

**Buckingham County
Board of Supervisors
Work Session
January 21, 2015**

At a reconvened Worksession of the Buckingham County Board of Supervisors held on Wednesday, January 21, 2015 at 5:00 p.m. in the Peter Francisco Auditorium of the Buckingham County Administration Complex, the following members were present: Danny R. Allen, Chairman; Joe N. Chambers, Jr., Vice-Chairman; John N. Staton; Cassandra Stish; E.A. "Bill" Talbert; and Donald E. Bryan. I. Monroe Snoddy was absent. Also present were Rebecca S. Carter, County Administrator and Karl Carter, Asst. County Administrator.

Re: Quorum

Chairman Allen certified there was a quorum: Six of Seven members present. The meeting could continue.

Re: Call to Order, Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Allen called the meeting to order. Vice-Chairman Chambers gave the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance was said by all who were in attendance.

Re: Work Session

Carter: I'll start things out. The first item I have is to make you aware of something that is in the works and would certainly need your approval but something we've been working on. A few years ago Supervisor Stish asked us to meet with a representative from UVA, Mr. Tom Berry, that works with Pegasus. They were interested in putting in Buckingham County a Pegasus helicopter. However they will need a hanger to put it in. At that time UVA budget hadn't approved for the helicopter. Now they are at the point where UVA has appropriated \$3 million to purchase the helicopter. They are asking the county to pay for the hanger. Now the hanger, to start off with will provide four around the clock employees. There will be a med pilot, a med paramedic, a med nurse and a med mechanic. That will be about 16 positions. They would have to have a place to sleep. It would need to be two separate bunks for male and female, a kitchenette, a place to shower and restrooms. We talked to the rescue squads about possibly using that for that but in the meeting that Kevin Flippen and I had with them, I think first it was proposed to them that the squad would build the hanger. It as misunderstandings. The concern was the cost. Also they really are not equipped to handle that many people to pretty much take up residence there. So I met on December 19th with Mr. Tom Berry again with UVA, where he was letting us know that UVA is moving forward with the appropriation of \$3 million for the helicopter. Luckily enough as he left, Delegate Farris came in my office and I was telling him about this and he was very interested because it would impact people in the region that they could get a helicopter in sooner for care. Of course they would have the nurse and paramedic there too to help take care of the person. So Delegate Farris after a long day the other day, the

last day to introduce requests for budget appropriations, he did file an appropriation for Buckingham for \$300,000. It was estimated that if we built the hanger without the living quarters it would be anywhere from \$60,000 to \$80,000. With living quarters, \$180,000 to \$200,000. Delegate Farris has submitted for \$300,000 hoping to get the \$200,000 but maybe the \$300,000. At this point, it is filed and we just hope it stays there. We would also, if this comes to creation, and it gets built and in operation, maybe talk with adjoining localities that get the service to and maybe have a coalition to maybe help pay for utilities and operate the building since it would benefit so many people. Mr. Berry has asked to be put on the February agenda to officially present this to you all. It hasn't come forward yet because at this point we are trying to find out how we can afford to do our part. So, hopefully Delegate Farris has come to our rescue on that. I wanted to keep you all posted. I wanted you to know what's been discussed and what they are looking at doing before he does come to make his presentation to you all. Do you have any questions on that?

Bryan: Other than the proximity for saving people's lives, what's in it for Buckingham County?

Carter: Well, I think what could be in for Buckingham for the future is that right away, probably these employees will not be from the county. But perhaps adults will see that a need for these jobs are there and they will seek training, become certified for these jobs. Because think about it that's really 16 people a day.

Staton: There are people from here that do the same work in Charlottesville and Richmond that may want to come home.

Talbert: We've got two of them on Toga Fire Department.

Bryan: What were you saying as far as the living quarters are concerned?

Carter: It will be two separate bunks. One for male and one for female.

Bryan: Right but there is only 4 people.

Talbert: Yeah, but it's around the clock.

Bryan: So there will be a day shift, ok, so you will need an eight bed facility.

Talbert: Sonny Grey works for Pegasus.

Carter: Another thing to, is to find a suitable site which is what we'll do as soon as we know. You all have got to approve this before can move forward. One other thing we've talked about was the people there and working close with the rescue squad, there is a lot of training opportunity. Meeting with the President of the rescue squad yesterday, she said they are very interested in that. They would like to see it happen but they just couldn't take it on themselves.

Stish: I don't think it hurts at all to have any investment and ties with UVA. If UVA starts investing in small installations down here and gradually turning their attention toward Buckingham, I think it would be nothing but good to come from that relationship.

Carter: The people in Buckingham really need this.

Chambers: Did you say that Buckingham would have to buy the fuel and stuff for that?

Carter: No, we would not buy the fuel. We have to maintain the building.

Bryan: Nothing to do with the helicopter.

Carter: They pay for the staff.

Chambers: A helicopter ride is expensive.

Bryan: They will be rent free basically.

Stish: We build it they will come.

Staton: It would be a benefit for development.

Bryan: Do we have to run it through the Planning Commission as far as a site is concerned?

Carter: If we look at the property beside the rescue squad where there is already a landing pad, either that is an option. There is a pad down at Gold Hill School at the Health Center. We have to look at the options. The most logical would be next to the rescue squad.

Bryan: If the rescue squad is on board for training as well, then we build the facility, let's take in mind a training area as well, not just to house the helicopter.

Carter: The facility will belong to the county and we could use it as we deemed fit.

Stish: I just want to make sure the facility is built to train.

Bryan: So they could have training in the facility as well.

Carter: I just wanted to, so you all can prepare for any questions that you may have to ask Mr. Berry when he comes. I have provided you with a map of what they say the coverage will be.

Talbert: What you will do is cut the time in half. When they are called by the rescue squad, it's about 10-13 minutes and in stroke time that means a lot.

Bryan: What do the circles represent?

Staton: The area they will serve.

Talbert: People don't think. The helicopter would have taken Helen to Lynchburg but the pilot said, "Sir, UVA has one of the best stroke center in the State of Virginia." I said, the best thing you can do is get in that helicopter and fly and he did.

Carter: You don't realize what a benefit they are until you need them.

K. Carter: The circle on top is the area they've got now.

Bryan: So the bottom circle would be our helicopter. That's like you said Becky. That would be going through Charlotte County, Amelia, Cumberland County, parts of Amherst. Maybe the northern part of Lunenburg. We can say is it possible for you to pony up X amount of dollars a year for heating and air conditioning.

Stish: Just a quick question, are we trying to line up a backup plan should there be a need?

Carter: Not at this point.

Stish: We may have to kick something around for a worthy investment.

Carter: This is to just inform you.

The next issue I want to talk to you about is the Proposed Temporary and possible Permanent Use of Vacant Buildings. We were looking into doing RFP's to do extensive view of the conditions of the building. The engineers and all that were calling us, we realized right away that we were going to have to downscale it or be prepared to pay several hundred thousand dollars to have everything looked into as far as asbestos and whatever so for the time being we've gotten all the documents from the school of what they have and although some of them were done back in 2008, nothing has changed because nothing has been done to the building to disturb anything. When you start to disturb things, that's when you may run into problems.

I did ask Lyn for him and Mr. Queen to go down and look at the buildings and give me kind of a as is overall condition. Visible condition of those buildings. I was quite surprised that he said the Gold Hill Roof needed some attention. As the maintenance department spent last Thursday, January 8th for about 4 hours. It currently has a foam membrane roof that will from time to time get blisters in the membrane and will break. That is something that will need to be addressed in the fall. He said that the southern corner of the foundation on the back addition has also dropped about 1/2". This could have been due to an earthquake or a stump hole in that corner. I do remember something about the earthquake damage there and the school didn't do anything about it because we were closing it down. The only other issue that he talked about was the water in the area has high mineral content. The heating and cooling of the building was in good condition as the units have only been used for one year. So for urgent or as is use of the building, he doesn't see any big problems right now.

As for the Dillwyn Primary School, he says is in relatively good shape. He was really surprised at the shape of the building. It does have county water and sewer which is in good working order. It has a relatively good boiler which heats the building. He said it's nothing fancy but it does work well. The class rooms do have air conditioning units in them and they all work well because we did house the social services there in that building while we did their building which worked well for them. He said it has the same style roof on this as Gold Hill. He said it's probably not as old. It does need attention and they could take care of it in about 2 hours. If I could intervene, that in hiring Mr. Queen and working with Lyn, all these things are getting done before it gets bad. They are keeping up with a maintenance program which in the long run saves you money. So his recommendations for this building would be a truss roof, A-frame, redoing the windows with a different look to update, wall packs for heating and cooling. The building is in fairly good shape, just needs some modernization which will depend on what you would want to do with it.

That leads me to the next item that I have which is a proposal for a lease to own the Gold Hill building. Mr. Troy Hickman asked to meet with me a couple weeks ago I believe it was with a proposal for use of the Gold Hill building. I've asked him to respond in writing to start negotiations with you all to see if you wanted to go in this direction, what are you interested in, and what would be your next step? Mr. Hickman is interested in Gold Hill School. He's interested in developing the now vacated building into a training center. Gold Hill Structures LLC. He says he would improve the building as it is now. He would make a difference in the structure of the people in the county. He's interested in attracting classes to include: cabinet making, small engine repair, cosmetology, Certified Nurse's Assistant, Home health care. He is interested in bringing in EMS training classes. Interested in working with UVA to see what possible interest they would have being close to the Health Center that is located at Gold Hill. He's also interested in bringing satellite classes from Piedmont and Southside Community Colleges. He's interested in a full day care center, along with after school programs. He would use the cafeteria for a community center, making it available to the businesses such as Dominion Power, Buckingham Railroad for meetings, training, and other uses.

He feels that this will offer the young people that may not be looking at a college program other avenues for education. A certificate program may be the avenue that will make them productive in our county.

He is interested in a lease to own from the county. He would need to have at least six months' rent free and would like to consider first year rent free to get open and operating.

So, I open this up to discussion with you all. Are you interested in this? Would you like to meet further with Mr. Hickman? Of course, if you are interested in this, you would have to hold a public hearing before you could do this. A lot of things would have to be ironed out on costs and price.

Stish: Does he have a business plan? An actual business plan with his financing and how is planning to do all this?

Carter: No, we did not discuss this. He did not discuss this with me and I did discuss the possibility of meeting with Southside Business or Longwood Business Assistance. They will do free financial plans. I think maybe he does but he hasn't said anything to me.

Talbert: The land that the well is on, we do not own.

Carter: He's aware of that. We'd have to look at the legal part of that.

Stish: If the Board did decide to do some kind of partnership and he follows through with this, and we did grant him a year of free lease, I imagine this is something he could get grants for and it could be the in-kind contribution or match. Almost every grant that he would use would be a match grant.

Staton: The lease part worries me a little bit. Because I still don't know if any of those buildings are insulated with vermiculite. Vermiculite is what you pour in cinderblock. It was that way at the telephone company building. It's asbestos. If you go tapping those walls and release it, you are going to release it in the air.

Carter: That the part that worries me with the legal...

Staton: If you release it, we are liable.

Talbert: I doubt if it has it though. People didn't use it back then.

Carter: We have all the reports and what they say now is any asbestos that was found in the building is contained.

Talbert: I know we put the cabinet work in there.

Bryan: You don't disturb it.

Staton: It doesn't mean it's gone anywhere. It's just contained.

Carter: Some has been abated in some areas and others contained. Just like the section of the Ag Center, we do have it. We had guidelines we had to follow through to contain it. We still have to keep that up.

Talbert: It's been a long time, but Raymond Price had the cabinet or mill work in that building. To my knowledge, down at Gold Hill, we did all those cabinets down there. As well as I remember, when we nailed, nothing came out of the block. Toga's got it in their blocks.

Staton: We've got it in all the telephone offices.

Bryan: I'd like to meet with him to hear what he's got to say. How does he plan on funding it?

Stish: I'd live to see an executive summary of his business plan. That would be good if he had some general outline. I'm looking at a five year roll out with all these programs. I'd like to see how he plan to start off.

Bryan: What's his expectations from us?

Carter: I don't know the gentleman very well, so this is not personal at all but if you say ok, you can have the building for a year, you can do anything you want to and it doesn't work...

Talbert: He's planning to retire as a pastor. Get out the ministry. He wants to do something...

Carter: He generally speaks to help the community and provide these services because so many cannot afford to go to college or don't want to go to college and even adults, he was saying could take these certification programs and then have something where they can go get a job as a plumber or nurse.

Talbert: He's a nice man. He's been a deacon in our church for years.

Carter: Do you all want to sit down with him as a full board or form a committee to talk to him?

Chambers: I think full board. That's just my opinion.

Talbert: I agree with you.

Allen: I agree with you too.

Bryan: The general consensus should be enough.

Carter: Should we invite him to a public meeting or have a work session?

Stish: It might be a good idea to talk with him at a work session honestly. I think we are still teasing out the ideas and hashing it back and forth and sometimes there's a formal decision made and it really hasn't happened.

Bryan: Right. An informal work session where we can have a chance to mull it over.

Carter: We are meeting with the Planning Commission at a work session at 7:00. Would you like me to invite him to come back at 6 that day?

Stish: That will work.

Bryan: 6 is good or 5:30 if Danny can make it.

Allen: I'll be on the way back from Tennessee.

Staton: You will have people wandering in.

Talbert: The public has the right to come to every meeting except executive session. We have water board meeting and the administrator ordered Jimmy Strong out of it. He would have had to pay Jimmy Strong \$5,000 because it wasn't an executive closed meeting.

Staton: I didn't say keep them out of it. I'm just talking about people coming in for the next meeting.

Chambers: Should we have it in executive session?

Carter: I'll have to see because we have discussed it publicly.

Chambers: Yeah, we have. Ok.

Carter: It might fall under where negotiations could be...I'll check the code and make sure we are right.

Next is Consider of Temporary uses of the Dillwyn Primary School. Alright, we have lots of requests for folks wanting to use that building for different things. Mostly recreational programs. I don't have authority to move further with letting anyone use that. That's why I asked Lyn to look at the as is condition. Todd had moved ahead and was trying to start a cornhole league there and we had to back up and make sure insurance covered it and make sure it was a recreation program. Make sure everybody knows what we are doing. Also Tim Hoag has been using the building to teach pitching. 1 on 1 pitching with the kids and parents have been paying him directly and it's been to Todd advertising it. So I have talked with Kristen and Todd and we've got to come to some terms. For instance, Fit with Farrar, everyone is hearing about this. It's a big turn out and a lot of people are going to this. They are having a problem with where to have it regularly. Especially in cold weather. They are interested in renting one of the rooms at the school knowing its temporary and knowing we are marketing it, to have this class. Like with Fit with Farrar, if you all authorize me to work with the Rec Program and set up a fee of using the building. For example, with the Ag Center, if they are not part of the county, we charge \$50, no \$25 a day to use that building. But with Fit with Farrar not being a Buckingham County Rec Program, they would have to provide us with liability insurance. Kristen provided you with and has worked real hard in coming up with some forms. We've got to reel this in and get a hold of it because when you see all the programs that her and Todd have going on. It's a lot to keep up with. We've got to reel this in if for nothing else but liability purposes.

Bryan: The school system just redid their use policy on their buildings. What they found was, like \$25, that's not covering costs of what the county is spending so the county is really losing money. They went in and they went to other areas like Appomattox and Fluvanna and of course the fee has increased because they didn't want to lose money but on the other hand they didn't want people renting the schools for just anything. There has to be an administrator there. Like at

the school, someone's got to unlock the school. Somebody's got to be there to make sure that nothing gets damaged.

Carter: So we've got to back up here and first I have to get authority from you all to first allow our recreation programs to use the building. Now our insurance will cover it as long as it's a Buckingham Recreation Program. They will cover that. The fees will be paid to the county and then the county pays the instructor. That is how we do that. It's been called to my attention that there is a few programs that has not been done that way. The batting deal is one of those. So Todd said that Tim is willing to come under the recreation program and do it like it's supposed to be done. Then we run into another issue and I believe we sent you this information, where rec instructors, referees, umpires and everything is going to have to be put on payroll. But right now, we have not implemented that because we are still trying to find out the true guidelines on how to do it. That could be a nightmare. So right now, and the auditors are aware of it, we are still paying the instructor like we've been doing it but we might have to make that change. I guess what I'm asking you all tonight, is to give us permission to use the building for recreation programs under the Recreation Department knowing it's temporary. If someone like Fit for Farrar is interested in it, can we rent it out for programs like that? We've got some draft contracts and they would have to sign. Do you want to do that? What I hear from the public is we can't have such and such because you have nowhere to have it and you've got that building sitting there. That's true. I asked Kristen to compile this list of programs, we are overloading our two Rec Directors and as you see with Kristen's proposal there, there is a lot more things that the people want to see. We have implemented good programs and that is what it's for. Our rec program has grown tremendously.

Talbert: So your recommendation is that we go with this. Do we need to vote on it?

Bryan: A fee schedule needs to be set up.

Carter: A fee schedule has to be set up. So tonight, I guess what I want you to say is are you interested doing that. Kristen, Todd and I can come back to the February meeting with a fee schedule and probably look at the schools too to go along with what I will provide you with. Look at what they will have to provide. Say Fit with Farrar wants to rent one of the rooms, and in the summer time they may not use it, because sometimes they use the track or do it outside in nice weather. So it's not something you would have to have a public hearing or have a lease agreement and the whole nine yards.

Stish: I'm sitting here thinking, what if that building actually did eventually turn into our rec center where all these programs are housed. People could come there, the supplies are there and it became that. Something the community has been calling for, for a long time. A true, honest to God recreation center for all these things. Education classes.

Carter: It could be a trial run.

Stish: This may be the beginning of exploring that. See how this temporary usage works out but the fee schedule, let's just tease it out and see how much the fee schedule cover. See if we can make it to where it doesn't break everybody and see if we break even or come close.

Carter: Todd apologized if he stepped over...

Stish: He's enthusiastic.

Carter: So what they done is roped it off where no one else could get anywhere else in the building except the auditorium area and the one bathroom. But we have to make sure we meet everything we are supposed to meet liability wise.

Bryan: That's another concern is insurance. That's a county building, someone goes into that building and gets hurt, we are liable.

Stish: It's the same as soccer on our soccer field.

Bryan: There's insurance for that.

Carter: If it's something that is not under our program...

Talbert: While you are doing all that, think about that place as emergency in case of storm. Don't take them up there to that school. Did you know that is the only bomb shelter in the County? Built in 1954.

Stish: I see there is a lot of information that I haven't gotten a chance to look at.

Carter: For example, how this came about is where we saw where Buckingham County Corn Hole League was being advertised as a rec program and I didn't know it was a rec program. Come to find out it was just an open house to get some teams started and some showed up and some had keys to the building and actually some put \$10 down and it was kind of like gambling. I'm like, we can't do that. I didn't know anything about it so we are trying to reel it all in. Another thing, just to update you as far as the recreation program, if you look at all these programs, you will see we can't do the good ole' thing anymore. We've got to reel this in. Under the procurement policy, I approved for Kristen to purchase software program so that when parents register these kids for programs, it will be kept a good record of amount paid and who has paid. A couple times our auditors have said this wasn't done on time and this wasn't turned in on time and all this. When you see this, it's not just little league anymore.

In the meantime, as far as what's going on there right now, I've had Todd put the cornhole on hold. That needs to be...if that's going to be under the rec department...

Bryan: They are just using the county for their private enterprise.

Carter: A little history there. The Planning Commission approved a special use permit for him to use the Straight Street Building. Straight Street has not been able to get an occupancy permit to have it there. So Todd had asked me if the kids could do some batting practice there and then this came about.

Bryan: Then there is the liability.

Carter: Right. Unless it's under the recreation program. Do you want that to cease and stop? He's charging \$35 an hour. A lot of parents around here and I know this to be true, are driving their kids to Richmond and paying \$50 a hour for them to get techniques to where they don't get hurt. It's a great program. He wants to extend it to softball for our girls which I think is good because we have a lot of our girls play softball. It teaches techniques to where they don't get hurt. I think it's a great thing but started off on the wrong leg. I would say Tim would either need to come under the rec program, where they pay the county and the county pays him as an instructor... if you all say that Fit for Farrar could rent a room and Tim would want to rent a room, and he provide the liability and the same deal, Fit for Farrar would provide any equipment that she wants. The batting cage and all that is county recreation stuff that he is using.

Bryan: He could lease it.

Carter: He could lease it. He can either go under the recreation program and part of that fee would come to the county. Right now I think he said he's charging \$35 an hour. None of that money is coming into the county programs.

Allen: We've had a motion and a second for allowing the county to allow the recreation to use the Dillwyn Primary and look into prices.

Carter: Kristen, Todd and I will compile something and bring it back to the February meeting.

Allen: Lets vote. 6 yes. Motion passes.

Supervisor Chambers moved, Supervisor Talbert seconded and was unanimously carried to allow the county recreation department to use the Dillwyn Primary School building and look into a fee schedule.

Carter: Next item is an update on East Coast Transport Water Contract. The water down at the river. EM and I are actively still pursuing to have in place the option to renew that contract. It's good until December 2016 which is about 2 years from now. But we don't want to be last minute if we don't have a user for that water. The conversations that we've had with our contact with Tenaska and East Coast have been favorable. I just wanted you to know that we are setting the ground to renew that contract for at least ten years. That's what we are shooting for. They may drop it but that is what we are shooting for to renew our contract. We all knew when this started that it was for future use of the County and they are understanding that. We've been lucky with all the renewals we've had so far. We haven't had to pay the availability fee. That might become an option but that would certainly be better than losing it. I wanted you to know

that we are still looking even though we are trying to market to use it. So getting the right to renew it laid out just in case.

Staton: Fluvanna is applying for 7-8 million gallons a day for Zions Crossroads.

Carter: They've got to put...

Stish: That's their own permit, not ours.

Staton: It's their permit but they haven't gotten it yet.

Stish: It has no bearing on our permit.

Staton: It can.

Stish: No, it shouldn't.

Staton: When DEQ said you cannot draw but so many gallons per day, somebody's going to be lacking if they don't have a permit.

Stish: Our permit is in effect and their permit is in effect, they are going to have to cap them. Or they will have to come buy our permit from us.

Carter: That's right. Maybe buy from us. Karl showed that to me today. They have to find money to do that there. Maybe they will want to buy some water from us.

The next issue is, I'm going to pass these around. Lyn has brought this to my attention. To save some trees, I didn't run copies. The concrete is getting bad at the Dillwyn Recycling Center.

Talbert: It's been needing repair for a long time.

Carter: In case anyone's brought it to your attention, I'm letting you know that Lyn is going to be getting some prices and bring it to you, maybe at the February meeting.

Bryan: What brought this about was I was at the recycling center this weekend for the aluminum sale, and we were waiting, Lyn and I were and we noticed how the concrete was crumbling right there. If you've been in the recycling center in Dillwyn, it is in need of repair. It's got some real bad spots in there. He was hemming and hawing about how he wanted to do it and I'm glad he came forward to you with it as to whether he wanted to make it a capital improvement project or put in in the budget.

Carter: The best time to do it is in spring. I also talked to him about...because this is a recurring problem...of a better way to do it. He still thinks the concrete is the most...

Bryan: It better than asphalt.

Carter: I asked him to look to see what could be causing it to recur in the same areas.

Allen: What about the trees? What does trees have to do with it?

Carter: I didn't run copies for everybody to save trees.

Bryan: He already has a plan in place too where we wouldn't have to close the facility. We can work around it. Maybe close it one day while it cured. He had talked about when you pull into the recycling center, where the empty cans are, the ones we are going to get rid of, maybe set some up right there while we rope off the temporary area to be dug up and repaired.

Carter: That is all I have. If anyone else has anything?

Stish: I have a couple of items to toss out there. A while ago we had a gentleman come talk to us about the reservoir and the problems with the water with the levels and everything. The science class. I was wondering, how close are the trees to the reservoir? I haven't been down there.

Staton: Right up to the water.

Stish: Maybe we need to see about timbering that off. Maybe about 200 feet back and then planting instead some native warm season grasses with deep roots. They serve as a natural bio-filter and aquifer generator. If we could cull those trees away about 200 feet and get the leaves out of there and install a natural bio-filter in these grasses, maybe that would be an option.

Staton: We don't own those trees.

Stish: Then we may have to go do some negotiations.

Carter: It's not coming from there. It's coming from the other end outside of Dillwyn. The last test came back very good but unfortunately they are going to do it quarterly so we have to get three more before we come into compliance. I will check on what portions of this that we own.

Chambers: The trees will hold back the surface water.

Stish: The grasses will do better. They are superior especially because they are not letting off leaves which are getting in the water and causing a problem. They also give a better soil quality overall. All that area becomes a natural aquifer and bio-filter. I think that Sherry and Soil & Water Conservation District has a lot of information regarding about putting all kinds of bio-soils around reservoirs. We were looking at them for something for RC&D. I went to a presentation about it a while ago.

Chambers: I disagree. Trees are more protective.

Stish: Not just regular grass. These are tall warm season grasses that 4 foot deep roots. It's an entirely different type of plant. It's not like fescue or normal hay.

Allen: If we had the land that would take care of the future. Now, in my opinion, why can't they just dredge it and get what's on the bottom? It's my understanding that is where the problem come from.

Carter: The problem comes from when this testing started and they raised the levels and when we did the new system out in the very outskirts of Dillwyn where the line ends, there's not a lot of water use. It's settling there.

Bryan: I live here on the end, Danny, I don't live here but my house is here so nobody is using water right here, so all the stuff coming down the line is settling right here. Well, EPA and their infinite wisdom, where are the drawing the sample from?

Stish: The end.

Carter: The end of the line there and the end of the line down here.

Bryan: That's one of the fallacies of the system. Either we do a loop in the system but then how far do you loop back on both ends.

Carter: We did get good results the last time.

Bryan: Good.

Allen: What I was saying if we did have that problem, you could dredge the bottom.

Bryan: He had even talked about different intake levels. He has lowered the intake level too. Moving that around too. It's one of those things, that...Cassie, you've got something else?

Stish: I was just curious I guess, I don't know. I was trying to decide where we were at with the library. It's sort of been parked. I know we haven't, the committee hasn't had another meeting since...I think everybody got kind of busy...

Carter: I'm not on that committee.

Stish: Everything kind of...the holidays came and everything went ugh. I just wanted to touch base on it and see where we are and get information back on the uses...the school, everybody wanted to make sure it was suitable for use of a library or absolutely not suitable for use as a library. About the history of the building, what's there and I guess barring a huge expensive study, all we can do is compile this old data that we've got and look at it. Is that where we are right now?

Carter: I guess, I didn't know that I was supposed to be looking at it.

Stish: No, just the gathering somewhere?

Chambers: Mr. Staton was updating me on it.

Staton: The committee is kind of on hold until we know where it goes. Because you can go out here a design a structure, an engineered structure, then you find out later that you need to make severe changes to it because location is not what you anticipated it to be and you spend money all over. You are spinning the wheels and wasting resources. As soon as the County tells us where the site is we will go back and come forward with a building.

Stish: I think the carts in front of the horse right there because this Board still has not directed the Planning Commission or ourselves to a yes, we are for sure building a library. We have aspiration of a library. We are contemplating a new library. We are in no man's land as a project. I just want to know where we are at. It's not officially a project. We have a committee to explore and that's where we are at.

Staton: Unless I'm mistaken...it's not a committee to explore, Cassie, it says to bring back a plan.

Stish: That's what I'm asking about.

Staton: We don't have a plan until we have a location.

Stish: Two things, Elaine is here, two things that were on our agenda as a committee one was to absolutely rule in or rule out whether or not the use of the school is feasible. Mainly if it is, there has been a lot of public querying about whether or not that would be...we need to put that to bed because so many people are thinking of using those buildings. If it doesn't work for a library, we just have to know that definitively. That was supposed to be asbestos reports and God only knows.

Staton: We decided not to pay the money to do the testing.

Stish: It turned out to be a very expensive study. Is that where it stands?

Carter: It's the unknowns. For example, we were talking about the renovation of the old feed store to Buckingham Branch building. They were saying they could have built a brand new building for what they ended up. You don't know until you get into it. It's just the renovation over here, we knew what we were getting here with everything being new, but when they started renovating over there, we had to have lead way in the budget for anything they may run into. It's very hard because say the building would be renovated for a library. How is it going to be renovated?

Stish: It would require looking at the drawings and going through all that.

Carter: All the drawings that they have already done, the architect work they've done is not going to work in that building.

Stish: It's not necessarily ideal in the minds of the library board that worked so hard on those plans. It was considered query to this board from the constituents that were saying you have those open buildings, why spend money on new buildings when we have open buildings, why not use one of them. It was a legitimate question. We were trying to tease out can we use one of them. It doesn't appear we can get a decent answer about that.

Carter: I would say yes you can use it. But I don't know what kind of product you are going to get to be a library.

Stish: Is it feasible? I don't know if it is with all the asbestos.

Carter: You can go back and has an asbestos test done. You don't know what you got until you get into it.

Staton: You can't do just a surface test. You are going to have to be destructive up to a point. That's where you go through your layers of plaster into your scratch coat and drill selective holes in cinderblock and see if vermiculite is in there. I've looked through that stuff from the schools and I can't find anything that refers to being there or not being there.

Stish: Really?

Carter: John has looked at all these documents.

Stish: Even though we've had the studies done before, there is no definitive answer. Maybe we should have that done. It seems to be the biggest...

Carter: The studies were done for what it was used for, as a school.

Talbert: I tell you how you find out. Go down there and ask Donald Shumaker. He carried all the mortar and block and everything because his daddy was superintendent for that job.

Bryan: It has to be in writing.

Stish: Only because this was step one I thought from our committee was to rule this in or out and take it off the table. Then we could get into a discussion of if not that then where? What scale and what size?

Staton: That was the committee's decision. The Board tasked us with coming back with a plan. The Committee decided that we would look at the old school building. That's not what the Board said do.

Carter: The library committee decided to look at the old school building?

Staton: Yes.

Stish: Mainly because of public input.

Staton: That was the feeling of some of the committee.

Chambers: I've talked to some supervisors from another county over the weekend, they were saying they have construction group over there of prisoners. They do a lot of work and all you have to do is furnish the material. They have brick layers, carpenters, electricians, plumbers. Can I get you to check on that for us to get some of this work done? Like you are talking about doing this work for this helicopter. We can get free labor from the state. They do professional work from what they were saying.

Bryan: It's Capital Construction. There is a foreman, the whole nine yards. It's inmate labor.

Carter: Do you think that would be in compliance with the state appropriations? Follow all the procurement...

Bryan: Probably. I mean, with the state in their ways of trying to save money. They have licensed contractors and supervisors are licensed contractors.

Bryan: Anything on Fisher Auto Parts yet?

Carter: Oh, the manager out of Stanton called Mike and said he was going to take care of it Friday to pay the fee. I couldn't override it. It wasn't Fisher Auto asking us. It was Taylor Septic.

Allen: Any other Board matters?

Carter: Where are we with the library? I want to make sure...

Stish: The committee has to meet. We need to get ourselves back together and recap and touch base and see what's what. I think probably...I don't mind amending our RFP though just to test for asbestos just to put it to rest. We are talking about using it potentially for recreation. I think having that study done will be prudent.

Carter: What you are talking about John? Vermiculite?

Staton: Vermiculite is a product that 90% of it is asbestos carrying. It's only one or two mines in United States and Canada where it is not asbestos in it. It has been judged as hazardous and it was used for insulation in cinderblock in or between the cinderblock on masonry structures.

Talbert: They poured it in the block.

Staton: Pour it in and fill it up and pat it down.

Carter: So you want to do an RFP just for that?

Talbert: All you got to do is take a hammer and knock a hole in the block and see if anything runs out. If it don't, cover it back up.

Carter: I hope too that we keep in mind too the money that has already been spent in architectural fees for the building and what we would pay to see what we would have to pay to renovate this building and I guess you could reconvene the committee after we get that. The only statement that I can say is that at this time, the money that you all appropriated as a reserve for library payment is still there. We haven't spent it on anything. It's still in there for a reserve for yalls consideration. We haven't backtracked.

Chambers: I still say you are better off with a new building.

Bryan: Cheaper. For Dillwyn Primary you are going to have to upgrade all the electricity.

Carter: There are window units.

Bryan: The only window units were in the Project 4 units. I was there for over 6 years and the summer time by 9:00 my shirt was ringing wet. I didn't have AC in my classroom. The electrical system is outdated.

Stish: Do we have a descriptive document of the characteristics of the property? How many rooms? That sort of thing.

Staton: We have a floor plan.

Stish: Something that we can...ok.

Carter: They would have to go in the building.

Stish: Julie and I are due.

Chambers: There was time I went out and bought a new suit but it's still an old man.

Talbert: It would make the old man look better though.

Allen: Are you looking for a motion?

Stish: Do you need a motion for an RFP?

Staton: I don't think we need one.

Stish: We already had an issue before.

Staton: The committee just has to be activated.

Carter: It would have to be brought back and appropriate the money and award it to somebody.

Staton: We don't need anything until we bring a plan back.

Allen: Any more discussion or matters to bring up? We are adjourned.

There being no further business to discuss, Chairman Allen declared the work session adjourned.

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