

NHC Commissioners Meeting – November 6, 2017

Commissioners approve design and award a \$5.5 million contract for the construction of a Pine Valley Branch Library to replace Myrtle Grove Library.

The regular meeting of the NHC Board of Commissioner was held at the Court House from 4:00 p.m to 5:30 p.m. All commissioners were present.

The consent agenda was approved. One item in this agenda allows the county to officially retain legal services to potentially sue wholesale distributors of opioids. This is the first formal action of a plan city and county officials announced last week.

A presentation was given on the plans for the new Pine Valley Branch Library and a request for funding this project was voted on. The bid came in at 25% more than the original request and this was questioned by Comm. White and Kusek. The new library will be located on South College about 2 miles north of the Myrtle Grove Library, and is scheduled to open in January 2019.

An explanation was given that cost of labor and goods had increased and the plan added an additional 3500 square feet. It was determined that the addition of the square footage was a better value for the county and would better serve the fast growing community in that area. It was a unanimous vote to approve the plan and funding.

A presentation was given related to the process of funding outside agencies. The plan is to establish a board with members from various segments of the community to make the decision on funding these agencies. The County Commissioners will determine the amount to be used for funding these agencies and this board will determine how the monies are distributed. This process has been developed after the many concerns voiced about last year's budget approval process.

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