

**BOARD OF GARRETT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
GARRETT COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS
PUBLIC WORK SESSION**

**Monday, March 7, 2016
Ace's Run Restaurant**

IN ATTENDANCE

**Paul C. Edwards, Chairman
James C. Hinebaugh, Jr., Commissioner
S. Larry Tichnell, Commissioner**

**Kevin G. Null, County Administrator
Scott E. Weeks, Director of Financial Services**

Board of Education Members

**Charlotte A. Sebold, Chair
Matthew A. Paugh
Monica L. Rinker
Thomas A. Carr
Cynthia M. Downton**

**Barbara L. Baker, Assistant Superintendent
Lawrence S. McKenzie, Director of Finance
Timothy D. Thornburg, Director of Human Resources
William F. Swift, III, Director of Facilities and Maintenance
Jeffrey L. Gank, Director of Information Technology**

The Work Session was opened at 6:25 p.m.

Dinner

Topics Discussed:

1. Southern Middle School Renovations

William Swift reviewed the proposed renovations of Southern Middle School and reported the estimated cost of 36-40 million dollars. State funding is estimated at 25 % (\$9,000,000) with the County funding the balance (\$27,000,000). The price included 15 "add on" projects that totaled approximately \$8.5 million dollars.

The County Commissioners had previously authorized the rebidding of the construction contract; however, due to the added expense and time constraints the project has not been rebid.

Chairman Edwards stated that the County could not afford and would not fund the local share of construction cost and reminded the group that on September 17, 2015 the Commissioners informed the Board of Education that the County could not fund the renovation.

There were discussions on “major” areas of concern with the school including the roof, air handlers, brick veneer, and interior. Question was raised on how much the County would be willing to contribute to addressing concerns. The County Commissioners requested that the Board of Education prioritize needs and come back with a proposal.

2. FY 2017 Budget

The County Commissioners anticipates that revenues in FY 2017 will be “flat” and do not plan on raising taxes in FY 2017.

On February 22, 2016, the County Administrator sent a letter to the Board of Education providing guidance of County funding estimates. Estimated funding in FY 217 for the Board of Education will be \$26,996,829, an increase of \$406,299, which equals the maintenance of effort requirements.

There were some discussions concerning the budget process. The Board of Education has the right to submit any budget they feel is appropriate. The letter was only intended to provide some guidance on county funding.

3. Health Care Coalition

Discussion on the Health Care Coalition was deferred.

4. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Attest:

By Order of the Board,

Kevin G. Null
County Administrator

Paul C. Edwards, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners

Date