

HENRY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MINUTES

Organizational Meeting January 5, 2009 – 3:00 pm

The Henry County Board of Supervisors held its organizational meeting on January 5, 2009, at 3:00 pm in the Board Meeting Room of the County Administration Building, King's Mountain Road, Collinsville, Virginia. The following Board members were present: Jim Adams Chairman; H. G. Vaughn, Vice Chairman; Debra Buchanan, Paula Burnette, Jim McMillian and Tommy Slaughter.

Staff members present were Benny Summerlin, County Administrator; Tim Hall, Deputy County Administrator; George Lyle, County Attorney; Susan Biege, Administrative Assistant; Jimmie Wright, Director of Finance; Darrell Jones, Assistant Director of Finance; and Susan Reynolds, Human Resources/Public Information Officer.

Sheriff Lane Perry was present from the Sheriff's Office.

Mickey Powell of the Martinsville Bulletin and Ron Morris of B-99 was present.

Tim Hall gave the invocation and Debra Buchanan led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Adams called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone present. He stated anyone who wishes to be on the Agenda for the Board's regular business meeting held at 3:00 pm must contact the County Administrator's Office seven days prior to a scheduled meeting. Anyone who wishes to speak at the Board's public meeting starting at 6:00 pm may do so under Agenda Item - Matters Presented by the Public without contacting the County Administrator's Office.

Mr. Adams stated it had been a pleasure to serve as Board Chairman for 2008. He stated he could not say enough good things about County staff in assisting him in any thing that he has asked for. He commended Mr. Summerlin, Mr. Hall and Mr. Lyle. Mr. Adams thanked fellow Board members and congratulated them for their years of service on the Board.

Mr. Vaughn stated he was honored to serve as Vice Chairman for 2008. He congratulated Mr. Adams for an outstanding job serving as Chairman.

Mr. Vaughn moved to appoint the County Administrator to chair the meeting during the election of Chairman and Vice Chairman of 2009, second by Mr. McMillian and unanimously carried.

Mr. Adams turned the meeting over to Mr. Summerlin.

Mr. Summerlin reviewed the procedures for nomination of Chairman and Vice Chairman and stated nominations do not require a second.

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN FOR 2009:

Mr. Summerlin opened the floor for nominations for Chairman of 2009.

Mr. McMillian nominated Debra Buchanan for Chairman.

There being no further nominations the floor was closed.

The vote carried unanimously to elect Debra Buchanan as Chairman for 2009.

ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN FOR 2009:

Mr. Summerlin opened the floor for nominations for Vice Chairman of 2009.

Mr. McMillian nominated H. G. Vaughn for Vice Chairman.

Mrs. Burnette nominated Jim McMillian as Vice Chairman. Mr. McMillian declined acceptance of the nomination.

There being no further nominations the floor was closed.

The vote carried unanimously to elect H. G. Vaughn as Vice Chairman for 2009.

Mr. Summerlin and the Board congratulated Mrs. Buchanan and Mr. Vaughn.

Mrs. Buchanan thanked the Board for their vote of confidence and stated she would do her best to serve as Chairman.

Mr. Summerlin turned the meeting over to Mrs. Buchanan, Chairman.

SETTING OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING DATES:

Mrs. Burnette moved that the Board adopt the proposed meeting date schedule, second by Mr. McMillian.

Mr. Adams stated in talking with Mr. Slaughter and Mr. Summerlin regarding the meeting dates, they discussed the meeting of (September 29), which falls on the fifth Tuesday rather than the fourth Tuesday following the fourth Monday.

Mr. Slaughter stated for clarification it would make it clear to citizens if all regular meetings were scheduled on the fourth Tuesday of each month.

Mr. McMillian withdrew his second and Mrs. Burnette withdrew her motion.

Following was some general discussion regarding amending the meeting dates. Mr. Summerlin stated with an amended change in September's regular meeting date all regular monthly meetings would be scheduled on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 3:00 pm with the exception of December's meeting. Mr. Summerlin reviewed the proposed meeting dates for 2009 and corresponding deadline for material to be submitted as part of the Board packet. Deadlines are at 5 pm on the date indicated.

<u>Meeting Date</u>	<u>Deadline for Packet</u>
January 27	January 20
February 24	February 17
March 24	March 17
April 28	April 21
May 26	May 19
June 23	June 16
July 28	July 21
August 25	August 18
September 22	September 15
October 27	October 20
November 24	November 17
December 15	December 8

Mr. McMillian moved that the Board approve the Board Meeting Dates for 2009 with the recommended change, second by Mr. Adams and unanimously carried.

ADOPTION OF 2009 BOARD BYLAWS:

Mr. Summerlin stated the Board traditionally adopts bylaws each year at its annual organizational meeting. A copy of the existing bylaws adopted January 2, 2008, are included in the Board's package. (A Copy of Bylaws Included in Board's File).

Mrs. Burnette stated the statement read by the Chairman prior to public comments, which is not a part of the bylaws she would like to add the following to be included in the statement: ***speakers should direct their comments to the Board and not engage in a conversation back and forth with other members in the audience.*** Mrs. Burnette stated with a change such as this she would like to see it as an attachment to the bylaws as a part of the Board's operation.

Mr. McMillian stated he felt the Board already restricts those who want to speak and should be less restrictive.

Mr. Vaughn stated he agreed with Mr. McMillian. The Chairman has the authority to control a meeting; however there may be circumstances where something is wrong that needs to be corrected. Mr. Vaughn stated the Board's bylaws have a statement under public participation where the Chairman or majority of the Board can make an exception.

Mrs. Burnette stated then the Board probably needs to change that statement in the bylaws to clarify the public's participation.

Mr. McMillian moved that the Board approve the Bylaws as presented, second by Mr. Vaughn. The motion carried 5 to 1. Mr. Burnette voted in opposition.

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTION FOR TAX REVENUE ANTICIPATION NOTE:

Mr. Summerlin stated each year the Board issues a Tax Revenue Anticipation Note. The current TRAN will mature in January 2009 which will necessitate the issuance of a new TRAN. Bids were opened December 19 and four vendors replied. The low bidder was Carter Bank & Trust at 2.49% for \$4.066 million. LeClair Ryan, Bond Counsel, has prepared the resolution which must be adopted by the Board to approve issuance of the TRAN. (Copy of the Resolution Included in Board's File).

Mr. Adams moved that the Board approve the Resolution approving the issuance of a Tax Revenue Anticipation Note in the amount not to exceed

\$4.066 million and the approval of Carter Bank & Trust as the financial institution for the 2009 TRAN at a rate of 2.49%, second by Mr. Vaughn and unanimously carried.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION AND BANK QUALIFICATION ALLOCATION AGREEMENT RE: SHELL BUILDING FINANCING:

Mr. Summerlin stated the shell building financing was split into two series to obtain bank qualified tax-exempt financing for the project; \$1.5 million was issued in 2008 and \$2.0 million is to be issued in 2009.

He stated the Board previously authorized the financing and now needs to adopt a resolution to authorize \$2.0 million of the bond to be bank qualified for calendar year 2009. (Copies of the Resolution and Bank Qualification Allocation Agreement Included in Board's File).

Mrs. Burnette moved that the Board approve the Resolution and Bank Qualification Allocation Agreement as presented, second by Mr. McMillian.

Mr. Summerlin took a roll call vote. Those voting in the affirmative were Jim Adams, H.G. Vaughn, Debra Buchanan, Paula Burnette, Jim McMillian and Tommy Slaughter. The motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDERATION OF PRIORITY LIST FOR COMMONWEALTH TRANSPORTATION BOARD:

Mr. Summerlin stated the Commonwealth Transportation Board will hold five meetings statewide to receive input on the Fiscal Year 2009-2014 Six-Year Improvement Plan for primary and interstate roads. The Salem District meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 5, 2009 at 6 p.m. at the New River Community College in Dublin. Below is the list of priorities as approved by the Henry County Board of Supervisors beginning with FY'09. The first five items are listed in order of priority:

1. Support for the funding and construction of the U.S. Route 58 Improvement Program between Stuart and Hillsville.
2. Support for a connection from Route 58 to the Patriot Centre, a business and industrial park which houses nearly 4,000 of the County's workforce.
3. Support for the design, engineering, funding and construction of Interstate 73 through Henry County that follows a corridor east of the City of Martinsville and west of the Henry-Pittsylvania County border in an alignment that avoids large subdivisions.

4. Improvements to the Lee Ford Camp Road/Greensboro Road (US Route 220)/Church Street intersection in Ridgeway, near Mountain View Cemetery, to include signals.
5. Support for the City of Martinsville's request for Phase II of the Liberty Street improvement plan.

It was noted that the Board of Supervisors also requests attention to the following items:

- Realignment and improvements on U.S. Route 220 from the intersection of Route 87/Route 220 South to the North Carolina line, including the alleviation of hazardous curves on southbound Route 220. This project is essential to tie into the four-laning of U.S. Route 220 in North Carolina.
- Support for the four-laning of Route 87 from Route 220 to the Virginia/North Carolina line to connect with planned improvements of the road in North Carolina. The road becomes Highway 14 in North Carolina.
- Support for the inclusion of an extension of Commonwealth Boulevard to the west to connect with Route 220 Bypass in the current Long-Range Plan studies.

Mr. Adams moved that the Board adopt the priority list to be sent to the Commonwealth Transportation Board, second by Mrs. Burnette and unanimously carried.

CONSIDERATION OF A DATE FOR THE BOARD'S ANNUAL PLANNING SESSION:

Mr. Summerlin stated he had spoke with Diane Akers with Com Biz who facilitated several planning sessions in the past. Ms. Akers would be available the last week in January and the first two weeks in February.

Mr. McMillian stated he did not feel the Board needs a moderator.

Following some discussion Mr. McMillian moved that the Board set its annual planning session on Thursday, January 29 at 3:00 pm without a moderator.

Mr. Vaughn made a substitute motion that the Board set its annual planning session on Thursday, January 29 at 3:00 pm with Ms. Akers moderating, second by Mr. Adams and unanimously carried.

Mr. McMillian stated the County in the past has provided food for the planning session and he feels the Board should make other arrangements

and pay for their own meals. It was the consensus of the Board to have a menu available for the January 27th meeting.

There being no further business to discuss Mr. McMillian moved to adjourn at 3:23 pm, second by Mrs. Burnette and unanimously carried.

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