

Questions from Tuesday, October 27th Meeting

South Camden Fire Department, Shiloh, NC

Attendee - Is there a difference in compound interest on this loan whether it is a bond or a USDA loan? Attendee is figuring on the payments on a calculator. His figures do not match what is on the fact sheet and he is using a mortgage calculator, taking into account taxes and mortgage insurance based on the principal.

Dr. Ferrell – I think I know what meeting you are talking about and would like to explain why this citizen does not have an answer yet. Dr. Ferrell said he is working with Mr. Bowman. When Dr. Ferrell left the meeting that night, he contacted Mr. Bowman (County Manager). Mr. Bowman told Dr. Ferrell he would reach out to the citizen and have a conversation with him; that Mr. Bowman said he wanted to reach out to him. Mr. Bowman said he would get back with Dr. Ferrell. Late last week, Mr. Bowman called Dr. Ferrell back and said he had a conversation with the citizen. Mr. Bowman thinks “we are good”. Mr. Bowman will let Dr. Ferrell know if “we are not good”. What the citizen had requested is exactly what the attendee had said but Dr. Ferrell does not know the answer because the numbers came from First Tryon numbers. Dr. Ferrell told the citizen that night that we would get together to have a conversation and involve people from First Tryon. That has not been set up yet. Dr. Ferrell said he does not know the answer to the question but it is being worked on.

Will this citizen have an answer by November 3rd?

Dr. Ferrell said he would say yes but he is not the only person making decisions as to when that will happen. He is waiting for the citizen, Mr. Bowman and a representative from First Tryon. First Tryon is not a financial advisor for the school system. It is the County's.

The attendee said the fact sheet mentions it is the school's and began reading from the fact sheet beginning with “The County's financial advisor gave...” It was agreed the financial advisor is the County's advisor. Dr. Ferrell said he is sure Mr. Bowman is working on this but since First Tryon is the county's financial advisor, Dr. Ferrell felt Mr. Bowman was the one who should read out to the advisor.

Attendee - Even with the very low interest rate of 2.5%, that figures into a 13¢ tax increase...

Board Member, Kevin Heath, told the attendee he had the same questions early on and could not match the numbers in the fact sheet. Mr. Heath called USDA and asked how these numbers were calculated. He was told it is a balanced principal mortgage with an annual payment. He suggested the attendee figure balanced principal and use an amortization calculator. When Mr. Heath figured the balanced principal with an annual payment on an amortization calculator, he got the same numbers.

The attendee said that information answered his question.

Mr. Purcell said First Tryon also took into account the average tax based growth.

Attendee asked why the citizen did not get that answer.

It was noted the answers should come from First Tryon.

If the bond referendum passes, how long will it take to build the school?

Dr. Ferrell – Mr. Ott is estimating sometime during the year of 2022. Groundbreaking will be scheduled for March, 2021 and students should be in the building sometime in 2022.

There were no further comments or questions.

Dr. Ferrell invited guests to submit questions to him by phone or email. He said he will be happy to answer any future questions.