

**HENRY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MINUTES**

August 25, 2009 – 3:00 pm

The Henry County Board of Supervisors held its regular meeting on August 25, 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.

Major Steve Eanes and Sergeant Eric Hairston 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 Jim Adams 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.

ITEMS OF CONSENT:

Confirmation of Minutes of Meetings

(Copy included in Board's File).

- July 28, 2009 – 3:00 pm

- August 13, 2009 – 9:30 am

Approval of Accounts Payable

(Copy included in Board's File).

Consideration of Proclamation Establishing October 5, 2009 as "Schedule Your Mammogram Day" in Henry County

A request was made by Our Health Magazine and the Roanoke Chapter of the Susan G. Komen for A Cure to request the Board to consider establishing October 5, 2009 as "Schedule Your Mammogram Day" in Henry County. (A Copy of the Proclamation is included in Board's File).

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

CONSIDERATION OF PROCLAMATION ESTABLISHING SEPTEMBER 2009 AS "BABY SAFETY MONTH"

Mr. Summerlin stated the Exchange Club of Martinsville and Henry County is requesting the Board to adopt a resolution to establish September 2009 as "Baby Safety Month" in Henry County. The Exchange Club's national project is child abuse prevention. Mrs. Burnette read a copy of the Proclamation and presented Ms. Michelle Agee-Stone, a member of the Exchange Club with a copy. (A Copy is included in Board's File.)

Mrs. Burnette moved that the Board adopt the Proclamation, second by Mr. Vaughn and unanimously carried.

APPROVAL OF PIEDMONT COMMUNITY SERVICES' FY '10 PERFORMANCE CONTRACT:

Mr. Summerlin stated the County each year is required to approve the Performance Contract between Piedmont Community Services and Virginia Department of Mental Health – Mental Retardation Substance Abuse Services. State law requires PCS to submit the contract for the Board's review and potential approval. The contract is approximately 100 pages long and is on file in the County Administrator's Office should the Board wish to review the document. (A Copy of Piedmont Community Services FY 2010 Budget is also included in Board's File).

Ms. Burnette noted it was only a .58% increase in the Piedmont Community Services Board budget. She stated she appreciated that the budget included no COLA or pay increases and asked if other agencies

followed this process.

Mr. Summerlin stated he was not sure because the agencies do not report to the County.

Mr. Adams moved that the Board approve the FY '10 Performance Contract for Piedmont Community Services, second by Mrs. Burnette and unanimously carried.

CONSIDERATION OF APPOINTMENTS TO THE HOUSING REHABILITATION BOARD FOR THE COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT GRANT/SOUTH STREET NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT:

Mr. Summerlin stated on July 7, 2009, Governor Tim Kaine announced the award of a Community Improvement Grant for the South Street Neighborhood Improvement Project in Bassett. Through this grant, the County plans to accomplish the following activities:

- Rehabilitation of four (4) LMI owner-occupied single family units; substantial reconstruction of three (3) LMI owner-occupied single family units; rehabilitation of ten (10) LMI tenant occupied single family units; and rehabilitation of one (1) multi-family unit with four (4) LMI apartments. One (1) dilapidated vacant house will be demolished. One (1) dilapidated shed will be demolished to allow for necessary right-of-way for South Street to be a VDOT maintained road. Infrastructure improvements include 5,500 cubic yards of excavation, 1,340 linear feet of storm drainage installation, 13 drop inlets, a retaining wall, 11 utility pole relocations, 1,140 linear feet of grass ditches, 3,554 square yards of new road construction, 1,570 lateral feet of water line replacement, and 2,125 lateral feet of sewer line replacement.

One of the requirements of this grant award is the establishment of a Housing Rehab Board (HRB). The purpose of the HRB is to implement the South Street Neighborhood Improvement Project under the guidelines of the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development. Staff is requesting that the Board recommend the following individuals be appointed:

Benny Summerlin, County Administrator
Randolph Lester, Building Official
Lee Clark, Director of Planning, Zoning and Inspection
Tommy Slaughter, Reed Creek District Supervisor
Pastor Issac McDuffie, Neighborhood Representative

All members shall serve for the duration of the project. The duties of the Housing Rehab Board shall include, at a minimum, the following:

1. Review and approval of housing applications based on family size, income and need.
2. Approval of contractors for bid list.
3. Review contractors' bids.
4. Make recommendations to the Board of Supervisors regarding contract awards. Awards shall be made by the County Administrator except in the case of contracts in excess of fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) which shall be awarded by the Board of Supervisors.
5. Serve to resolve complaints and problems.

Mrs. Burnette moved that the Board establish the South Street Neighborhood Improvement Project's Housing Rehab Board and appointment of the recommended individuals to serve on the Rehab Board, second by Mr. Vaughn and unanimously carried.

CONSIDERATION OF CHANGES TO OUTDOOR BURNING LAWS IN HENRY COUNTY CODE:

Mr. Summerlin stated the Code of Henry County, Chapter 9, Article II, Section 9-201, Outdoor Burning, does not mirror the Virginia Department of Forestry outdoor burning laws. The Henry County Code prohibits outdoor burning except for 4 pm to 12 midnight from March 1 to May 15. The state code is from February 15 to April 30. It is suggested by staff that the ordinance be changed to mirror the state code which requires a public hearing.

Mr. Adams moved that the Board set a public hearing for September 22 at 6pm to consider this issue, second by Mr. McMillian and unanimously carried.

FINANCIAL MATTERS:

Award of Contract - Sediment Removal at Old Henry County Landfill

Mr. Summerlin stated that sediment has built up in the old Henry County Landfill storm water pond over the last 15 years to the extent of necessary cleaning this year. Bids were received on the project on August 20, which was too late to get the information in the Board's packet. Mr. Summerlin provided the Board with updated information that four bids were

received, and the low bidder was Steve Martin Trenching of Bassett. The Board is being requested to award a contract in the amount of \$25,450 for sediment removal. Mr. Summerlin stated staff budgeted \$30,000 for FY 2010 in its capital budget for Phase I of this work which is being spread out over two or three years and the remainder of funds will be used to remove trees and to place additional gravel on the road. Mr. Summerlin noted this project is required by the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality.

Mrs. Burnette moved that the Board award a contract to Steve Martin Trenching in the amount of \$25,450 for sediment removal, second by Mr. Slaughter and unanimously carried.

Award of Contract – Replacement Tractor for Parks and Recreation Department

Mr. Summerlin stated Roger Adams, Parks and Recreation Director, is requesting the Board to award a contract in the amount of \$30,378.23 to Lawrence Equipment for the purchase of a replacement tractor for his department. Six vendors responded to the Request for Bids, and Lawrence Equipment of Cloverdale was the low bidder. This project was included in the County's Capital Improvement Program for the current budget year.

Mr. Adams moved that the Board award a contract in the amount of \$30,378.23 to Lawrence Equipment for the purchase of a replacement tractor for Parks and Recreation, second by Mr. Vaughn and unanimously carried.

Award of Contract – Toughbook Computers for Public Safety Department

Mr. Summerlin stated that Dale Wagoner, Director of Public Safety, is requesting the Board to take several steps surrounding a grant from the Department of Homeland Security. The grant in the amount of \$65,610 is for the purchase of 18 Panasonic Toughbook Computers to be placed in each of the volunteer rescue squad ambulances in Henry County, and Mr. Wagoner is asking that the Board accept the grant. Mr. Wagoner also requests that the Board approve the use of \$4,680 in rebates from Motorola to purchase an additional Toughbook computer and to purchase a printer that would be placed at the emergency room for use by volunteers to print patient care reports. Lastly, Mr. Wagoner is asking the Board to award a contract in the amount of \$69,255 (the grant money plus the rebate money) to Electronic Systems of Roanoke (the lowest bidder) to purchase 19 Toughbook computers.

Mr. Wagoner discussed the grant guidelines from the Department of

Homeland Security for the Toughbook Computers. He stated a computer would be placed on each licensed EMS vehicle provided by the volunteer rescue squads to primarily do patient care reports with a printer to be located in the emergency room for volunteers to print patient care reports. Mr. Wagoner noted that Henry County does not need to place additional insurance coverage on the computers, which would be covered under the rescue squad's vehicle insurance.

Mr. Vaughn moved that the Board accept the grant in the amount of \$65,610; and to appropriate the Motorola rebate in the amount of \$4,680; and award the contract to Electronic Systems, Inc. in the amount of \$69,255, second by Mr. McMillian and unanimously carried.

Award of Contract re: Interoperability Project – Department of Public Safety

Mr. Summerlin stated Dale Wagoner, Director of Public Safety, is requesting the Board to award a contract in the amount of \$155,000 to Motorola to purchase 50 portable radios and associated equipment related to the County's interoperability project. The Board previously accepted a grant from the Department of Homeland Security in the amount of \$1,040,000 for this project, and this expenditure will come from that amount.

Mr. Adams moved that the Board award the contract in the amount of \$155,000 to Motorola for the purchase of 50 portable radios, second by Mr. McMillian and unanimously carried.

Mrs. Buchanan commended the Public Safety Office in all their efforts in securing grants. Mr. Summerlin noted that Matt Tatum of the Department of Public Safety has also been instrumental in getting a grant for 18 public access defibrillators to be installed in all County owned facilities.

Additional Appropriation re: Smith River Fest – Parks and Recreation

Mr. Summerlin stated that Roger Adams, Director of Parks and Recreation, is requesting the Board for an additional appropriation of \$5,000 for the Smith River Fest. The September 7 event is sponsored by Henry County, Franklin County, the Dan River Basin Association, and the Martinsville-Henry County Economic Development Corporation's Office of Tourism. Funding for the appropriation is coming from Franklin County (\$2,000) and the Office of Tourism (\$3,000).

Roger Adams then discussed the four day event of the Smith River Fest beginning on Monday, September 7 on the Smith River with the primary staging area being the Bassett Canoe Access. He stated the event is being coordinated by Parks and Recreation with the assistance of the Dan River Basin Association and Franklin County.

Tim Hall showed the Board a brief video composed by an outside contractor through the efforts of Dan River Basin Association highlighting some of the natural aspects of the Smith River.

Mrs. Burnette moved that the Board approve the \$5,000 appropriation for the Smith River Fest, second by Mr. Vaughn and unanimously carried.

Additional Appropriation re: River Access at Smith River Sports Complex

Mr. Summerlin stated The Harvest Foundation is providing funding in the amount of \$5,000 for a river access point at the Smith River Sports Complex which will be operated and maintained by the Henry County Parks and Recreation Department. The Board is being asked to appropriate those funds.

Mr. Adams moved that the Board approve the \$5,000 appropriation, second by Mr. McMillian and unanimously carried.

Acceptance of Grant and Additional Appropriation re: DMV Safety Grant – Sheriff’s Office

Mr. Summerlin stated Sheriff Perry is requesting the Board to accept and appropriate a grant from the Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles in the amount of \$29,736. The grant would be used to provide overtime pay for deputies, travel expenses, purchase three radar units and four field breath tests. The grant requires a local match of \$5,947, which Sheriff Perry proposes to come from the fuel and maintenance line items of the vehicles that will be used in the work.

Mr. McMillian moved that the Board approve acceptance of the grant and the additional appropriation of \$29,736, second by Mr. Adams and unanimously carried.

Acceptance of Grant and Additional Appropriation re: JAG Grant – Sheriff’s Office

Mr. Summerlin stated Sheriff Perry is requesting the Board to accept and appropriate a grant from the Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services through the Byrne Justice Assistance Grant program (JAG) of \$2,283. The grant would be used to install a security lock system in the main office building in the Sheriff's Office, which would allow the Sheriff's Office to track individuals entering the office. The grant requires a local match of \$254 which Sheriff Perry proposes to come from the law enforcement equipment line item.

Mr. McMillian moved that the Board approve acceptance of the grant and the additional appropriation of \$2,283, second by Mr. Slaughter and unanimously carried.

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

Mr. Summerlin stated Sheriff Perry is requesting the Board to accept and appropriate a grant from the United States Department of Justice as part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA). The grant is in the amount of \$126,329 and does not require a local match. The grant would be used for a variety of purchases, which are outlined in a memo from Sheriff Perry and included in Board's file.

Mrs. Burnette moved that the Board approve acceptance of the grant and the additional appropriation of \$126,329, second by Mr. McMillian and unanimously carried.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

Comments from the Board

Mrs. Burnette stated she attended a VACo Board meeting several weeks ago and VACo has updated its website www.vaco.org which was extremely well done and easy to navigate. The website was prepared by two VACo staff members without having to hire an outside contractor. Mrs. Burnette noted that September is National Preparedness Month and was not aware of any events that the County may have planned.

Mr. Adams noted that the Board will probably have contracts coming in on the Riverside Drive Housing Rehab Project for approval in September. He also noted that the Bassett Heritage Festival is scheduled on September 12.

Mr. Vaughn stated he attended the most recent Blue Ridge Regional Library Board Meeting and its Board agreed to add some additional hours

back to the Ridgeway Library. He stated he also enjoyed attending the Sports Complex Grand Opening on Sunday and was looking forward to the upcoming Smith River Fest.

Mrs. Buchanan announced that she will be holding a community meeting on September 15 at 7:00 pm at the Horsepasture Ruritan Building.

Mr. Summerlin stated that Governor Kaine recently announced a potential State budget shortfall projected at approximately \$1.5 billion. Adjustments may be made and will be announced by Labor Day. Mr. Summerlin stated this would affect localities and every agency that receives state funding with the potential to see budget reductions. He stated public education is the largest amount of revenue received from the state followed by the aid to Constitutional Officers. He stated it remains to be seen as to what impact those cuts will have on County operations and services. He stated he is concerned with the proposed State cuts and staff continues to monitor its local revenue.

Mr. Summerlin stated Henry County agreed to be a Pacesetter Company for the United Way Campaign this year and encouraged the Board to donate a pledge if they have not done so. Mr. Summerlin discussed several recent fund raising events held by the County for United Way including several luncheons hosted by the Sheriff's Office, an employee yard sale, dunking booth and sale of ice cream, an employee golf tournament and a 50/50 ticket drawing. Mr. Summerlin stated employees enjoyed the events as well as successfully raising money.

Mr. Summerlin stated the Service Center in Bassett has been completed and is operational. He stated the PSA will hold its September 21 meeting there and asked if the Board of Supervisors would be available around 5:00 pm that day for a short tour. Mr. Summerlin stated a number of County operations are located in the Service Center such as Refuse Collection, a fuel island for County vehicles, a radio technician, the Household Hazardous Waste Day will be held there and the Parks and Recreation maintenance is also housed there.

CLOSED MEETING:

Mr. Adams moved to enter into a closed meeting at 3:40 pm to discuss the following, second by Mrs. Burnette and unanimously carried.

- 1) §2.2-3711(A)1 for Discussion of Appointees to the Southern Area Agency on Aging Board and Patrick Henry Community College Board.

- 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 5:13 pm on a motion by Mr. Adams, second by Mrs. Burnette and unanimously carried. No action was taken.

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.

The Board recessed its meeting at 5:15 pm. Mrs. Buchanan reconvened the meeting at 6:00 pm and welcomed everyone present.

CONSIDERATION OF REPORT FROM EMS TASK FORCE:

Several members of the EMS Task Force, Mr. Marcus Stone, and President of the Rescue Squad Association; Mr. John Mitchell, Iriswood District community representative; and Mr. Stuart Bowman, Collinsville District community representative were present to discuss the EMS Task Force Report. Mr. Stone stated an Emergency Services Task Force was formed in 2008 to evaluate the process of how the community's volunteer squads deliver services. In April the committee reported on its progress and is prepared today to update the Board of Supervisors. The following recommendations were discussed by the Task Force.

EMS TASK FORCE RECOMMENDATIONS

The EMS Taskforce recommends the appointment of a Commission to oversee Emergency Medical Services in Henry County.

WHO SHOULD APPOINT THE EMS COMMISSION

1. The Henry County Board of Supervisors will coordinate the appointment of the EMS Commission
 - The Board of Directors from each Volunteer Rescue Squad shall appoint a representative for their respective agency.
 - The Henry County Board of Supervisors will appoint an equal number of citizens to serve on the commission.
 - The service terms of commission members are to be staggered so that not more than a third of the commission is reappointed in a single year.

WHAT AUTHORITY SHOULD THE COMMISSION HAVE

1. Coordinate Emergency Medical Services in the county with the volunteer agencies and other agencies operating within the county.
2. Assign, review, & update response territories to ensure all county citizens are provided services by volunteer squads.
3. Review squad performance with an effort toward maintaining consistent performance among squads to ensure all county citizens receive equal and adequate service.
4. Assist squads to identify and adopt best practices that could be beneficial to all squads.
5. Coordinate purchasing and expenditures to facilitate a central acquisition and storage of disposable medical supplies.
6. Act as a resource to the citizens of Henry County for citizen feedback on services provided by the squads and other emergency medical service agencies.
7. Develop a reaction/response time goal and support its implementation and modification as needed.
8. Explore and assist with implementing recruitment and retention incentives for volunteers.
9. Coordinate information on billing procedures between the agencies to support consistency between the agencies.
10. Provide and coordinate information to the squads that consider supplemental staffing to fill gaps and methods to compensate.
11. Set and implement policies for all secondary EMS providers operating within the County as part of the County's 911 Emergency Medical System.

FEED BACK QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

ARE ALL AGENCIES ON BOARD WITH THIS PLAN

This recommendation was presented to the Rescue Squad association at its July meeting and was endorsed by the association at that time. With any new program there will be individuals that might not agree. It will be part of

the commission's duties to hear these concerns and address them by working with the EMS agencies' leaders and the Board of Supervisors.

WHY RECOMMEND THAT ALL AGENCIES PARTICIPATE IN REVENUE RECOVERY

1. It is an opportunity to have revenue that supports the operation of emergency services without taxing the citizens of the County.
2. The effects on insurance is minimal and normally not a factor in determining insurance premiums.
3. The process currently in use by the rescue squads is not a burden on those that cannot afford insurance. This makes revenue recovery as close to a win-win as possible.
4. By taking advantage of outside sources of revenue, reliance on County funds for operations will be minimized, allowing better use of county funds to support major capital upgrades, recruitment, and training.

WILL ALL AGENCIES PARTICIPATE IN REVENUE RECOVERY

1. It is recommended that each squad utilize this resource to fund the cost associated with providing emergency care to the citizens.
2. The Commission should have the authority to pursue revenue recovery for the areas covered by agencies that are not participants to cover the cost of supporting call coverage in those areas.

WILL SOME FUNDING BE USED TO FILL IN THE GAPS WITH THE PAID PROVIDERS

1. The commission will set expectations for call coverage and response times based on cost, available resources, and citizen feedback.
2. The decision to pay providers should be decided by the individual agencies based on the agency's needs to meet the criteria set for the county by the commission.
3. The commission will provide support for agencies that choose to implement such a program by sharing information and coordinating programs as requested by the individual agencies.

WHY SHOULD WE CHANGE THE PRESENT SYSTEM

1. Currently parts of the county have professional emergency medical service being provided by volunteer squads. It is the goal of this commission to ensure that all areas of the county have service by volunteer squads available to them.

HOW MUCH IS THIS PLAN GOING TO COST

1. The financial impact will be negligible since current resources will be utilized in the current recommendations.
2. Should the need for additional funding arise, the commission will present recommendations to the board.

WHY HAS THE TASK FORCE NOT MADE ADDITIONAL SPECIFIC RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE BOARD AT THIS TIME

1. We believe that the Henry County EMS Commission should make the specific recommendations and decisions relating to its charge. The Commission's hands should not be tied by decisions put in place before its creation.
2. Having the current task force make specific recommendations would duplicate efforts, as these details would necessarily require review and likely be modified by the Commission.
3. The current task force lacks a sufficient number of citizen representatives to ensure that both the citizens and the rescue squads have appropriate input on proposed changes. Also, this task force does not have the authority to implement such changes.

IS TIMING IMPORTANT

1. The current process lacks the needed input and support from the citizens and the rescue squads, and the authority to implement some of the needed changes. The longer the development of a commission is delayed the more difficult the implementation of changes will become.
2. In January of next year, we will have two new County Supervisors that will be unfamiliar with this process, and could further delay the progress. By having the majority of the commission established by January 1st the new supervisors can appoint citizens to the commission in a timely manner, thus allowing the process for improvement to begin.

Following was a lengthy discussion among the Board and members of the EMS Task Force regarding its recommendations.

Mr. McMillian stated he felt the County needs to proceed with establishing the Commission and at a later time add authority to the Commission as the County determines the legalities and what responsibilities the County assigns to the Commission.

Mr. Summerlin stated the Board received information that the Commission was to be an Advisory Board and now the Task Force is

requesting that the Commission be a policy making body. He stated establishing an EMS Authority Commission in County Code would involve researching the Code and holding a public hearing for citizen input. He stated the County needs to research what authority it has in creating an EMS system giving broad authority.

Mr. Vaughn stated the Board could start an advisory committee and after researching the legalities the Board could convey authority at a later time.

Mr. Summerlin stated the key principal is not the legal authority but what operational responsibility does the County want the Commission to do and clearly define its responsibilities.

Mrs. Burnette and Mrs. Buchanan agreed that the Board needs to set a future work session after staff has had time to research the legalities of the recommendation by the Task Force. Mrs. Burnette stated at this time she would like to thank all members of the Task Force and everyone who participated in any way.

Mr. Vaughn stated what needs to be addressed is stimulating volunteerism, providing incentives, and improving response time to calls. He asked if information could be generated regarding the number of members in a squad, the number of calls a member runs, and how many hours put in by a member for one year without providing names. Stuart Bowman of the Task Force stated that information could be provided; however, it would take some time to compile the data.

Mrs. Burnette moved that the Board receive the Task Force Report, set a future work session, request staff to research and provide the Board with legal information regarding the Board's authority to establish an EMS Commission, to include information regarding the number of members in each squad, the number of calls a member runs, and how many hours put in by a member for one year without providing names, also request information on what levels of training that members have, information on the point system and how it works, and to seek input from the Public Safety Department, second by Mr. McMillian and unanimously carried.

Mr. Summerlin stated staff would try and compile the information requested within the next month in order to schedule a work session.

MATTERS PRESENTED BY THE PUBLIC:

Mrs. Buchanan read the following statement regarding public comments: "The Board is here to listen to public comments and not to engage in a question and answer period or a debate. If anyone wishes to address the Board please come to the podium and state your name, subject matter and the district in which you live. By coming to the podium you have agreed to exhibit respect to the Board and its members. Each one will conduct themselves with dignity and will receive the same level of respect from the Board. Those who wish to speak please keep your comments between three to five minutes.

No one was present to address the Board under matters presented by the public.

PUBLIC HEARING – REQUEST TO APPLY FOR DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE RECOVERY ACT JAG GRANT:

Sheriff Perry is seeking permission to apply for a Department of Justice Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant, or JAG Grant. The grant, in the amount of \$30,716, would go toward such programs such as Neighborhood Watch and the Citizen Police Academies Crime Prevention Program. There is no local match required and the public hearing has been advertised for August 25.

The public hearing was open at 7:10 pm. There being no one present who wished to speak the public hearing was closed at 7:10 pm.

Mrs. Burnette moved that the Board approve the application request as presented by Sheriff Perry, second by Mr. McMillian and unanimously carried.

PUBLIC HEARING – CONVEYANCE OF PARTIAL OWNERSHIP OF ATHENA BUILDING TO THE CITY OF MARTINSVILLE:

As part of the process of providing the Athena Building for the Henry-Martinsville Department of Social Services, Henry County entered into an agreement with the City of Martinsville to convey 34% ownership in the building to the City of Martinsville for 34% of the purchase price (\$561,000). Such action requires a public hearing and has been scheduled for August 25.

The public hearing was open at 7:11 pm. There being no one present who wished to speak the public hearing was closed at 7:11 pm.

Mrs. Burnette moved that the Board approve conveyance of 34% ownership in the Athena Building to the City of Martinsville for 34% of the

purchase price (\$561,000), second by Mr. Adams. The motion carried 5 to 1. Mr. McMillian voted in opposition.

GENERAL HIGHWAY MATTERS:

Ms. Lisa Price-Hughes, Residency Administrator, was present to review general highway matters with the Board. Ms. Hughes updated the Board on VDOT State cuts, which is approximately (\$136,000 million) in funding from this fiscal year's budget. Ms. Hughes stated there will be potential further reductions in operations and maintenance, staffing, services, contracts and it may also impact federal construction projects. Ms. Hughes stated she would have more information available in several weeks.

Ms. Hughes advised that paving has begun on 220 South in Ridgeway and should be completed by August 26. VDOT would then move to Route 58 in Spencer for paving which should last a couple of weeks. Also pipe replacement on Route 619 has begun.

Several Board members discussed several miscellaneous projects in their districts such as mowing issues, line painting, clearing overgrown brush from roadways, occurring accidents at the Intersection of Carver Road (Route 684).

CONTINUATION UNTIL AUGUST 31, 2009 AT 6:30 PM:

The Board received information in its working papers that tonight's meeting will need to be continued until Monday, August 31, at 6:30 pm. At that time the Board of Supervisors will hold a joint meeting with Martinsville City Council which will begin with a dedication of the newest shell building. The meeting will then convene in the fourth floor conference room to hear reports on the Piedmont Area Regional Transit system and on the move of the Social Services department into the former Athena Building.

Mr. Vaughn moved at 7:16 pm that the Board continue its meeting to August 31, 2009 at 6:30 pm at the Shell Building, second by Mrs. Burnette and unanimously carried.