

MINUTES FROM A PUBLIC HEARING FOR FINANCING OF WARREN COUNTY SIMULCAST SYSTEM UPGRADE PROJECT – PHASE II, HELD BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FOR THE COUNTY OF WARREN IN THE WARREN COUNTY ARMORY CIVIC CENTER MEETING ROOM ON MONDAY, APRIL 4, 2016 AT 5:45 PM.

The Public Hearing was called to order by Chairman Barry Richardson. Other Commissioners present: Bertadean Baker, Tare Davis, Victor Hunt and Jennifer Jordan. Others in attendance: County Manager Linda T. Worth, Finance Director Gloria M. Edmonds and County Attorney Chuck Kitchen.

Notice of Public Hearing was read by the Clerk to the Board.

Notice of Public Hearing

Notice is hereby served that the Warren County Board of Commissioners will hold a public hearing on Monday, April 4, 2016 at 5:45 PM in the Warren County Armory Civic Center, Commissioner’s Meeting Room, 501 US Hwy 158 Business, East, Warrenton, NC 27589. The purpose of this hearing is to receive citizen’s comments regarding proposed financing of Warren County Simulcast System Upgrade Project – Phase II.

For additional information contact Linda T. Worth, Warren County Manager at (252) 257-3115, by email at lindaworth@warrencountync.gov or 602 West Ridgeway Street Warrenton, NC 27589.

All interested citizens are encouraged to attend this public hearing.

Barry Richardson, Chairman, Warren County Board of Commissioners

Warren County Manager Linda T. Worth, gave a brief overview of proposed financing of Warren County Simulcast System Upgrade Project – Phase II, which included project: objectives, description, Phase II Network Configuration and budget.

WARREN COUNTY RADIO SYSTEM UPGRADE PROJECT	
PHASE II	
(Projected Budget)	
Revenues	
Transfers from the General Fund	\$ 412,990
Loan Proceeds	758,010
	<u>\$ 1,171,000</u>
Expenditures	
Legal & Admin	\$ 2,000
Engineering/General	94,000
Construction Contract	275,000
System Equipment Contract	750,000
Contingency	50,000
	<u>\$ 1,171,000</u>
Variance	-

Commissioner Davis had questions regarding the company placing the only bid received; “Do they have a good track record?” and “Why is the bank loan term only ten (10) years?”

Answers: This is the same company that did Phase I; banks prefer short term loans when financing equipment.

Clerk to the Board read aloud *Public Hearing Procedures*.

Citizen Comments were as follows:

Lynn Henry, Vice President - Warren County Fireman’s Association: thanked the County Manager and Board of Commissioners for supporting Phase I of the radio system upgrade and stressed the need for Phase II. Emergency communications has been a problem in the county forever. Please find a way to fund this effort, many areas of the county are without coverage.

Comments from Board of Commissioners:

Commissioner Jordan questioned, “Where are we with grant funding?”

Answer: no grants have been identified to cover this project. Phase I Project was completed in collaboration with the State Highway Patrol (SHP). The SHP constructed the radio tower which was a tremendous savings for the County.

On motion of Commissioner Jordan, which was seconded by Commissioner Davis and duly carried by unanimous vote, the Public Hearing was adjourned at 5:55 pm.


Angelena Kearney-Dunlap, Clerk

