



**MINUTES**  
**SPECIAL CALLED MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**  
**BEDFORD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

**OCTOBER 9, 2018**

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**7:00 PM BOARD OF SUPERVISORS SPECIAL CALLED MEETING**

**(1) Discussion and possible action as to the renovation of Forest Middle School**

- *Presentation by County Administrator Carl Boggess and Fiscal Management Director Susan Crawford*

**Adjourn**

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**Board of Supervisors:** Bill Thomasson, Chairman, District 1, Tommy Scott, Vice-Chairman, District 5; Edgar Tuck, District 2; Charla Bansley, District 3; John Sharp, District 4; Andy Dooley, District 6, and Kevin Willis, District 7

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**Staff:** County Administrator Carl Boggess, County Attorney Patrick Skelley, Fiscal Management Director Susan Crawford, and Executive Assistant Brigitte Luckett

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Chairman Thomasson called the meeting to order and welcomed those in attendance. He then turned the meeting over to County Administrator Carl Boggess.

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(1) Mr. Boggess addressed the Board regarding the renovation of Forest Middle School. He also reviewed what to expect regarding CIP and other documentation that had been handed out with the agenda packet with regard to future meetings. Mr. Boggess then turned meeting back over to the Board for a discussion of the Forest Middle School project.

Chairman Thomasson then turned the meeting over to Supervisor Sharp.

Supervisor Sharp spoke to the need to compromise to get the project done. He explained that the school is asking for \$29.2 million, while the Board wants to spend no more than \$22 million, and noted that it will not be possible to make everyone happy. Supervisor Sharp stated that he, along with others, think redistricting should be considered, but this is an issue that will be considered further down the road. He also

noted that the \$5 to \$6 million we currently received from the state (based on population), will be going away in ten years, and a solution needs to be found for this issue as well. He proposed not limiting the scope of the project, but instead limiting the borrow amount to \$22.5 million; added to the \$1.7 million left over from the Liberty Middle School project, this will give \$24.2 million to the project. He also proposed giving \$500,000 in CIP needs (as new revenue allows) during the budget process for the schools every year, to be increased by \$500,000 every year, so that in ten years the school system will have \$5 million to be put towards projects as they see fit.

**Supervisor Sharp made a motion to not limit the scope of the school project; to not apply any conditions with respect to redistricting; to limit the borrow amount for this project to \$22.5 million; for the Board to commit to allocating, and increasing, \$500,000 to CIP maintenance every year, increasing it by half a million dollars every year; and to include the \$1.7 million left over from the Liberty Middle School project for this new project as well.**

There followed a discussion between the members of the Board regarding the merits of this proposal. Supervisor Dooley stated that the construction costs were too high for him to support, and noted that Huddleston also need to be expanded to get the children out of mobile classrooms; he also spoke to the need for redistricting.

Supervisor Willis said the proposal laid out tonight, plus prior commitments by this Board for the school system, illustrates their commitment to the Schools and constitutes a solid fiscal plan for the future without sacrificing the maintenance needs. He stated he is comfortable with this compromise.

Supervisor Edgar stated that this proposal will also power future savings by limiting the borrow amount now.

Supervisor Scott said he thinks \$22.5 million is an inflated amount, and that redistricting should be on the table. He also voiced his concern that this is not a concrete proposal from the school system, and that he doesn't care for the way this situation has been handled by both County and School staff. He also stated that government needs to work more like the private sector.

For clarification, Mr. Boggess reiterated the motion stated earlier by Supervisor Sharp: to use the \$1.7 million already in the CIP and to borrow \$22.5 million, for a total of \$24.2 million for the project upfront. The second component is to set aside in the CIP school maintenance, commencing with fiscal year 2020 and continuing for ten years, with an extra \$500,000 each year (in 2021, it would go to \$1,000,000; in 2022, it would go to \$1,500,000, and continuing on in additional monies each year); this would make the full amount of the motion \$27.5 million.

Supervisor Sharp said that staff's understanding of the motion was correct, and he hoped the public sees it as a good solution, even if it is not perfect.

Chairman Thomasson spoke to current school capacities and the need for redistricting.

Supervisor Bansley said she loves to save money, and if she could save funds by redistricting she would, but it isn't going to help save money in this case.

Chairman Thomasson warned against taking actions that will result in tax increases.

**Voting yes: Mr. Thomasson, Mr. Tuck, Mrs. Bansley, Mr. Sharp, Mr. Scott, and  
Mr. Willis**

**Voting no: Mr. Dooley**

**Motion passed.**

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Mr. Boggess reviewed the Board's upcoming meetings.

**The Chairman then adjourned the work session at 7:50 pm.**