

COMMUNITY COLLEGE COMMITTEE MEETING
APRIL 21, 2009

COMMUNITY COLLEGE COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Trinkle,
Alexander, G. Hall, Henke

COMMUNITY COLLEGE COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: Banks

SUPERVISORS: LaPointe

Debra Prehoda, Clerk

Roger Wickes, County Attorney

Kevin Hayes, County Administrator

ACC – Ron Heacock, President, Bill Long, Kevin Reilly, Ann Marie Sommo
Director of Business Affairs

Warren County Supervisors

AGENDA AS PRESENTED IN COMMITTEE NOTICE:

- 1) Call to Order
- 2) Updates
 - A. Regional Higher Education Project
 - B. 2010 Budget
 - C. Capital Investment Improvement Projects
- 3) Miscellaneous
- 4) Adjournment

Chairman Trinkle called the meeting to order at 10:06 A.M.

Kevin Hayes, County Administrator, stated the foundation is going to contribute \$750,000 of the \$2.5M obligation (\$2M plus \$500,000 for cash flow). The \$2.5M BAN will be renewed for \$1.25M and comes due May 22nd. Regarding the construction costs of the project, it is about \$17,000 over on construction costs but monies are remaining in the equipment line, \$280,000. Bill Long stated he is aware of the need to transfer funds but they are in the process of completing a few remaining punch list items. Information on a change order should be available by the May 5th Finance Committee meeting. The additional monies in the equipment line will be settled when the status of the funding campaign is known. Regarding the lawsuit with the surveyor regarding this project, President Heacock stated they have submitted a bill of particulars and they are waiting for a response. A settlement was not reached between the college and the surveyor and they are starting litigation. The Regional Higher Education Learning Center building is full with no office space available. They have also signed on Paul Smith's college.

Joe King, ACC Foundation, stated the campaign is going along very well. They stand at \$321,000 left to be raised to get the additional Kresge funding. December 1, 2009 is the deadline for meeting the Kresge funding to receive the additional \$350,000.00.

President Heacock updated the committee on their 2010 budget. They plan to hold personnel to 75% of their budget and keep equipment purchases at about 5%. On the expense side, their health insurance costs are increasing about 15% and they continue to look at all areas. They have been struggling on the revenue side. The American Recovery Act funds (stimulus funds) will fund the 10% decrease in state aid to community colleges. The state also made several other revisions that resulted in a loss of revenue. A reasonable increase to the 2010 budget would be a 3% increase overall. They had already settled with their support staff for a little over 3% increase. They plan to come to the counties for a 3% increase. Tuition is going up 4% (\$125/FT student from \$3130 to \$3255) and they will be using some fund balance. Tuition was not raised last year. Students will be shouldering 44% of the cost. Some minor fee increases are proposed. It was going to cost more to initiate a parking fee for software, distribution system, at this time so they are looking into this for next year. They plan to go to Hudson Valley Community College to see how they are enabled to collect and use their parking fee. They are projecting 125 increase in FTEs. They are eliminating some positions at the college, dean of ACC Professional Center, and they are holding some faculty positions vacant. They have developed contingency plans if the economic conditions worsen.

Fred Champagne, Warren County Supervisor, stated he will find it hard to support a 3% budget increase. Several other Warren County Supervisors expressed that same sentiment that they cannot support an increase.

Chairman Trinkle stated that Washington County concurs with Warren County in that a 3% increase would be difficult.

Capital Project Updates – ACC went to the State with the counties resolutions of support for the capital improvements and received the funding, 634,507.50. This funding plus the chargeback funds available will support the projects on the attached list. The projects have to wait for the state bonding which will be in August or September. Mr. Long was unsure at this time if all of these projects will be lumped into one capital project or five separate projects.

The meeting adjourned at 10:55 A.M.

The next committee meeting is schedule for Tuesday June 2nd at 10 A.M. in the Regional Higher Education Learning Center.