

Saturday morning, heirs of those believed buried at the site of the new high school met with Commissioners to discuss relocating the bodies.□

While many heirs of Reuben Hartley like Joanne Hartley, wished the graves could stay on the property, Commission Chair Jim Deal discussed possibly transferring the graves to Mount Lawn Memorial Park so upkeep would be guaranteed.

According to Joanne Hartley, the family had been looking for the graves for years. Research into the site's deed history was what alerted the Hartleys. 4 options were presented, but family members helped commissioners narrow it down to Mount Lawn and a site at the lower end of the property near Charlie Hollar Road. If Mount Lawn is chosen, Commissioners hoped to grant heirs' requests to have a fenced in area with a plaque to separate the Hartley plots. If the other site is selected, Commissioners once again face the problem of upkeep, according to Deal. Mount Lawn and the alternate site are both on what used to be Reuben Hartley's farm, according to Deal. The decision is up to the Commissioners, he said. The over 150 family members involved, led by Joanne, will have their own vote on the matter. According to Hartley, they can only hope Commissioners will respect their wishes.