draft a letter for an extension and additional funding to the Department of Health.

Mrs. Ritchie stated that the question has already be asked of the ELC Grant about an extension of time and funding, the response was that it would not be given. It has a July 31, 2022 deadline.

Mr. Farmer made a motion that we proceed to understand the complexity of cost of the modular building as well as the site work involved and re-bid the project with a known budget and to ask our design firm to quantify the site cost. (No second was given)

Mr. Boring asked if a design firm would have to be involved in the modular unit. Mrs. Ritchie stated she would have to check on the dollar threshold.

Mr. Farmer re-stated his motion to rebid the project with a known budget and also to get the total cost of the modular unit by the November 8, 2021 meeting.

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MOTION: Mr. Farmer SECOND: Mr. Billingsley
VOTE: Mr. Billingsley: YES Mr. Boring: YES Mr. Farmer: YES
 Mr. Frady: YES Mrs. Oakes: YES Mr. Reece: ABSENT
 Mr. Snow: YES

Motion Passed

The Total Cost of modular unit is to include utility hook ups, site work and unit.

3. Request by Mr. Brian Turner, Maintenance Supervisor, for the approval of bids for the Multi-Purpose Building for Bledsoe County Middle School.

The lowest bid was \$874,700.00 with a budget of \$325,000.00.

Motion was made by Mr. Billingsley to reject all bids for this project.

MOTION: Mr. Billingsley SECOND: Mr. Farmer
VOTE: Mr. Billingsley: YES Mr. Boring: YES Mr. Farmer: YES
 Mr. Frady: YES Mrs. Oakes: YES Mr. Reece: ABSENT
 Mr. Snow: YES

Motion Passed

4. Discussion of Capital Projects.

There was a lengthy discussion about Capital Project procedures.

Mr. Boring asked if everyone would be ok with him setting up a date for a workshop and go through the strategic planning and possibly doing a feasibility study for capital projects.

Mr. Boring state that approximately three years ago a feasibly study approximate cost was around 70 to 80 thousand dollars.

Mr. Boring stated he would check some dates for the workshop and send to everyone.

Mr. Billingsley stated he would be looking for some firms to do a feasibly study and someone to help with the longer term plans.

5. Adjourn.

MOTION: Mr. Billingsley SECOND: Mr. Frady
VOTE: Mr. Billingsley: AYE Mr. Boring: AYE Mr. Farmer: AYE
 Mr. Frady: AYE Mrs. Oakes: AYE Mr. Reece: ABSENT Mr. Snow: AYE