

RECORD OF A SPECIAL WORK SESSION HELD BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FOR THE COUNTY OF WARREN IN THE ARMORY CIVIC CENTER MEETING ROOM ON TUESDAY – MAY 24, 2016 AT 6:00 PM.

The May 24, 2016 Special Work Session was opened by Chairman Barry Richardson. Other Commissioners present: Bertadean Baker, Tare Davis, Victor Hunt and Jennifer Jordan. Others in attendance: County Manager Linda T. Worth and Finance Director Gloria Edmonds.

A moment of silence was followed by Clerk to the Board reading the notice of Special Work Session:

**Special Work Session
Warren County Board of Commissioners**

Notice is hereby served that the Warren County Board of Commissioners has scheduled a Special Work Session to discuss the proposed Emergency Services Headquarters Facility Project for Tuesday, May 24, 2016 at 6:00 pm. The meeting will be held in the Warren County Armory Civic Center–Commissioners’ Meeting Room, 501 US Hwy 158 Business, East, Warrenton, NC.

All interested citizens are invited to attend this Special Work Session.

**Barry Richardson, Chairman
Warren County Board of Commissioners**

Project overview was given by County Manager Worth and Oakley-Collier Architects for the proposed Warren County Emergency Services Headquarters Facility.

Citizen comments were made as follows:

Sheriff Johnny Williams: an E-911 back-up center is a State requirement with a time limit. Sheriff’s Office is currently housed in a pre-fab building and there have been problems since moving in 12 years ago. It will be good to have a satellite office in new facility.

Tony Moran, Citizen: e-mailed comments to Commissioners and County Manager. Roanoke Wildwood VFD changed builders and the price was reduced substantially, with good construction.

Joe Mann, Citizen: (comments are on file with Clerk to the board)

Ron Skow, Citizen: EMS should be excited classroom has 50 seats, Roanoke Wildwood VFD has 20 seats; use space for dual purpose, 22,000 square feet seems excessive. Site work is in addition to quote, payback is \$250,000 per year for 40 years.

E.B. Harris, Citizen: Born in Warren County and plans to die in Warren County. Appreciate E-911 system when you call them, but “What do we want, profit or prestige”? Get by with less, but do the job, all for construction but tone down for less cost and serve the community. The area lost 37% of rural economy last year.

Joey Andrews, Afton Fire Chief & president of Warren County Firemen’s Association: Yes; we need the facility but scale it back, accommodate the needs.

Chuck Paine, Citizen: we do not need that large a building.

Commissioners agreed that the building is needed but it could be scaled back with some spaces for combined use.

Commissioner Hunt suggested forming a committee with representation as follows: board members (Hunt & Davis), County Manager & staff who will use the building, citizens with expertise in construction & engineering and Finance Officer.

Project Architect, Oakley Collier Architects stated they can convert to a fixed fee and revise the invoice to reflect the present completion of Schematic Design Phase based on lower construction cost.

Work Session adjourned at 8:00 pm.


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