

No. 54

RESOLUTION

Whereas, The State of Tennessee 1987/88 General Assembly has appropriated seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000) for the purpose of preplanning the construction of a livestock pavilion at Walters State Community College, subject to feasibility;

Whereas, There is not a state pavilion serving the upper East Tennessee region from the eastern border of Knox County to Johnson County;

Whereas, The Agriculture and Business leaders in this region have voiced a strong need for such a pavilion; and

Whereas, Walters State Community College has successful programs in Agriculture Resource Management;

Resolved, That the Johnson City Council supports the establishment of a livestock pavilion at Walters State Community College and recognizes that such a facility at Walters State would be an invaluable asset to the citizens of Johnson City as well as the citizens throughout the entire upper East Tennessee region.

Mary Lanson

Mayor

3-23-89

Date

Attest:

Rita Jones

City Recorder



P.O. Box 1312
Morristown, TN. 37816-1312

February 2, 1989

Mr. Gary Lawson
Mayor, Mount Carmel
100 E. Main Street
P.O. Box 1421
Church Hill, TN 37642

Dear Mayor Lawson:

We are pleased that the 1987/88 General Assembly appropriated \$75,000 for the purpose of preplanning the construction of a livestock pavilion at Walters State Community College, subject to feasibility. Since a feasibility study will be initiated within the immediate future, efforts are underway to gather information and support documentation which will clearly establish a need for this very important project. With your help we feel confident that the project will receive primary consideration for funding during the upcoming legislative session and that our upper East Tennessee region will finally realize a facility which has been greatly needed for many years.

Last year local business and agricultural leaders acknowledged the need for a regional "agri-business" complex to enhance each of their local economies, and the East Tennessee Agri-Business Association was formed. This association, in cooperation with the staff of Walters State Community College, is working closely with state officials to determine the feasibility of providing a livestock pavilion in East Tennessee that is similar to facilities provided in other parts of our state.

In this regard we are asking that you provide us with a resolution of support from your city council at the earliest possible date. Attached is a sample resolution which you may use as a guide. A self-addressed envelope is enclosed for your convenience in returning your council's resolution. We believe that such demonstrated support will provide the additional impetus needed to obtain the anticipated funding for the construction of the pavilion.

If you have any questions or require additional information please do not hesitate to contact me or President Jack E. Campbell at Walters State. Should you feel it necessary for myself and/or President Campbell to meet with you and/or your city council, please let us know.

Sincerely,

Larry Mangum

Larry M. Mangum, DVM
Chairman, East Tennessee
Agri-Business Association