

findings with school board

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The Community Task Force on Recovering presented their findings to the Knox County Board of Education Wednesday.

Task force leader Dr. Jerry Ainsworth spoke to the board after it met twice in two days between June 24 and June 26.

Safety is a primary concern, according to Ainsworth, President of the Alliance for Better Transports.

"There are no no-free options here. My hope is that they will look outside and increase and they'll make the best decision to balance this in any way that they can," Ainsworth said. "The entire thing



Republican candidate for U.S. Senate Bill Hagerty visits with supporters at a campaign stop at Maynardville's Pete's Place Tuesday.

Bill Hagerty stumps

office on greatly reduced funds lead Susano to ask the county for a loan. His annual payroll for himself and his employees is about \$1.5 million, mostly generated by firing fees. He said all his employees are essential in running the office.

After meeting with Mayor Glenn Jacobs and Financial Director Chris Caldwell they decided to request a loan of \$1.5 million, which Susano said he would use as needed.

"We're not short \$1.5 million, but don't want to go back and ask for more if more is needed," he said, adding, "We're pretty crafty." Susano said the amount was requested because the money for long COVID-19 will continue. He said the loan will be paid back.