

February 12, 2015 -- Special Joint Meeting with the
Asheboro City Schools Board of Education

The Randolph County Board of Commissioners met in special joint session with the Asheboro City Schools Board of Education at 6:00 p.m. in the Professional Development Center, on the corner of Church and Walker Streets on the Asheboro High School campus, Asheboro. Commissioners Frye, Kemp, Lanier, Haywood, and Allen were present. Also present were County Manager Hal Johnson; Finance Officer Will Massie; and Dana Crisco, Deputy Clerk to the Board; Asheboro City School Superintendent Dr. Terry Worrell; members of the Asheboro City Schools Board of Education: Gustavo Agudela, Phillip Cheek, Linda Cranford, Joyce Harrington, Steve Jones, Gidget Kidd, Kyle Lamb, Archie Priest, Jane Redding, Chris Yow; other school officials: Finance Officer Harold Blair, Director of Facilities and Maintenance Michael Mize, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent Patsy Nichols; and Smith Sinnett Architecture Consultants: John Sinnett, Principle; Rhonda Angerio, President; and Ed Gordon, Associate.

Asheboro City Schools' Board of Education Chair, Jane Redding welcomed the Commissioners and Chairman Frye called the meeting to order for the County.

Superintendent Dr. Terry Worrell thanked the Commissioners for attending. She stated that this Capital Improvement Plan was designed to increase classroom space and save money in the process.

John Sinnett, a Smith Sinnett Principle, said that 2009-2014 were the toughest years in business that he has ever seen. He commended the Commissioners on their agreement to purchase the Sir Robert property for expanding the Asheboro High School campus. He noted it was originally planned to satisfy the needs of the high school for ten years, but has provided twelve years of use with no major renovation and will continue to be important to Asheboro City Schools. The relocation of the Early Childhood Center also helped the City Schools through the tough economic period in his opinion. He was complimentary of the vital relationship that Asheboro City Schools has with the Board of Commissioners.

Ed Gordon, Smith Sinnett Associate, addressed the Minimum Facility Standards as set forth by the State of North Carolina Department of Public Instruction. Smith Sennett had completed extensive research on the needs of each of the schools in the Asheboro City School system. He presented a ten-year plan which he feels takes into consideration the lifespan of infrastructure, as well as, when it will become obsolete. He said deferred maintenance is commonly used instead of replacement; however, not fixing something until it is broken can lead to larger, more expensive problems in the future. Energy savings was an important component in the plans of Smith Sinnett. One example he recommended was installing new windows at McCrary Elementary School that would result in a cost savings on heat and air conditioning.

Rhonda Angerio, Smith Sinnett President, presented the three-phase expansion and improvement plan for Asheboro High School. Their focus was on current and future program needs, potential increased enrollment, and parking issues. Highlighted areas

included the cafeteria, space in the old Sir Robert buildings, and a larger space for the marching band. She said the cafeteria and kitchen areas are extremely outdated and cramped. With a café area in addition to the current seating capacity for the cafeteria, she felt that students would have seating for lunch and for collaborations at other times. Renovating space at the old Sir Robert building would create classroom space that could be utilized to keep similar curriculum together. Current enrollment of 200+ students in the band program surpasses the capacity for the existing band room. A renovation and addition to that space gives the chorus and the band rooms additional space and storage with a firewall between them. Smith Sennett also thought this firewall would create a sound barrier.

Mr. Gordon outlined the needs for additional cafeteria space at SAMS and NAMS as well as major renovations to the cafeterias of McCrary and Lindley Park Elementary Schools. His recommendation to add adjustable space in the multi-purpose room at Loflin Elementary School, similar to configurations in other Asheboro schools, will accommodate various uses. He also presented the costs of adding air conditioning units to the gyms at both middle schools and the old gym at the high school all of which have none.

Mr. Sinnett stressed the importance of maintenance to existing structures where practical and cost effective, but reminded everyone that renovation is often less expensive than continual repair. He said Smith Sinnett has worked with Asheboro City Schools for many years and has tried to prepare the most economical and long-term plan for the system, often looking fifteen to twenty years in the future.

Chairman Frye thanked the Sinnett Smith Architecture team and the Asheboro City Schools Board for their extensive planning and focus long-term use. He felt that the public would have to understand the importance of these needs to accommodate the schools now and in the future.

Adjournment

At 7:11 p.m., on motion of Kemp, seconded by Lanier, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn.

_____ Darrell L. Frye, Chairman	_____ Phil Kemp
_____ Arnold Lanier	_____ David Allen
_____ Stan Haywood	_____ Dana Crisco, Deputy Clerk to the Board