

**HENRY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MINUTES**

October 27, 2009 – 3:00 pm

The Henry County Board of Supervisors held its regular meeting on October 27, 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: Chairman Debra Buchanan, Vice Chairman H. G. Vaughn, Jim Adams, 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; Susan Reynolds, Director of Human Resources/Public Information; Darrell Jones, Director of Finance; and Richard Stanfield, Assistant Director of Finance.

Sheriff Lane Perry and Major Steve Eanes were present from the Sheriff's Office. Debbie Hall of the Martinsville Bulletin and Ron Morris of B-99 were present.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

H. G. Vaughn gave the invocation and Tommy Slaughter led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Buchanan called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone present. She stated that 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. Those wishing 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.

Chairman Buchanan welcomed Officers Thomas Kenny and Jeff Tuggle who were in attendance as part of their field training requirements with the Henry County Sheriff's Office.

ITEMS OF CONSENT:

Confirmation of Minutes of Meetings

(Copy included in Board's File).

- September 22, 2009 – 3:00 pm

Approval of Accounts Payable

(Copy included in Board's File).

Mrs. Burnette moved that the Board approve Items of Consent as presented, second by Mr. Adams and unanimously carried.

CONSIDERATION OF MARTINSVILLE-HENRY COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE'S 2010 LEGISLATIVE AGENDA:

Ms. Amanda Witt, President of the Martinsville-Henry County Chamber of Commerce, was present to discuss the recently adopted Chamber's 2010 State and Federal Legislative Agendas. Ms. Witt stated the Chamber's main legislative priorities for 2010 will be workforce development being the highest priority, with continued support and development of the New College Institute, and the expeditious construction of I-73. She stated other key issues are education, and transportation, along with economic development, taxation, tourism and healthcare. She stated the Chamber is requesting the Board's support of its 2010 legislative priorities. (A Copy of the Chamber's State and Federal Legislative Agenda is included in Board's File).

Ms. Witt stated the Chamber also supports a green economy but opposes the American Clean Energy and Security Act and the impact that it would have to employers in rural communities in Virginia. The Chamber also supports a higher return to Virginia of Federal Unemployment Tax (FUTA) paid by Virginia businesses. The Chamber opposes the Employee Free Choice Act as it is currently proposed.

Mrs. Burnette stated U.S. Route 58 is not eligible for federal funding and feels there should be some amendment or addendum to that legislation to allow Virginia to supplant the State money with Federal money for Route 58. Mrs. Burnette stated regarding taxation, and based on the statement that "the Chamber believes that local taxes are best decided by local leaders and local communities," she stated if you're going to use this as a talking point the Chamber should follow-up in support of counties seeking a change in the Dillon Rule. She stated regarding tourism, the Dillon Rule would also help in this factor if the County had the ability to levy additional funds on lodging taxes which is available to the County. Mrs. Burnette stated another issue she would like to discuss is that Henry County has been a distressed area with high unemployment rates for so long, that areas such as Henry County should have some type of relief or otherwise it will be hard to pull out of tough economic times. She stated with the high unemployment rate this could also help be a factor in applying for the Route 58 transportation money.

Mrs. Burnette asked about the Chamber's state priority on health care, which states "we oppose additional healthcare mandates that dictate that insurance products include certain benefits and we oppose mandates that dictate that a percentage of health care costs be paid by businesses to their employees." She asked what the Chamber describes as certain benefits.

Ms. Witt stated health care reform while the Chamber understands there needs to be health care reform, the main problem with this is, main insurance providers could be required to give certain services no matter what and with an added 8% per employee, and it could essentially put some businesses out of business.

Mrs. Burnette asked if pre-existing conditions were considered a certain benefit. Ms. Witt stated she did not have that information available but would forward it to the Board.

Mr. Vaughn stated he has concerns and he values area businesses; however, the Board also represents every citizen of Henry County. He stated some of the issues especially health care have not been resolved which the Board has no control over. He said he felt it was best if the Board remains neutral since the Chamber and the County has separate legislative agendas.

Mr. Vaughn moved that the Board remain neutral on the 2010 Chamber Legislative Agenda and take no action on the Chamber's request, second by Mr. McMillian. The motion carried 5 to 1. Mr. Slaughter voted in opposition.

PRESENTATION BY CRAIG ROCKWELL, OPERATIONS MANAGER, CORPS OF ENGINEERS' PHILPOTT LAKE:

Mr. Craig Rockwell, Operations Manager at Philpott Lake for the Corps of Engineers, came forward to update the Board on the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Funds for Philpott Lake and its marina plans. Following are some of the topics discussed: (Copy of Report in Board's File).

American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Update (ARRA)

- Hydro-Power Projects
- Hiring of Park Rangers
- Restroom Rehab Package
- Sewer Line Project
- Groundbreaking – November 23, 2009, 12:00 Noon at Philpott Lake Visitor Center

Marina

- Marina smaller than previously discussed.
- Sewer line available to accommodate the marina.
- Lay out reasoning behind public option.
- Marina needs a public sponsor.

Mr. Summerlin noted that last month the Board appropriated funds up to \$500,000 for the County's share of the sewer lines. He stated bids were open and Steve Martin Trenching was the low bidder of less than \$400,000.

Following some discussion the Board thanked Mr. Rockwell for his update.

DESIGNATION OF VOTING REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE 2009 VIRGINIA ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES (VACO) ANNUAL MEETING:

Mr. Summerlin stated the 2009 VACo Annual Meeting is scheduled for November 8-10. He stated each County is asked to designate a member of its elected Board and an alternate to vote on the County's behalf on any issues that may arise. Mr. Summerlin stated that Supervisors Burnette and Slaughter have indicated they will attend, as well as himself.

Mr. Adams moved that the Board appoint Mrs. Burnette as the voting representative and Mr. Slaughter as an alternate, second by Mr. Vaughn and unanimously carried.

CONSIDERATION OF CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE HENRY COUNTY-MARTINSVILLE RESCUE SQUAD ASSOCIATION:

Mr. Summerlin stated that the Board of Supervisors, County staff, and a Task Force established by the Henry County-Martinsville Rescue Squad Association have spent many hours over the past several months discussing possible changes to how volunteer rescue squads operate. The Board has heard three presentations from the Task Force, with the most recent at its August and September 2009 meetings. The direction given to staff after the September presentation was to solicit feedback from localities that operated with a government department having oversight of the squads, and from localities that operated with an independent board having that authority. The Board also heard from the County Attorney on the limitations that the independent board would have to meet. He stated staff has also been working on setting up a meeting to allow outside representatives to come and present their operational models.

Mr. Summerlin stated staff has since received a letter from the Henry County-Martinsville Rescue Squad Association proposing a third option. The Rescue Squad Association wants to form a commission that would work as a sub-committee of the Association. It would establish operational ground rules that the squads would be asked to voluntarily follow. He stated details are included in a letter from Marcus Stone, president of the Rescue Squad Association. (Copy of Letter is included in Board's File).

Mr. Summerlin stated staff is requesting guidance from the Board about proceeding with the work session as the Board directed at its September meeting. Staff also recommends that if the Board decides to concur with the latest proposal, the Board and staff work together to establish benchmarks of performance that the sub-committee would be expected to include in its directive to the squads.

Following some discussion it was the consensus of the Board to direct staff to schedule the localities to come and speak with the Board.

CONSIDERATION OF RECOVERY ZONE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BONDS THROUGH THE AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT:

Mr. Summerlin stated as part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA), otherwise known as the Stimulus Package, certain parts of the Commonwealth are eligible for Recovery Zone Economic Development Bonds. Recovery Zone Economic Development Bonds allow state and local governments to obtain lower borrowing costs through a new direct federal payment subsidy to finance a broad range of qualified economic development projects. Mr. Summerlin stated Henry County is eligible for up to \$2,371,000 in these bonds. The Henry County School Board is interested in pursuing \$2,000,000 in financing for renovations to the HVAC system and roof replacement at Magna Vista High School, as well as replace the ceiling and lights at Laurel Park Middle School and the School Board would be solely responsible for the debt service on that bond. A resolution from the Board of Supervisors is needed as part of the application process. (A Copy of the Proposed Resolution is included in Board's File).

Mrs. Burnette moved that the Board authorize the School Board to file its intent with the Commonwealth of Virginia to ask for \$2 million for the renovations to Magna Vista High School and Laurel Park Middle School and request that the Recovery Zone designation include all of Henry county, and the County Administrator be designated to file all of the required documents, second by Mr. Vaughn and unanimously carried.

FINANCIAL MATTERS:

Award of Contract - Uniforms

Mr. Summerlin stated Henry County, the Public Service Authority, and the Henry County School System issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) for uniforms for employees in maintenance and who work in the field. Five companies responded to the RFP, and the low bidder was ALSCO-Servitex Corporation. This company currently supplies uniforms for the three entities, and its contract expires October 31. The new contract would be for the period of November 1, 2009 to October 31, 2012. (Copy of Bids and Contract with ALSCO-Servitex is included in Board's File).

Mr. Adams moved that the Board approve the three-year contract with ALSCO-Servitex, second by Mr. Slaughter and unanimously carried.

Additional Appropriation re: Asset Forfeiture Funds – Commonwealth's Attorney's Office

Mr. Summerlin stated Commonwealth's Attorney Bob Bushnell is seeking Board approval of the use of \$3,889 from his Asset Forfeiture line item to cover some unexpected personnel costs.

Mr. McMillian moved that the Board approve the additional appropriation of \$3,889 for the Commonwealth's Attorney's office, second by Mr. Adams and unanimously carried.

Additional Appropriation re: West Piedmont Workforce Investment Board Grant – School Board

Mr. Summerlin stated the West Piedmont Workforce Investment Board (WPWIB) oversees youth workforce development programs to operate under the provisions of the Workforce Investment Act. The Workforce Investment Act (WIA) of 1998 provides the framework for a national workforce preparation system. The goal of this system is to increase employment, job retention, and earnings and develop the work potential of the residents of Area XVII. The WPWIB issued a Request for Proposals on March 6, 2009 to solicit innovative youth workforce development programs to operate under the provisions of the WIA. Goodwill Industries of the Valley (Goodwill) has been approved by the West Piedmont Workforce Investment Board (WPWIB) to be the lead agency to provide services to the Henry County In-School program of the Workforce Investment Act. Goodwill will subcontract specific required youth program elements to Henry County Public Schools during the two-year agreement. Mr. Summerlin stated the School Board is requesting the Board of Supervisors to approve the additional appropriation of \$45,900 for the first year of the program. The funding is provided by the WPWIB to the School Board.

Mrs. Burnette moved that the Board approve the additional appropriation of \$45,900 as outlined, second by Mr. Slaughter and unanimously carried.

Additional Appropriation re: Title II Grant – School Board

Mr. Summerlin stated the School Board is requesting the Board of Supervisors to appropriate an additional \$21,974.01 in Title II grant funds. The Board of Supervisors has previously approved \$454,108.48 in Title II funds for the current year, but the School Board recently learned it was to receive an additional \$21,974.01 in Title II funding. (Copy of Information from School Board is included in Board's File).

Mrs. Burnette moved that the Board approve the additional appropriation of \$21,974 in Title II money as requested by the School Board, second by Mr. Slaughter and unanimously carried.

Additional Appropriation re: Computer Upgrades – Circuit Court Clerk's Office

Mr. Summerlin stated that Vickie Helmstutler, Clerk of Circuit Court, is requesting the Board to approve an additional appropriation of \$500 for an upgrade to a computer in her office. According to Ms. Helmstutler, the money is in addition to funds included in the FY 2010 budget that will pay for upgrades to four other computers. The additional funding will be provided by the Commonwealth of

Virginia's Technology Trust Fund. (Copy of Information from Clerk's Office is included in Board's File).

Mr. Adams moved that the Board approve the additional appropriation of \$500 for the computer upgrade as outlined, second by Mr. Slaughter and unanimously carried.

Award of Contracts re: Replacement Vehicles – Sheriff's Office

Mr. Summerlin stated that Sheriff Lane Perry is requesting the Board to award a contract in the amount of \$166,670 to Crossroads Ford of Petersburg to purchase seven patrol vehicles (\$23,810 each) and a contract to Hall Automotive of Virginia Beach in the amount of \$23,120 for one F-250 truck. Crossroads Ford, Hall Automotive and Sheehy Ford of Richmond were the only three vendors to respond to a Request for Proposals (FRP) for these purchases. Money for the purchases is included in the FY 2010 County Budget. (Copy of Information from Sheriff's Office is included in Board's File).

Mrs. Burnette moved that the Board approve award of contracts to Crossroads Ford of Petersburg and Hall Automotive of Virginia Beach as outlined, second by Mr. McMillian and unanimously carried.

Acceptance and Appropriation of Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant – Sheriff's Office

Mr. Summerlin stated that Sheriff Lane Perry is requesting the Board to accept and appropriate an Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant in the amount of \$30,716. Sheriff Perry indicates the money would be used for a variety of community initiatives. The grant does not require a local match. (Copy of Information from Sheriff's Office is included in Board's File).

Mr. McMillian moved that the Board approve acceptance and appropriation of the grant as outlined in the amount of \$30,716, second by Mr. Slaughter and unanimously carried.

Acceptance and Appropriation of Department of Justice Grant – Sheriff's Office

Mr. Summerlin stated that Sheriff Lane Perry is requesting the Board to accept and appropriate a Department of Justice grant in the amount of \$22,905 to be used on enhancement of security and monitoring of inmates in the County Jail. Of that amount, \$16,905 would go toward updated video surveillance equipment and \$6,000 of the grant would be used to train officers on the use of the new equipment. The grant does not require a local match. (Copy of Information from Sheriff's Office is included in Board's File).

Mr. McMillian moved that the Board approve acceptance and appropriation of the grant as outlined in the amount of \$22,905, second by Mr. Slaughter and unanimously carried.

Award of Contract re: Deed Book Conversions – Circuit Court Clerk’s Office

Mr. Summerlin stated that Vickie Helmstutler, Clerk of Circuit Court, is requesting the Board to award a contract to EMI Imaging to convert 495 deed books from microfilm to digital images. EMI has proposed a price of seven (7) cents per image. The total contract amount will be based on the number of pages which are converted to digital images and is estimated that 371,250 pages would be converted. Mr. Summerlin stated Ms. Helmstutler has indicated that she has budgeted \$27,929 for this process and the funds would be provided by the Commonwealth’s Technology Trust Fund. (Copy of Information is included in Board’s File).

Mr. Adams moved that the Board approve award of contract to EMI Imaging to convert 495 deed books to digital images up to \$27,929 as budgeted, second by Mr. McMillian and unanimously carried.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

Comments from the Board

Mrs. Burnette stated she attended a quarterly meeting of the Secure Commonwealth Panel in Winchester, VA, and the GED Kickoff sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce during the past month. Mrs. Burnette stated she received a letter from Congressman Perriello advising that he will be holding a conference call with local elected officials on October 30, and two members of the Board of Supervisors are invited to participate in the call from 9:00 am to 9:30 am.

Mr. Hall advised the Board that staff will need to collect the votes on the Outstanding Military Veteran Award today. Mr. Hall stated the Martinsville-Henry County 911 Communications Center will unveil its new Citizens Alerting System today. The primary use of the alerting system will be to disseminate messages pertaining to the health, safety or welfare of Martinsville-Henry County when affected by a perceived, emerging, or imminent emergency event. With the alerting system, the 911 Center, local law enforcement and public safety officials will be able to send emergency notifications for situations such as flooding, chemical spills, missing persons, hostage situations and evacuations. During the test the Center will contact 10% of its database, which includes all residential and commercial landline phone numbers in Martinsville-Henry County. Mr. Hall stated that citizens are encouraged to register additional methods of contact, such as cell phone numbers, VoIP numbers, and email addresses, by visiting the websites of Henry County www.henrycountyva.gov and the City of Martinsville www.martinsville-va.gov. Mr. Hall stated the deadline for applications for the Jack Dalton award is November 30 and will be awarded at the Board’s December meeting.

Mr. Summerlin stated as previously mentioned by Mr. Rockwell, the sewer line groundbreaking has been scheduled for November 23, 2009, 12:00 Noon at Philpott Lake Visitor Center. He stated staff has received the "Back of the Envelope Study" regarding energy efficiency. The County has partnered with Virginia Trane as its energy partner and the next step is to proceed to the Detailed Energy Audit with the first part beginning at the four buildings of the Administration complex. He stated there is one opportunity to apply for an energy efficiency block grant through the stimulus program with the deadline being extended to November 6. Mr. Summerlin stated regarding the upcoming Census he plans to meet with representatives of the Census Committee next week. He stated staff will be coming to the Board in the next few months with recommendations regarding a Complete Count Committee, made up of a group of citizens to encourage everyone to participate in the Census.

Mrs. Burnette stated there is a public hearing scheduled on Thursday, November 19 in Rocky Mount at 6:00 pm regarding AEP rates. She stated if staff prepares written comments the Board should appoint someone to attend to represent Henry County.

Mr. Vaughn stated he was pleased to see at Martinsville's NASCAR race this past weekend that each fan was made a Grand Marshal by giving each fan a flag.

Mr. Vaughn moved that the Board appoint Mrs. Burnette to attend the AEP rate public hearing on November 19 on behalf of the County and to also direct staff to draft written comments, second by Mr. Adams and unanimously carried.

Mrs. Burnette stated the community in and around the racetrack should be complimented for cleaning up the area of trash and debris before the NASCAR race.

CLOSED MEETING:

Mrs. Burnette moved at 4:06 pm to enter into a closed meeting to discuss the following, second by Mr. Adams and unanimously carried.

- 1) §2.2-3711(A)1 for Discussion of Appointees to the Patriot Centre Advisory Board and West Piedmont Planning District Commission.
- 2) §2.2-3711(A)7 for Consultation with the County Attorney re: Pending Legal Matters.
- 3) §2.2-3711(A)3 for Consultation with the County Attorney re: Acquisition/Disposal of Real Estate.
- 4) §2.2-3711(A)5 for Consultation with the County Attorney re: Discussion of As-Yet Unannounced Industries.

OPEN MEETING:

The Board returned to an open meeting at 5:23 pm on a motion by Mrs. Burnette, second by Mr. Slaughter and unanimously carried.

CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED MEETING:

Mr. Hall read the Certification of the Closed Meeting and took a roll call vote. Those voting in the affirmative were: Mr. Slaughter, Mr. McMillian, Mrs. Burnette, Mr. Adams, Mr. Vaughn, and Mrs. Buchanan.

SAMUEL H. HAIRSTON BALLFIELD - LEASE AGREEMENT:

Mrs. Burnette moved that the Board approve the Lease Agreement between Henry County and Turner Properties for the Samuel H. Hairston ballfield, second by Mr. Adams and unanimously carried.

SOCIAL SERVICES FACILITY COSTS AGREEMENT:

Mr. Adams moved that the Board approve the Facility Costs Agreement for the Social Services building between Henry County, City of Martinsville, and the Department of Social Services, second by Mr. Vaughn. The motion carried 5 to 1. Mr. McMillian voted in opposition.

The Board recessed its meeting at 5:27 pm until 6:00 pm.

Mrs. Buchanan called the meeting back to order at 6:00 pm and welcomed everyone present. Mrs. Buchanan also welcomed Lucas Draper and Garrett Cooper of Boy Scouts Troop 166, who were in attendance as a requirement for their Communication Merit Badge for Eagle Scouts. Ms. Buchanan also welcomed Clint Martin, a senior at Franklin County High School who was in attendance as a requirement in his Government Class.

MATTERS PRESENTED BY THE PUBLIC:

There was no one in attendance that wished to address the Board.

PUBLIC HEARING - CHANGES TO THE HENRY COUNTY'S ANIMAL IMPOUND ORDINANCE:

Mr. Lyle briefed the Board on background information regarding changes requested by the Sheriff's Office to the Henry County's Animal Impound Ordinance, which governs the impoundment and redemption of dogs found running at large. The ordinance has not been addressed in more than 15 years and the changes appear to be permissible. The recommended changes are as follows: (Copy of Information from Sheriff's Office and County Attorney is included in Board's File).

- 1) The fee charged for the capture and delivery to the pound of the dog would be raised from \$30 to \$40 for the first time the animal is captured. Subsequent

captures of the same dog would result in an \$80 impoundment fee for the owner to reclaim.

- 2) In addition to the impoundment fee above, the sheriff's office is requesting an increase in the daily boarding fee charged while the captured animal is at the pound. The current fee is \$5 per-day and the sheriff's office is proposing a \$7 daily fees.
- 3) Virginia law allows for animals that remain at the pound after five days to become property of the county. The exact number of days (five or longer) must be set by the Board by ordinance. Currently the County ordinance sets the number of days to be reclaimed at 10. The sheriff's office is requesting the 10 day period be changed to 5 days.

The public hearing was open at 6:03 pm. There being no one who wished to speak the public hearing was closed at 6:04 pm.

Following was some discussion regarding the issue of five days not being enough time for an owner to claim an animal if they were on vacation or if it were on a weekend. Mr. Summerlin noted that the Sheriff's Office does a real good job in making an effort to identify owners and with adoptions. Mr. Lyle also noted that only 20% of dog owners are properly in compliance with the County's licensing requirements.

Mr. McMillian moved that the Board approve the changes as proposed, second by Mr. Slaughter and unanimously carried.

PUBLIC HEARING - SOUTH STREET NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT BUDGET:

Mr. Summerlin stated at the Board of Supervisors meeting on March 24, 2009, a public hearing was conducted for a community improvement grant application for the South Street neighborhood in Bassett. Additionally at that meeting, the Board of Supervisors approved a resolution authorizing the grant application in the amount of \$2,169,853. On July 7, 2009, Governor Tim Kaine announced the award of a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) to Henry County for this project. Since that amount is more than 1% of the overall County budget, a public hearing was set at the Board's September 22, 2009, meeting before the money can be appropriated. (Copy of Information is included in Board's File).

The public hearing was open at 6:12 pm. There being no one present who wished to speak the public hearing was closed at 6:12 pm.

Mr. Slaughter moved that the Board approve the appropriation and adoption of the South Street Neighborhood Improvement Project budget, second by Mr. Adams and unanimously carried.

GENERAL HIGHWAY MATTERS:

Ms. Lisa Price-Hughes, Residency Administrator of the local Virginia Department of Transportation, was present to discuss general highway matters.

Discussion of Regulations Regarding Wearing of Reflective Vests near Highways

Mrs. Burnette stated she requested this item be placed on the agenda. She stated during the course of community planning for recent roadside cleanups, it was discovered that changes to VDOT regulations last year mandated certain types of vests be worn during roadside cleanups. There are concerns that the increased regulations, along with the increased price of the vests, would make it more difficult for community groups to do roadside cleanups; therefore, she asked Ms. Hughes to review highway policy. (Copy of Information from VDOT is included in Board's File).

Ms. Hughes stated this is a Federal Highway Administration regulation regarding worker visibility and includes all volunteers, paid or unpaid that work along federal aid primary routes (numbers 600 and below). In Henry County that would include all primary roads and reflective vests are required. Ms. Hughes stated VDOT has and will continue to provide the vests at no cost.

Mrs. Buchanan discussed an accident that occurred today that resulted in a fatality at the Intersection of Route 684 – Carver Road and A. L. Philpott Highway. She stated this particular road has been in the Six-Year Plan as a safety issue for the past 14 years. She asked Ms. Hughes if VDOT could revisit this issue.

Mr. Vaughn moved that the Board direct the County Administrator to draw up a resolution for the Board asking VDOT to conduct a safety study and possibly installing a traffic light at the intersection, second by Mrs. Burnette and unanimously carried.

Mrs. Burnette reviewed information she received regarding state regulations of signage on bridges and in particular the relocation of signage on Martin Luther King Bridge.

Mrs. Buchanan asked Ms. Hughes to gather and provide the Board with data on Route 684 intersection including accidents, fender benders, rescue squad response calls, etc.

Ms. Hughes updated the Board on a request by Mr. Vaughn at the September meeting regarding the visibility of Route 58 Bypass signage confusion from Spencer to Martinsville going south. She stated VDOT has gone back and cleared brush behind guardrail and install additional reflectors on the guardrails as well as putting up more signage and possibly installing some street lights.

There being no further business to discuss Mr. Adams moved that the Board adjourn its meeting at 6:27 pm, second by Mr. Vaughn and unanimously carried.