

**HENRY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
MINUTES**

**Organizational Meeting  
January 7, 2010 – 3:00 pm**

The Henry County Board of Supervisors held its organizational meeting on January 7, 2010, 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: Debra Buchanan, Chairman; H. G. Vaughn, Vice Chairman; Jim Adams, Tommy Slaughter, Joe Bryant and Milton Kendall.

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

Also present were Debbie Hall and Mike Wray of the Martinsville Bulletin; Ron Morris of B-99; and Charles Roark of Channel 18.

Joe Bryant gave the invocation and Milton Kendall led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Chairman Buchanan called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone present. She 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 moved that the County Administrator chair the meeting during the election of Chairman and Vice Chairman, second by Mr. Vaughn and unanimously carried.

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

**ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN FOR 2010:**

Mr. Summerlin opened the floor for nominations for Chairman.

Mr. Vaughn nominated Debra Buchanan. There being no further nominations the floor was closed for office of Chairman.

The vote carried 5 to 0. Mrs. Buchanan abstained.

**ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN FOR 2010:**

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

Mr. Adams nominated H. G. Vaughn. There being no further nominations the floor was closed for office of Vice Chair.

The voted carried unanimously.

Mr. Summerlin congratulated Mrs. Buchanan and Mr. Vaughn on their re-election as Chairman and Vice-Chairman.

Mr. Summerlin turned the meeting over to Chairman Buchanan.

**SETTING OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING DATES:**

Following is the proposed Board meeting dates:

<u>Meeting Date</u>	<u>Deadline for Packet</u>
January 26	January 19
February 23	February 16
March 23	March 16
April 27	April 20
May 25	May 18
June 22	June 15
July 27	July 20
August 24	August 17
September 28	September 21
October 26	October 19
November 23	November 16
December 14	December 7

Mr. Adams moved that the Board approve the proposed Board Meeting Dates for 2010, second by Mr. Slaughter and unanimously carried.

**ADOPTION OF 2010 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 5, 2009, are included in the Board's package. (Copy included in Board's File).

Mr. Kendall moved that the Board approve the Bylaws as presented, second by Mr. Bryant and unanimously carried.

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

Mr. Summerlin stated each year, the Board holds an annual Planning Session usually in late January or early February held at the Public Safety Building. He stated the Planning Session will be facilitated by Diane Akers with ComBiz Solutions.

It was the consensus of the Board to schedule the Planning Session on Monday, February 1, 2010 at 3:00 pm at the Public Safety Building.

## **FINANCIAL MATTERS:**

### **Award of Contract re: Dick and Willie Passage Trail Construction**

Mr. Summerlin stated the County has been awarded \$1,218,533 in grants over the past four years for construction of a paved 4.5 mile walking trail consisting of four trailheads, a restroom building, and a scenic overlook. The trail would run from the area behind El Parral Restaurant in Henry County to a spot near the former Prillaman Chemical Company in the City of Martinsville. The grants require a 20% local match. Easements have been donated valued at \$66,700, and projected in-kind services are valued at \$20,011, leaving \$111,386 in funding required for construction. The County has an application pending before the Tobacco Commission to assist with the cash match and a contingency plan to transfer \$111,386 from the IDA Cost Center of the FY '10 County budget if the Tobacco Commission grant does not materialize.

Mr. Summerlin reviewed an e-mail he received from the Tobacco Commission stating the application is moving forward with staff recommendation for full funding request. It was further noted that the Review Panel has voted with staff on all Reserve Applications so far. Mr. Summerlin stated he felt there was a good chance that this project will be funded by the Tobacco Commission.

Mr. Summerlin stated bids were recently opened and the low bidder was Sowers Construction Company of Mt. Airy, North Carolina in the amount of \$944,202.75. VDOT has approved a 10% construction contingency of \$94,420.25 bringing the total project award to \$1,038,623.

Mr. Adams moved that the Board award the contract to Sowers Construction Company in the amount of \$944,202.75 and a 10% contingency approved by VDOT in the amount of \$94,420.25, with authorization to transfer \$111,386 from the FY '10 Budget if the Tobacco Commission grant does not materialize, second by Mr. Slaughter and unanimously carried.

### **Award of Contract re: Housing Rehab Specialist Contract for the South Street Neighborhood Improvement CDBG Project**

Mr. Summerlin stated the County has been awarded \$1,400,000 in Community Development Block Grant Funding (CDBG) for the South Street Neighborhood Improvement Project in the Reed Creek District. The goal of this

project is to provide housing rehabilitation for twenty-one (21) units, demolition and clearance of three (3) blighted structures, and infrastructure improvements within the project boundaries. As part of this grant, a housing rehab specialist is to be hired to ensure construction supervision, quality, lead testing, cost control and the implementation of DHCD/HUD Housing Quality Standards (HQS) requirements. After conducting the appropriate procurement procedures, the staff selection committee recommends a contract to be awarded to Howerton Inspection Services of South Boston, VA. Henry County has used Howerton Inspection Services on previous rehab projects.

Mr. Slaughter moved that the Board award the contract in the amount of \$66,650 to Howerton Inspection Services for housing rehabilitation specialist work, contingent upon contract approval by the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development (VDHCD), second by Mr. Bryant and unanimously carried.

**Award of Contract re: Engineering Services Contract for the South Street Neighborhood Improvement CDBG Project**

Mr. Summerlin stated the County has been awarded \$1,400,000 in Community Development Block Grant Funding (CDBG) for the South Street Neighborhood Improvement Project. The goal of this project is to provide housing rehabilitation for twenty-one (21) units, demolition and clearance of three (3) blighted structures, and infrastructure improvements within the project boundaries. As part of this grant, an engineering firm is to be hired to provide basic and geotechnical engineering services to assist the County with the proposed infrastructure improvements including the replacement of water and sewer lines, installation of road surface, and improvements to the storm drainage system. After conducting the appropriate procurement procedures the staff selection committee recommends that a contract be awarded to Adams-Heath Engineering, Inc. of Galax, Virginia.

Mr. Slaughter moved that the Board award the contract in the amount of \$107,400 to Adams-Heath Engineering, Inc. for engineering services contingent upon contract approval by the Virginia Department of Housing & Community Development (VDHCD), second by Mr. Kendall and unanimously carried.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:**

Mr. Summerlin stated the upcoming VML/VACO Legislative Day for 2010 will be held in Richmond on February 11, 2010, and those Board members who plan to attend to advise staff. Mr. Summerlin noted that staff members would not be attending this year due to budget constraints.

**CLOSED MEETING:**

Mr. Adams moved that the Board enter into a closed meeting at 3:16 pm to discuss the following, second by Mr. Vaughn and unanimously carried.

- 1) §2.2-3711(A)7 Pending Legal Matters.

**OPEN MEETING:**

The Board returned to an open meeting at 3:41 pm on a motion by Mr. Adams, second by Mr. Kendall 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. Bryant, Mr. Kendall, Mr. Adams, Mr. Vaughn and Mrs. Buchanan.

Mr. Adams moved that the Board transfer \$18,000 from the Contingency Fund to the Board's Professional Services line item, second by Mr. Vaughn and unanimously carried.

There being no further business to discuss Mr. Vaughn moved to adjourn, second by Mr. Adams and unanimously carried.

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**HENRY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
MINUTES**

**January 26, 2010 – 3:00 pm**

The Henry County Board of Supervisors held its regular meeting on January 26, 2010, 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: Vice Chairman H. G. Vaughn, Jim Adams, Milton Kendall, Joe Bryant and Tommy Slaughter. Chairman Debra Buchanan was absent

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; Darrell Jones, Director of Finance; and Richard Stanfield, Assistant Director of Finance.

Sergeant Eric Hairston was present from the Sheriff's Office. Also present were Debbie Hall of the Martinsville Bulletin and Ron Morris of B-99.

**INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

Jim Adams gave the invocation and Milton Kendall led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Vice Chairman Vaughn called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone present. He 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.

Vice Chairman Vaughn read a statement from Chairman Buchanan regarding her absence due to medical issues.

**ITEMS OF CONSENT:**

**Confirmation of Minutes of Meetings**

(Copy included in Board's File).

- December 15, 2009 – 3:00 pm
- January 7, 2010 – 3:00 pm

**Approval of Accounts Payable**

(Copy included in Board's File).

**Consideration of Resolution for Dr. Thomas Shields, Operations Medical Director for Henry County Department of Public Safety**

Dr. Thomas Shields is leaving his post as Operations Medical Director for the Henry County Department of Public Safety. Staff prepared a resolution in his honor. Dr. Shields could not attend today's meeting; however, staff will ensure that he receives the resolution. (Copy of Resolution Included in Board's File).

Mr. Adams moved that the Board approve Items of Consent as presented, second by Mr. Slaughter. The motion carried 5 to 0. Ms. Buchanan was absent.

**REPORT ON AUDIT OF COUNTY ACCOUNTS FY '08-'09**

Mr. Summerlin stated the firm of Creedle, Jones and Alga, P.C., has completed its audit of County accounts for the fiscal year that ended June 30, 2009. Robin Jones a member of the firm was present to address the report and answer any questions of the Board.

Ms. Jones briefly reviewed highlights of the FY '08-'09 Audit. She stated there were three opinions issued on the following reports Financial Statements, Internal Control, ONB Circular A133 (Federal Funds) and each were given a clean opinion. Ms. Jones stated the only new addition to the audit this year is the GASB 45 Post Employment Benefits, which is health care benefits offered to retiring employees. She stated there is also a new statement called GASB 54, which are changes in terminology to titles in the fund balance section. (A Copy of the Audit Report and Management Letter are on File in County Administrator's Office.)

The Board thanked Ms. Jones for the audit presentation.

**CONSIDERATION OF PROJECTS FOR REGIONAL COMPREHENSIVE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY (CEDSD):**

Mr. Summerlin stated each year the West Piedmont Regional Economic Development District, which serves Henry, Patrick, Franklin and Pittsylvania counties, the cities of Martinsville and Danville and the town of Rocky Mount, compiles an updated Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDSD). The plan will then be forwarded to the U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA) to maintain the eligibility of participating localities to receive EDA funding. The document must contain a list of prioritized projects and the WPPDC annually requests that each locality submit its proposed future projects in priority order. It is essential that all projects the Board will consider within the next year be included in the CEDSD because only projects on the list are eligible for EDA funding. It also is recommended that projects may be funded from other sources be included in order to give the County maximum flexibility in the management of its resources. Potential funding sources include:

- EDA – Economic Development Administration
- CDBG – Community Development Block Grant

## DWSRF – Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Funds

County projects must be prioritized into three categories:

- Priority 1: Construction or implementation projects that are in the advanced stages of planning. This requires that all preliminary engineering and environmental reports have begun or are complete.
- Priority 2: Projects that are still in the planning stages and are not yet ready for implementation.
- Priority 3: Non-construction and non-implementation projects of a special economic development purpose which may include special issue studies, basic data collection and analysis, feasibility studies, and technical assistance projects.

Mr. Summerlin stated the County and PSA staff developed a proposed list of projects. A project that is included in the CEDS does not commit the County to undertake the project. It is simply a listing of potential projects from which EDA representatives choose for investment of federal funds in this district. If EDA invites the County to submit an application for a specific project from the list, the Board would then be required to commit the local funds necessary for implementation. (Copy of the Proposed CEDS list for 2010 is included in Board's File).

Mr. Adams moved that the Board approve the list of projects for submission in the regional CEDS, second by Mr. Kendall. The motion carried 5 to 0. Ms. Buchanan was absent.

### **CONSIDERATION OF AUTHORIZING RESOLUTION REGARDING FY 2010-2011 FUNDING FOR PIEDMONT AREA REGIONAL TRANSIT (PART):**

Mr. Summerlin stated the Piedmont Area Regional Transit (PART) began offering public bus transportation in Martinsville and Henry County on January 5, 2009. He stated that Henry County's contribution for FY 2010-11 is half of that local match, or \$10,556 and he would recommend that it be taken from the Contingency Fund.

Tim Hall gave an update of several modifications that were subsequently made to the route and to the operational model. He stated as a result, participation has dramatically increased. In the most recent 30-day report, released December 28, ridership for the month was 892 people. He stated that's the sixth straight period that ridership increased over the previous month, even though the most recent 30-day period had three holidays with no service. In order to meet grant submission deadlines for FY 2010-11 for the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation, the Board is being asked to consider an Authorizing Resolution which will be included with the grant application requesting continued funding. RADAR, the operator of the system, will submit the grant application on behalf of the County and City. The tentative FY '11 budget for the system is \$240,000. (A copy of the proposed Authorizing Resolution is included in Board's File). Revenue is projected as follows:

▪ Fares	\$10,000
▪ Federal Aid	\$115,000
▪ State Aid Life Line	\$55,000
▪ State Operating Aid	\$38,888
▪ Local Match	\$21,112

Mr. Bryant moved that the Board approve endorsement of the Authorizing Resolution and the setting aside of \$10,556 for the County's obligation from its current Contingency Fund contingent on City Council's approval, second by Mr. Slaughter. The motion carried 5 to 0. Ms. Buchanan was absent.

**CONTINUATION OF DISCUSSION OF RESCUE SQUAD ISSUES:**

Mr. Summerlin stated the Board has held numerous discussions regarding rescue squad issues and operational options. The rescue squads most recently requested that the County provide oversight of EMS services. This discussion took place during a special meeting on November 30, 2009, when the Board heard presentations on operational models from Franklin County, Amherst County, and Pulaski County. At the conclusion of that meeting, the Board directed staff to place the item on the January 26, 2010 agenda for further discussion.

Mr. Bryant stated being a new member of the Board he did not feel he had enough information on the subject, and therefore would like to see more details before voting on the issue. He stated he had concerns with this being under the direction of Public Safety and also concerned how soft billing issues will be handled.

Mr. Summerlin stated regardless whatever route the County chooses to pursue this is still going to be expensive; however, staff will try to figure out a more comprehensive approach if the Board gives him guidance on what to pursue. He stated there will be plenty of opportunity to change direction if the Board is not satisfied with the direction its going.

Mr. Vaughn stated the first thing should be to put this under a central organization such as Public Safety in order to work full time with all the squads to be more standardized so all areas can have the same level of emergency care. He stated the soft billing issues can be worked out further down the road with the input from all the squads and Public Safety.

Mr. Slaughter stated he would like to see this put under Public Safety as was discussed in order to hire career personnel to help volunteers and supplement areas that do not have volunteers.

Mr. Adams stated as a group the Board needs to look beyond the soft billing issues and look at how all the resources can best be managed to better serve all the citizens. He stated he was in favor of this being in a centralized area and handled with expertise.

Mr. Kendall stated he had concerns with the dwindling volunteers especially during the day. He stated he did not want to tell the rescue squads what to do but to give them some help.

Mr. Kendall moved that the Board assign oversight of the EMS System to the Department of Public Safety and request staff to develop a comprehensive EMS Plan to include but not limited to the following: preserving volunteer rescue squads is an essential part of the EMS system, utilizes paid personnel or contracted services to cover service gaps, operates in a way that does not expect new revenue but redirects current revenue and utilizes existing revenue options, second by Mr. Adams. The motion carried 4-1-0. Mr. Bryant voted in opposition and Ms. Buchanan was absent.

Mr. Summerlin summarized the path forward and stated staff would try and give the Board an interim report between now and early April. He stated he would also prepare recommendations to be included as part of the upcoming budget process.

Mr. Vaughn welcomed former Board member Paula Burnette to the meeting.

**UPDATE BY MARK HEATH, PRESIDENT AND CEO, MARTINSVILLE-HENRY COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION:**

Mr. Mark Heath, President and CEO of the Martinsville-Henry County Economic Development Corporation, was present to make a quarterly update to the Board of Supervisors. Mr. Heath distributed information listing accomplishments over the first five years which includes total jobs and tax base from the M-HC Economic Development Corporation.

Ms. Lisa Fultz Wilson distributed information regarding small business, minority and entrepreneurial “one stop shop” programs offered by EDC. She gave the Board an update offered by EDC to assist small business start ups or expansions, assist with licensing and permitting process, project management, assistance with financing aspects, incentives, government procurement, etc.

Following the presentation the Board thanked Mr. Heath and Ms. Wilson for their update.

**FINANCIAL MATTERS:**

**Acceptance of Grant and Additional Appropriation re: Virginia Department of Fire Programs Grant – Public Safety**

Mr. Summerlin stated the Director of Public Safety Dale Wagoner is requesting the Board to accept and appropriate a grant in the amount of \$2,063

from the Virginia Department of Fire Programs. The grant would be used to purchase a laptop computer and media projector for the Public Safety office and requires no local match.

Mr. Adams moved that the Board approve acceptance of the grant and the additional appropriation as requested, second by Mr. Slaughter. The motion carried 5 to 0. Ms. Buchanan was absent.

**Additional Appropriation re: Fire Programs Fund Money – Department of Public Safety**

Mr. Summerlin stated the Virginia General Assembly established the Fire Programs Fund in 1985. Its purpose is to provide financial assistance for the improvement of fire service operations. Henry County was allocated \$157,547, which is \$2,146 more than last year. In the past the Board has divided the money evenly among the eight local volunteer fire departments. Director of Public Safety Dale Wagoner is recommending that each department receive \$19,693.37 from the most recent allocation. The money would be available to each department upon its request of a purchase order being issued for equipment needed, or the submission of receipts for reimbursement up to the amount appropriated.

Mr. Kendall moved that the Board approve the additional appropriation of \$157,547, with each of the eight volunteer fire departments serving Henry County receiving \$19,693.37, second by Mr. Adams. The motion carried 5 to 0. Ms. Buchanan was absent.

**Award of Contract re: Pet Sheltering Equipment – Department of Public Safety**

Mr. Summerlin stated in April 2009, the Board awarded a contract in the amount of \$19,775 to NC SART, Inc., for the purchase of a pet sheltering trailer. This item was to be paid for by a grant from the Department of Homeland Security and required no local match. The Board approved the grant and made the additional appropriation in April 2009, along with the awarding of the contract. Just before that contract was executed, the Commonwealth of Virginia removed NC SART, Inc., from a list of recommended vendors and asked the Department of Public Safety to delay the purchase until a new recommended vendor could be located. Henry County worked with the Virginia Department of Emergency Management and seven other localities to secure a new vendor, and the City of Hopewell solicited bids on behalf of the eight localities. It is therefore recommended that the bid be awarded to Missouri Great Dane of St. Louis, MO. for the same price of \$19,775.

Mr. Slaughter moved that the Board award the contract to Missouri Great Dane of St. Louis, MO in the amount of \$19,775 as outlined, second by Mr. Bryant. The motion carried 5 to 0. Ms. Buchanan was absent.

**Acceptance of Grant and Additional Appropriation re: Department of Forestry American Reinvestment & Recovery Act (ARRA) Stimulus Grant:**

Mr. Summerlin stated on January 5, 2010, the Virginia Department of Forestry announced the award of five (5) American Recovery and Reinvestment (ARRA) stimulus grants totaling \$101,264 to Gateway Streetscape. The stimulus funds will be used to accomplish the following:

- Tree plantings along Fairy Stone Park Highway and additional trees for the Henry County Service Center property
- A tree planting project for the City of Martinsville along Commonwealth Boulevard and also to add trees to the Cherry Street CDBG Block Grant area
- Pruning assistance and hazard tree removal for Henry County and the City of Martinsville
- Funding to Gateway for employee retention for the next year
- Development of a tree inventory for the City of Martinsville

Mr. Summerlin stated to help satisfy Federal reporting requirements and to streamline the grant process, the County has agreed to act as the fiscal agent for these projects. Therefore, the County now needs to accept the grant and approve the additional appropriation.

Mr. Slaughter moved that the Board approve acceptance of the grant and the additional appropriation as outlined, second by Mr. Kendall. The motion carried 5 to 0. Ms. Buchanan was absent.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:**

**Comments from the Board**

Mr. Summerlin stated the Board at its organizational meeting awarded a contract for the rail trail. He stated the County has now received a grant from the Tobacco Commission in the amount of \$111,386.00 and is pleased to say that the County has no funds invested in the construction.

Mr. Summerlin stated he received an email today regarding I-73 route. He stated once the record of decision was issued by the Federal Highway Administration there was a lawsuit filed challenging that decision. VDOT and the Federal Highway Administration prevailed in the lawsuit. He stated that ruling was appealed to the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals of the United States and yesterday an opinion was issued that the suit was dismissed. He stated VDOT is prepared to move forward in the Board's request for an alternate study.

Mr. Summerlin stated the Board received a draft copy of a letter on City/County letterhead and a copy of a letter he received today from the U.S. Economic Development Administration. He stated the County started last summer submitting grant information for a \$4.2 million water and sewer grant to extend

lines to the Commonwealth Crossing. He stated the County received an \$800,000 federal earmark through the U.S. Small Business Administration leaving \$3.4 million to raise. The Tobacco Commission offered a special program where if you could get federal funding the Tobacco Commission would match those funds. He stated the County received a commitment from the Tobacco Commission for \$1,720,000 contingent upon getting the federal funds. He stated the formal grant application was submitted to the US EDA in October. Mr. Summerlin stated he received a letter today stating that the US EDA could not process the County's grant application because it does not have a Memorandum of Understanding with the U.S. Small Business Administration. He stated basically you've got two federal agencies that don't have a memo; therefore, they cannot process a \$1,720,000 grant application. Mr. Summerlin staff has prepared a draft letter from the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors and Martinsville City Mayor to its two U.S. Senators and Congressional delegation expressing great concern and request assistance to see that the two agencies work together in order to obtain the grant funds.

Mr. Adams moved that the Board approve the proposed letter and forward to appropriate representatives, second by Mr. Slaughter. The motion carried 5 to 0. Ms. Buchanan was absent.

Mr. Bryant stated it was an honor to be attending his first meeting and he looked forward to working with the Board and he would try and do a good job.

Mr. Kendall echoed Mr. Bryant's comments and stated he hoped that the Board gets a lot accomplished during these hard times.

Mr. Adams stated he would like to yield his time to Lois Christensen of Gateway/Streetscape to give the Board an update on the Smith River Clean-up. Ms. Christensen stated the clean-up is scheduled for February 6 from 1-5pm and will meet at the Fisher Farm Park. She encouraged everyone to participate.

Mr. Vaughn thanked the Board for the cards, prayers and telephone calls during his recent recovery from surgery.

### **CLOSED MEETING:**

Mr. Adams moved to enter into a closed meeting at 4:10 pm to discuss the following, second by Mr. Slaughter. The motion carried 5 to 0. Ms. Buchanan was absent.

- 1) §2.2-3711(A)1 for Discussion of Appointees to the Community Policy and Management Team, Industrial Development Authority, and Dan River Alcohol Safety Action Program.
- 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 open session at 5:16 pm on a motion by Mr. Adams, second by Mr. Slaughter. The motion carried 5 to 0. Ms. Buchanan was absent.

**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. Bryant, Mr. Kendall, Mr. Adams and Mr. Vaughn. Ms. Buchanan was absent.

**Acceptance of Audit Report**

Mr. Slaughter moved that the Board approve the Audit of County Accounts for the fiscal year that ended June 30, 2009, second by Mr. Bryant. The motion carried 5 to 0. Ms. Buchanan was absent.

The Board recessed its meeting at 5:18 pm until 6:00 pm.

Vice Chairman Vaughn called the meeting back to order at 6:00 pm and welcomed everyone present.

**MATTERS PRESENTED BY THE PUBLIC:**

There was no one present who wished to address the Board under Matters Presented by the Public.

**CONSIDERATION OF REQUEST FROM THE AXTON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT:**

Mr. Summerlin stated since 1991 the Board of Supervisors has made an annual capital appropriation to one of the local volunteer fire departments for the purchase of a pumper each year. The designated recipient for 2009-10, the Axton Volunteer Fire Department, is requesting the Board for permission to use the allocation for a multi-purpose utility fire truck instead. Mr. Jerry Thacker, chief of the Axton Volunteer Fire Department, was present to discuss the request and answer questions.

Mr. Kendall moved to approve the request as presented, second by Mr. Adams. The motion carried 5 to 0. Ms. Buchanan was absent.

**PUBLIC HEARING - AMENDMENT TO COUNTY CODE REGARDING STORAGE OF UNOCCUPIED MOBILE HOMES AND MANUFACTURED HOMES:**

Mr. Lyle, County Attorney, stated in order to address issues that were identified through earlier prosecutions, staff and the Commonwealth's Attorney's office have reviewed the ordinance and suggested several modifications to the current language. The proposed amendments remove the civil process from the ordinance, clarify the language, and change the time period for removal of the violation to 90 days. (Copy of Current Ordinance and Proposed Ordinance Included in Board's File).

The public hearing was open at 6:07 pm. There being no one present who wished to speak the hearing was closed at 6:07 pm.

Mr. Kendall moved that the Board approve the changes to the storage of unoccupied mobile homes and manufactured homes, second by Mr. Adams. The motion carried 5 to 0. Ms. Buchanan was absent.

#### **PUBLIC HEARING – REZONING APPLICATION R-10-01 – TIMOTHY R. NUNLEY:**

Mr. Lee Clark reviewed Application R-10-01 for Timothy R. Nunley. (Copy of Application included in Board's File). Mr. Clark stated that following a public hearing both the Planning Commission and staff recommend approval of the request.

The public hearing was open at 6:08 pm. It was noted that Mr. Nunley, the applicant, was present. There being no one present who wished to speak the hearing was closed at 6:08 pm.

Mr. Adams moved that the Board accept the recommendation of the Planning Commission to approve the rezoning request, second by Mr. Slaughter. The motion carried 5 to 0. Ms. Buchanan was absent.

#### **GENERAL HIGHWAY MATTERS:**

Mr. Jim Keene, VDOT Land Development Specialist, was present on behalf of Ms. Lisa Price-Hughes, Residency Administrator, who was unable to attend the meeting. Mr. Keene discussed the safety study at the Intersection of Routes 58 and 684 (Carver Road). He stated VDOT's regional traffic engineering office continues to work on the operation analysis of the intersection and is in the process of finalizing and making a decision on the study within the next several weeks. Mr. Keene stated they have an interchange lighting and signage project on Route 58 and U.S. Route 220 bypass. He stated AEP expects to install the polls for the lights on Route 58 that will light up the ramps for southbound U.S. 220 and the west bound ramp coming off of the bypass. He stated the sign panels for the additional signage to be used in conjunction with the lighting have been made and should be installed within the next month. He stated Ms. Hughes met with a property owner on Stultz Road and some additional signage would be installed. Mr. Keene briefly discussed various road and bridge conditions affected during the recent flooding and also some that were washed out. Mr. Keene stated VDOT is in the process of

determining pipe sizes and cost estimates in order to get those repaired. He stated the Route 220 Bridge project in Ridgeway is approximately 80% complete and ahead of schedule. He stated a pre-construction meeting is scheduled on January 28 on the Route 220 concrete median installation project in the Bassett Forks area. VDOT anticipates construction to begin on or before April 6, 2010. Also a pre-construction meeting is scheduled on Route 174 turn-lane project at Colonial Drive with construction to begin on or before April 6, 2010.

Following was some general comments from several Board members regarding miscellaneous highway issues. Mr. Vaughn thanked Mr. Keene for his update on highway matters.

There being no further business to discuss Mr. Slaughter moved at 7:18 pm to continue the meeting to February 1, 2010 at 3:00 pm at the Public Safety Building, second by Mr. Kendall. The motion carried 5 to 0. Ms. Buchanan was absent.

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# **HENRY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MINUTES**

## **Annual Planning Session February 1, 2010 – 3:00 pm**

The Henry County Board of Supervisors held its annual Planning Session on February 1, 2010, at 3:00 pm at the Public Safety Center on DuPont Road in Martinsville, VA. The following Board members were present: H.G. Vaughn, Vice Chairman; Jim Adams, Milton Kendall, Joe Bryant, and Tommy Slaughter. Chairman Debra Buchanan was absent.

Staff members present were Benny Summerlin, County Administrator; Tim Hall, Deputy County Administrator; George Lyle, County Attorney; Darrell Jones, Director of Finance; Richard Stanfield, Deputy Director of Finance; Susan Reynolds, Human Resources/PIO, and Dale Wagoner, Director of Public Safety.

Major Steve Eanes and Lieutenant Nelson Thomas were present from the Sheriff's Office.

Mickey Powell of the Martinsville Bulletin and Ron Morris of B-99 was present. Diane Akers of ComBiz Solutions, facilitator for the Planning Session, also was present.

### **INVOCATION**

Mr. Jim Adams delivered the invocation.

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Vice Chairman Vaughn called the meeting to order as a continuation of the Board's meeting January 26, 2010.

Mr. Hall introduced Diane Akers with ComBiz Solutions, who will serve as the moderator for the planning session. Mr. Hall said Ms. Akers is a former local government employee who has worked through many of the same issues that Henry County and the Board are facing these days. Vice Chairman Vaughn welcomed Ms. Akers.

## **2009 BOARD PLANNING SESSION**

Mr. Hall introduced Diane Akers with ComBiz Solutions, the moderator for the planning session. Mr. Hall said Ms. Akers is a former local government employee who has worked through many of the same issues that Henry County and the Board are facing these days. Vice Chairman Vaughn welcomed Ms. Akers.

Ms. Akers began the Planning Session with an ice breaker for the Board and staff to understand that each decision to be made during the 2010-11 Fiscal Year would have an impact, and that the game's strategy was the same as the budgetary strategy – planning was essential.

Ms. Akers then introduced the Board's short- and long-term goals from the 2009 Planning Session, and Mr. Summerlin led the Board through an update of those goals. The goals and the updates were:

### **Short-Term Goals From 2009**

- Goal - Strategy for development for ROMA and Bryant properties. Update - Master Plans for both sites were completed; ROMA property renamed Commonwealth Crossing Business Centre.
- Goal - Develop strategy for broadband implementation and funding options. Update – Ongoing. Mid-Atlantic Broadband has secured funding to extend broadband to the Commonwealth Crossing Business Centre site.
- Goal - Position the County to deal with the FY 2011 Budget. Update – Ongoing.
- Goal - Preserve the County's fund balance. Update - Fund Balance rose \$441,000 per audit.
- Goal - Secure a new facility for the Social Services department. Status - Open House on new facility was held January 25.
- Goal - Decrease unemployment and increase the number of available jobs. Status - Unemployment rate holds around 14%, and the national economy continues to drag.

- Goal - Continue to pursue the 58 West water project. Status – Ongoing.
- Goal - Continue to pursue accreditation for the Sheriff's Office. Status - Sheriff's Office is beginning process to gain accreditation. Major Eanes said that mock assessment will be completed by the summer of 2010 and a final assessment is targeted for late 2010.
- Goal - Continue to address response issues for rescue squads. Status – The Board has authorized staff to work on plan to bring rescue squads under direction of Public Safety.
- Goal - Work on stormwater issues and other issues with the South Street Community Development project. Status – A Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) has been secured for housing rehabilitation. The County has applied for a hazard mitigation grant to address roads in the service area.

### **Long-Term/Continuing Goals**

- Goal - Emphasize energy efficiency/green initiatives. Status – The County and PSA have energy manager on staff, and three grants have been applied for to help address these issues.
- Goal - Promote community health care resources. Status – Ongoing.
- Goal - Address jail needs. Status - Little progress has been made. Mr. Eanes reported that the jail had 191 inmates, with 126 beds. Some inmates have been sent to surrounding communities because of space restrictions.
- Goal - Seek federal money for the completion of Route 58 to Interstate 77. Status – Mr. Summerlin said that little work has been done on this item because it appears that federal money is not readily available for this project.
- Goal - Work with the Corps of Engineers to improve the flow of water through the Smith River. Status - ongoing

- Goal - Initiate a Comprehensive Plan update. Status - No progress has been made because of fiscal restraints.
- Goal - Work to improve “County pride.” Status – Ongoing.
- Goal - Work to improve our educational facilities. Status – Ongoing. During the current fiscal year the Board authorized applications for \$2 million in recovery zone bonds.
- Goal - Support the Martinsville-Henry County EDC and continue to fund its efforts, and support its tourism initiatives. Status – Ongoing; a new tourism director recently hired.
- Goal - Push for Interstate 73 corridor as outlined by the Board in 2008. Status – Ongoing. The Board recently the Commonwealth Transportation Board to study an alternate route, and the CTB has agreed to do so.
- Goal - Continue to pursue delinquent taxes. Status – Ongoing. During the past year the County sold eight properties by court order.
- Goal - Endorse and participate in regional cooperation. Status – Ongoing.
- Goal - Endorse and participate in cooperative efforts with City of Martinsville. Status – Ongoing.
- Goal - Continue to support the New College Institute and Patrick Henry Community College. Status – Ongoing.
- Goal - Continue to support Blue Ridge Airport. Status – Ongoing.

## **OVERVIEW OF CURRENT YEAR BUDGET AND DISCUSSION OF FY 2011 BUDGET ISSUES**

Mr. Summerlin briefed the Board on the current year’s budget and his expectations for the FY 2011 Budget through a PowerPoint

presentation (a copy of which is on file). Highlights of the presentation included:

- Everything in the budget is important to someone
  - Education
  - Refuse collection
  - Parks
  - Economic development
  - Law enforcement/public safety
- Budget Reductions
  - February 2009 - \$986,767
    - \$428,624 Schools' carryover reduced
    - At least 2% from most departments
    - State budget cuts to Constitutional offices \$450,000
    - 8 positions eliminated in October
    - Revenue is on target
    - Caboose Bill reductions
    - Vehicle values dropped \$26 million, or \$400,000 in tax revenue
    - Food and Beverage projected up \$68,000
    - Interest on deposits projected up \$130,000
- County Tax Base
  - Property Tax
    - 59% General Fund
  - Property, Sales, Utility taxes
    - 76.7% General Fund
- FY 2010-2011 Budget
  - \$2 million shortfall projected
  - New funding in any area means taking funding from an existing program
- Budget Drivers
  - Reduced aid from Commonwealth
  - Reduced local revenues
  - Virginia Retirement System increases
  - Electrical increases
  - Health insurance increases
  - EMS system improvements
  - Shell building costs
- FY 2010-2011 Governor's Budget
  - Cuts to Constitutional officers +/- \$1.8m
  - Sheriff
  - Clerk of Court

- Commonwealth's Attorney
- Commissioner of the Revenue
- Treasurer
- Henry County Public Schools
  - Caboose Bill current year reductions greater than \$2m
  - FY '11 proposed state reductions greater than \$5m
  - Local appropriation FY '11 - TBD
- County Positions Eliminated Since 2002
  - FY '02
    - Director of Planning
    - Athletic Director
    - County Surveyor
    - Engineering Technician
    - Reassessment Computer Tech
    - Training Coordinator
    - I.S. Technician
    - Accounting Assistant
    - 3 Deputy Sheriffs
  - FY '04
    - Treasurer's Office position
    - Engineering Department position
    - Public Information Officer position
    - Commissioner of the Revenue position
    - Clerk of Court position
  - FY '06
    - 1 Deputy Sheriff position
  - FY '08
    - 3 Deputy Sheriff positions
  - FY '10
    - Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney
    - Commissioner of the Revenue position
    - Treasurer's Office position
    - 2 Clerk of Court positions
    - 3 Deputy Sheriff positions
  - Conclusion
    - Continued reduction in state aid
    - Local tax base will not grow, may decline
    - Continued high unemployment
    - Few opportunities to increase revenue
    - Loss of stimulus funds will cause shortfall
    - County will lag nation, Commonwealth in recovery

- Beyond the FY 2010-2011 Budget
  - Negative consequences of deferral of capital projects
  - Jail needs

## **BUDGET REDUCTION STRATEGIES**

Mr. Summerlin presented the Board and staff with the opportunity to make suggested cuts to the FY 2011 Budget. He distributed copies of the budgets for the County's largest cost centers and asked the participants to cut \$2 million from those cost centers. Mr. Summerlin said the data gained would be evaluated by the Finance Department and the County Administrator's Office and the suggestions would be part of the overall budget process this year.

## **GOALS AND OBJECTIVES FOR 2010**

Ms. Akers divided the Board members and some staff members into two groups and asked each to come up with a list of goals for the County. After each group developed its own list, the two lists were combined into one and Board/staff were asked to determine if a goal was a short-term goal or a long-term/continuing goal. The final lists were as follows:

### **Short-Term Goals**

- Get through FY 11 budget cycle
- Provide essential services with reduced resources
- Maintain fund balance
- Develop and implement plan for EMS and Rescue under Public Safety
- Develop ED infrastructure
  - Water and sewer for CCBC
  - Dick and Willie Trail
  - Broadband implementation
- Develop and implement energy efficiency process
- Job Creation

- Sheriff's Office Accreditation
- 58 West water project

### **Long-Term/Continuing Goals**

- Push for NCI to become a 4-year university
- Continue to support infrastructure needs for school system
- Emphasize energy efficiency/green initiatives
- Promote community health care resources
- Address jail needs
- Work with the Corps of Engineers to improve the flow of water through the Smith River
- Initiate a Comprehensive Plan update
- Work to improve "County pride"
- Work to improve our educational facilities
- Support the Martinsville-Henry County EDC and continue to fund its efforts, and support its tourism initiatives
- Continue to pursue delinquent taxes
- Endorse and participate in regional cooperation
- Endorse and participate in cooperative efforts with City of Martinsville
- Continue to support the New College Institute and Patrick Henry Community College
- Continue to support Blue Ridge Airport

### **CLOSED MEETING**

Mr. Adams moved that the Board enter into a closed meeting at 6:30 p.m. to discuss the following, second by Mr. Slaughter. The motion carried 5 to 0. Mrs. Buchanan was absent.

- 1) §2.2-3711(A)7 for Consultation with the County Attorney re: Pending Legal matters.

On a motion by Mr. Adams and a second by Mr. Slaughter, the Board voted 5-0 to enter Open Session. Mr. Hall read the Certification for Closed Session, and all concurred that only public business matters were discussed that were lawfully exempted and cited in the motion to enter Closed Session. No action was taken out of Closed Session.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

**HENRY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
MINUTES**

**Special Called Meeting  
February 16, 2010 – 4:00 pm**

The Henry County Board of Supervisors held a special called meeting on February 16, 2010 at 4:00 pm in the Fourth Floor Conference Room of the County Administration Building, King's Mountain Road, Collinsville, Virginia. The following Board members were present: Vice Chairman H. G. Vaughn; Milton Kendall, Tommy Slaughter and Joe Bryant. Chairman Debra Buchanan and Jim Adams were absent.

County Staff members present were Benny Summerlin, County Administrator; Tim Hall, Deputy County Administrator; George Lyle, County Attorney; and Susan Biege, Administrative Assistant.

Ron Morris of B-99 Radio was present.

The purpose of the special meeting was to formally confirm the State of Emergency that was declared February 6, 2010 in response to extreme weather conditions in Henry County.

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Mr. Vaughn called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone present.

**CONSIDERATION OF ISSUES SURROUNDING THE FEBRUARY 6, 2010 STATE OF EMERGENCY DECLARATION:**

Mr. Summerlin reviewed a Declaration of a Local Emergency and gave background information regarding the provisions of the law allowed in Section 44-146.21 of the Code of Virginia which allows declaring a local emergency as well as the procedure for ending such emergency. Mr. Summerlin stated the Board was also provided a copy of a summary of the winter storm of February 5-6, 2010 provided by Dale Wagoner, Director of Public Safety. (Copy of documents included in Board's File).

Mr. Wagoner briefly reviewed the summary. He stated one reason for declaring an emergency is to free up procurement in order to act fast without having to put out bids. He stated also by declaring a local emergency may qualify the County for federal assistance. He stated it is very rare; however, if it were to happen, it could open up opportunities for federal grants to the locality. He stated it may also open up opportunities on mitigation grants. Mr. Wagoner stated he was especially proud of the PSA staff in monitoring the water and sewer facilities. He also commended the Public Safety staff as well as the volunteer fire and rescue folks in all their efforts during the storm.

Following some comments regarding total snowfall for the year, Mr. Wagoner noted an estimate at approximately 30 inches. He stated the National Weather Service has described the snowfall for the entire region as historical in nature.

Mr. Kendall moved that the Board confirm the local emergency declaration and confirm that all emergency actions have been taken and the emergency no longer exists, second by Mr. Slaughter. The motion carried 4 to 0 with Ms. Buchanan and Mr. Adams absent.

There being no further discussion Mr. Slaughter moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:15 pm, second by Mr. Kendall. The motion carried 4 to 0 with Ms. Buchanan and Mr. Adams absent.

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**HENRY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
MINUTES**

**February 23, 2010 – 3:00 pm**

The Henry County Board of Supervisors held its regular meeting on February 23, 2010, 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: Vice Chairman H. G. Vaughn, Jim Adams, Milton Kendall, Joe Bryant and Tommy Slaughter. Chairman Debra Buchanan was absent

Staff members present were Benny Summerlin, County Administrator; Tim Hall, Deputy County Administrator; George Lyle, County Attorney; Susan Biege, Administrative Assistant; Darrell Jones, Director of Finance; and Richard Stanfield, Assistant Director of Finance.

Sergeant Eric Hairston was present from the Sheriff's Office. Also present were Debbie Hall of the Martinsville Bulletin and Ron Morris of B-99.

**INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

Tim Hall gave the invocation and Joe Bryant led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Vice Chairman Vaughn called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone present. He 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.

Mr. Vaughn gave the Board an update on Chairman Buchanan's progress since her recent illness.

**ITEMS OF CONSENT:**

**Confirmation of Minutes of Meetings**

(Copy included in Board's File).

- January 26, 2010 - 3:00 pm
- February 1, – 3:00 pm (Planning Session)

**Approval of Accounts Payable**

(Copy included in Board's File).

Mr. Adams moved that the Board approve Items of Consent as presented, second by Mr. Slaughter. The motion carried 5 to 0. Ms. Buchanan was absent.

Mr. Vaughn stated that Item #6 Consideration of Resolution Supporting Study of Merging Henry County Schools and City of Martinsville Schools will be moved to the 5:00 pm meeting with the School Board. Also an additional item has been added to the agenda which will be Item #8H under Financial Matters regarding Award of Contract for Uniforms.

**RECOMMENDATION BY THE RESCUE SQUAD ASSOCIATION FOR FY 2010-11 CAPITAL FUNDING:**

Mr. Summerlin stated in FY '92, the Board of Supervisors established a Rescue Squad Capital Improvements Program for the purpose of providing contributions to the County-based rescue squads to purchase vehicles. Initially, the Board of Supervisors agreed to contribute \$50,000 a year and in FY '94-'95 the contribution was increased to \$75,000 annually. In FY '05-'06 the contribution was increased to \$95,000. Funding policy for this program was later amended to include the purchase of portable equipment and new facilities/additions in some instances. The Board agreed to appropriate these funds each year, based on the recommendation of the Henry County-Martinsville Rescue Squad Association.

Mr. Marcus Stone, President of the Rescue Squad Association, stated the Association is recommending the annual appropriation of \$95,000 in capital funds for FY 2010-11 go to Axton Volunteer Rescue Squad for equipment. Mr. Stone stated the Association is also requesting the Board to consider future funding of an Emergency Medical Dispatch program. Mr. Stone introduced two members of the Axton Rescue Squad that were present. (Copy of Letter from the Rescue Squad Association is included in Board's File).

The Board thanked Mr. Stone and all the volunteers on behalf of Henry County. Mr. Kendall moved that the Board consider the request along with all other requests for the FY 2010-11 Budget, second by Mr. Adams. The motion carried 5 to 0. Ms. Buchanan was absent.

**FINANCIAL MATTERS:**

**Grant Acceptance and Additional Appropriation re: TRIAD Crime Prevention Grant – Sheriff's Office**

Mr. Summerlin stated that Sheriff Perry is requesting the Board to accept and appropriate a grant in the amount of \$2,250 from the TRIAD Crime Prevention and Seniors program. According to Sheriff Perry, the grant amount includes a local match of \$225, which he would cover from his current budget. The grant would be used to purchase TRIAD items and to provide food for the annual senior seminar picnic in June. The program is associated Seniors and Law Enforcement Together (SALT). SALT is a collaboration among the City of Martinsville Police Department,

Henry County Sheriff's Office, and Southern Area Agency on Aging. (Copy of letter and appropriation sheet is included in Board's File).

Mr. Bryant moved that the Board accept the grant and approve the additional appropriation as outlined, second by Mr. Kendall. The motion carried 5 to 0. Ms. Buchanan was absent.

**Award of Contract re: Environmental Narrative and Phase I Cultural Resources Study at Commonwealth Crossing Business Centre**

Mr. Summerlin stated as part of the ongoing work to prepare the Commonwealth Crossing Business Centre for occupancy, staff is pursuing grant funding to extend water and sewer lines to the property. One of the necessary steps in this process is the completion of an environmental narrative and a Phase I cultural resources study for the property. He stated staff is seeking a contract in the amount of \$16,200 to be awarded to Wiley-Wilson for these items. Wiley-Wilson previously completed the master plan on the property, and the Request for Proposals (RFP) for that process also is in effect for this additional item. Sufficient funding is included in the IDA budget for this purpose.

Mr. Adams moved that the Board approve the contract in the amount of \$16,200 to Wiley-Wilson for completion of the environmental narrative and the Phase I cultural resources study as outlined, second by Mr. Slaughter. The motion carried 5 to 0. Ms. Buchanan was absent.

**Additional Appropriation re: FY 2008-09 Carryover Funds – School Board**

Mr. Summerlin stated the School Board is requesting that the Board of Supervisors appropriate FY 2009 carryover funds of \$425,000 to the School Board. According to information from Superintendent Anthony Jackson, the money would be used toward the replacement of the roof at Magna Vista High School. The total amount of carryover is \$457,235. (Copy of Information from School Board and Appropriation Sheet is included in Board's File).

Mr. Kendall moved that the Board approve the additional appropriation request in the amount of \$425,000 as outlined, second by Mr. Slaughter. The motion carried 5 to 0. Ms. Buchanan was absent.

**Additional Appropriation re: Project Graduation Grant – School Board**

Mr. Summerlin stated the School Board is requesting that the Board of Supervisors appropriate a Project Graduation Grant from the Commonwealth of Virginia in the amount of \$26,400. The money would be used for paying teachers and purchasing supplies for the program, which is designed to help students who need additional instruction in preparation of SOL tests in all content areas. (Copy of Background Information from School Board and Appropriation Sheet is included in Board's File).

Mr. Bryant moved that the Board approve the additional appropriation request in the amount of \$26,400 as outlined, second by Mr. Adams. The motion carried 5 to 0. Ms. Buchanan was absent.

**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 \$87,500 to Motorola to purchase equipment related to the County's interoperability project, which is a joint project that includes the counties of Henry, Franklin and Patrick and the City of Martinsville. According to Mr. Wagoner, the contract would purchase two portable radio repeaters, four mobile radio units for fire and rescue vehicles, and eight multi-band radios. 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. (Copy of Information from Mr. Wagoner is included in Board's File).

Mr. Kendall moved that the Board award the contract as outlined, second by Mr. Slaughter. The motion carried 5 to 0. Ms. Buchanan was absent.

**Award of Contract re: Henry County Courthouse HVAC Project**

Mr. Summerlin stated in December 2009 the Board of Supervisors awarded a contract in the amount of \$64,350 to John Bryant, Inc. of Fieldale for replacement of the HVAC system at the Henry County Courthouse. However, significant changes to the HVAC design since then necessitated reissuing of the Request for Proposals (RFP) for the project. Bids were received and opened Wednesday, February 17. Three bids were received, and the low bid of \$63,600 was again from John Bryant, Inc. of Fieldale. Mr. Summerlin noted that the funds are paid from a Save America's Treasures Grant and a Harvest Foundation Grant and no County funds are being used.

Mr. Adams moved that the Board award the contract in the amount of \$63,600 to John Bryant, Inc. of Fieldale for the HVAC system replacement at the old Henry County Courthouse, second by Mr. Bryant. The motion carried 5 to 0. Ms. Buchanan was absent.

**Award of Contract and Additional Appropriation re: Health Department Roof**

Mr. Summerlin stated bids were received for replacement of the Henry-Martinsville Health Department roof. Six bids were received, and the low bidder was Sheets Roofing Inc. of Danville in the amount of \$96,598. The project consists of removal of the existing ballasted roofing system and replacement with EPDM roofing with tapered insulation. The Health Department will be reimbursing the City and County for the roof replacement through an amendment to the Local Government

Agreement in fiscal years 2010 and 2011. (Copy of Appropriation Sheet is included in Board's File).

Mr. Kendall moved that the Board approve the award of contract for roof replacement in the amount of \$96,598 to Sheets Roofing, Inc., second by Mr. Slaughter. The motion carried 5 to 0. Ms. Buchanan was absent.

### **Award of Contract – Uniforms**

Mr. Summerlin stated last fall Henry County, the Public Service Authority, and the Henry County School System issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) for uniforms for various County positions that require uniforms. The low bidder was awarded to ALSCO-Servitex Corporation out of the five companies that responded. Since that time several provisions of that contract were not met by the company and ALSCO was given 30 days to comply. The 30-day period expired February 22 without compliance, so the contract was terminated. Mr. Summerlin stated that staff has negotiated a new contract with Aramark Uniform Services, one of the companies that responded to the first RFP. The contract is for three years, with a price freeze for the first two years and no more than a 3% increase in the third year. He stated under the new contract, Aramark would lease to Henry County the uniforms for the period of March 24, 2010 to March 24, 2013. The overall amount of the contract is dependent on the number of employees who will wear uniforms. (A copy of Uniform Price per Item is included in Board's File).

Mr. Slaughter moved that the Board award the contract to Aramark as outlined, second by Mr. Bryant. The motion carried 5 to 0. Ms. Buchanan was absent.

### **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:**

Mr. Summerlin briefed the Board on several upcoming events. He stated a groundbreaking for the Dick & Willie trail project has tentatively been scheduled on March 9 at 11:00 am with Congressman's Boucher and Perriello participating and subject to final confirmation.

He stated at noon on the same day (March 9) the Board of Supervisors are invited on a tour of a local industry that has invested significantly in capital equipment and tour plans are being finalized. Mr. Summerlin stated on March 25, the County will hold its Annual County Employee Service Award Ceremony at Bassett Country Club at 6:00 pm. On March 31, the Virginia Association of Counties will be holding regional meetings. The regional meeting for Henry County will be held in the Pittsylvania County General District Court Room from 3:00 to 5:00 pm if any Board members wish to attend. Mr. Summerlin stated recently staff held a video conference with VDOT regarding the location study for the changed Interstate 73, which went very well. He stated monthly video conference updates are being scheduled with VDOT and its consultant. Mr. Summerlin stated Social Services has settled into its new location and has surplus furniture left over from its old facility. He stated they have a number of filing cabinets available and plans are

to redistribute those among City and County offices who need file cabinets. He stated after talking with City Manager Clarence Monday, it was agreed to offer any miscellaneous furniture left over to local non-profit corporations rather than put them in surplus auction and would need the Board's approval.

Mr. Kendall moved that the Board approve donating leftover surplus furniture from the old Social Services building to non-profit agencies, second by Mr. Slaughter. The motion carried 5 to 0. Ms. Buchanan was absent.

### **Comments from the Board**

Mr. Vaughn reminded everyone of the Trade Show scheduled for next week at the Clock Tower which will be open to the public on Wednesday, March 3.

### **CLOSED MEETING:**

Mr. Adams moved to enter into a closed meeting at 3:20 pm to discuss the following, second by Mr. Slaughter. The motion carried 5 to 0. Chairman Buchanan was absent.

- 1) §2.2-3711(A)1 for Discussion of Appointees to the Community Policy and Management Team, Industrial Development Authority, Dan River Alcohol Safety Action Program, and Southern Virginia Recreation Facilities Authority.
- 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 4:36 pm on a motion by Mr. Adams, second by Mr. Slaughter. The motion carried 5 to 0. Ms. Buchanan was absent.

### **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. Bryant, Mr. Kendall, Mr. Adams and Mr. Vaughn. Ms. Buchanan was absent.

### **APPOINTMENTS:**

### **Industrial Development Authority**

Mr. Adams moved that the Board reappoint Rodney Thacker and Wes Caviness to the IDA Board with terms ending March 2014, second by Mr. Kendall. The motion carried 5 to 0. Ms. Buchanan was absent.

### **Dan River Alcohol Safety Action Program**

Mr. Slaughter moved to reappoint J. R. Powell to the Dan River Alcohol Safety Action Program for a three year term, second by Mr. Kendall. The motion carried 5 to 0. Ms. Buchanan was absent.

The Board recessed its meeting at 4:38 pm until the 5:00 joint meeting with the School Board.

### **BUDGET WORK SESSION WITH HENRY COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD:**

Mr. Vaughn called the Board of Supervisors meeting back to order and welcomed everyone present.

Chairman Rogers called the School Board to order and thanked the Board of Supervisors for the opportunity to hold the joint session. Members of the School Board present were: Chairman Kathy Rogers, Vice Chairman Rudy Law, Charles Speakman, Joseph DeVault, Betsy Mattox, Curtis Millner, and Terri Flanagan. Superintendent Anthony Jackson was also present as well as other staff members of the School Board.

### **CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION SUPPORTING STUDY OF MERGING HENRY COUNTY SCHOOLS AND CITY OF MARTINSVILLE SCHOOLS:**

Martinsville City Council approved a resolution February 9 supporting a study of merger/consolidation of the Martinsville City Schools and Henry County Public Schools. Part of Council's action was to formally ask the Board of Supervisors to approve a similar resolution. Staff has prepared a resolution for the Board of Supervisors and the School Board's consideration.

Mr. Slaughter read the proposed joint resolution of the Board of Supervisors and Henry County School Board supporting a study of merger or consolidation of education services with the City of Martinsville. (A copy of the Resolution is included in Board's File.)

Mr. Slaughter moved that the Board approve the resolution as presented, second by Mr. Bryant. The motion carried 5 to 0. Ms. Buchanan was absent.

Mr. Millner moved that the School Board approve the resolution as presented, second by Mr. DeVault and unanimously carried.

The meeting was then turned over to Superintendent Jackson to discuss the upcoming FY 2011 Operating Budget of the Henry County School Board. Mr. Jackson stated members of his staff Dawn Lawson, Director of Business; DeWitt House, Assistant Superintendent for Instruction; William Wingfield, Director of Maintenance and Facilities; and Marci Lexa, Director of Nutrition Services, will present a power point presentation giving an overview of the School Board's FY 2011 budget to date. (A Copy of Presentation is included in Board's File.)

Following the presentation County Administrator Benny Summerlin summarized issues that the County will be facing with upcoming State cuts as well as the impact of what local revenues received from sales, utility and property taxes will have on the General Fund. He noted that local revenues should be clearer to predict by mid-March. Mr. Summerlin stated he and Mr. Jackson have been in close contact and appreciates the school's cooperation.

Mr. Vaughn thanked Superintendent Jackson, School Board and staff for the information gathered and stated the Board of Supervisors looks forward to working with the School Board.

Mr. Vaughn recessed the meeting at 5:38 pm until the 6:00 pm session. He then called the meeting back to order at 6:00 pm and welcomed everyone present.

#### **CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION IN HONOR OF THE BOY SCOUTS' 100<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY:**

Mr. Summerlin stated the Boy Scouts will celebrate their 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary during 2010. A resolution has been prepared for the Board's consideration that recognizes this monumental event. Representatives of local Boy Scout troops were present to receive the resolution. (Copy of Resolution included in Board's File).

Mr. Adams read the resolution and moved to adopt the resolution as presented, second by Mr. Kendall. The motion carried 5 to 0. Ms. Buchanan was absent. Mr. Vaughn presented the plaque to the group.

#### **MATTERS PRESENTED BY THE PUBLIC:**

Mr. Vaughn 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.

Mr. Todd Woodall of the Horsepasture District stated during the fall of 2009, the area on and surrounding Carver Road was subjected to excessive heavy

industrial truck traffic, 24 hours-a-day, 7 days-a-week, primarily from the late night operation of W-L Construction and Paving (also known as APAC) located at 3600 Carver Road. He stated it was his understanding that the property is zoned agricultural but is allowed to operate in a residential community due to a grandfather clause. Mr. Woodall further stated since the Board has previously addressed other issues such as barking dogs and assisted other communities with public nuisances, he felt it was appropriate that the Board assist those living near W-L Construction and Paving in reaching a solution to excessive heavy industrial truck traffic operating all night in the area. (Copy of Mr. Woodall's statement is included in Board's File).

Mr. Lyle briefed the Board on the noise ordinance previously addressed by the Board. Mr. Vaughn requested that Mr. Lyle review the issue and consult with Chairman Buchanan since the issue is in her district. Mr. Vaughn thanked Mr. Woodall for his comments.

**PUBLIC HEARING – PROPOSED ABANDONMENT, “OUTLET ROAD” AT 234 RIDGEDALE DRIVE:**

Mr. Lee Clark reviewed a proposed abandonment, “Outlet Road” at 234 Ridgedale Drive on behalf of Robert D. and Maria E. Lemons, applicants who are requesting the abandonment of an “Outlet Road” located at 234 Ridgedale Drive in the Reed Creek District. Mr. Clark noted that the access was never constructed, does not lead to any property other than the applicant's, and there is some debate as to whether it continues to exist today. Mr. Clark stated to help clarify the County's position, in accordance with State Code §33.1 157-164, staff is willing to express that no public necessity exists for the continuance of this section of road as a public road. VDOT has also advised that they have no objection to this abandonment.

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 abandonment as requested with the following motion, second by Mr. Adams. The motion carried 5 to 0. Chairman Buchanan was absent. (Copy of Information in Board's File).

**“Be it ordained and resolved that an “Outlet Road” located at 234 Ridgedale Drive, in the Reed Creek District, shown on a plat for Robert Leon Deal, Jr. and Brenda J. Deal, prepared by Lawrence W. Cockram, dated September 3, 1997, recorded in the Henry County Circuit Court Clerk's Office in M.B. 89, P.G. 461, be vacated and abandoned, subject to the rights of owners of any utilities previously installed.”**

**PUBLIC HEARING – BUDGET AMENDMENT FOR VML/VACO RECOVERY ZONE DEVELOPMENT BONDS:**

Mr. Summerlin stated last fall the Board approved VML/VACo Pool Recovery Zone Economic Development Bonds for the Henry County School System. The bonds, in the amount of \$2 million, would be used to finance a roof replacement at Magna Vista High School and the replacement of lights and ceilings at Laurel Park Middle School. He stated as part of that process, the Board of Supervisors needs a public hearing for an amendment to the FY 2010 Budget, since the \$2 million is more than 1% of the total County Budget. The expenditure is dependent on the final issuance of the bonds. (Copy of Public Hearing Notice and Appropriation Sheet are included in Board's File).

The public hearing was open at 6:15 pm. There being no one present who wished to speak the public hearing was closed at 6:15 pm.

Mr. Adams moved that the Board approve the budget amendment and the additional appropriation as presented, contingent on the final issuance of the bonds, second by Mr. Slaughter. The motion carried 5 to 0. Ms. Buchanan was absent.

#### **GENERAL HIGHWAY MATTERS:**

Ms. Lisa Price-Hughes, Residency Administrator of the local VDOT office, was present to address general highway matters. Ms. Hughes updated the Board on tree removal contracts from recent snow storms and road openings that were closed due to recent flooding. Ms. Hughes stated VDOT will hold the Secondary Six Year Plan at the March 23 Board meeting from 6:00 pm until 6:30 pm in the side room.

There being no further business to discuss Mr. Adams moved that the Board adjourn at 6:20 pm, second by Mr. Bryant. The motion carried 5 to 0. Chairman Buchanan was absent.

**HENRY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
MINUTES**

**March 23, 2010 – 3:00 pm**

The Henry County Board of Supervisors held its regular meeting on March 23, 2010, 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, Milton Kendall, Joe Bryant 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; Darrell Jones, Director of Finance; and Richard Stanfield, Assistant Director of Finance.

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

**INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

Joe Bryant gave the invocation and Milton Kendall 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).

- February 16, 2010 – Special Meeting 4pm
- February 23, 2010 – 3pm

**Approval of Accounts Payable**

(Copy included in Board's File).

**Consideration of Resolution Establishing April 2010 to be "Fair Housing Month" in Henry County**

The County's grant contract with the Virginia Department of Housing & Community Development (VDHCD) requires that for each grant year that a CDBG project is active, the County must conduct one activity that promotes fair housing. Staff recommends adopting a resolution declaring April as "Fair Housing Month." (Copy of Proposed Resolution is Included in Board's File.)

**Consideration of Resolution Establishing April 2010 to be "Child Abuse Prevention Month" in Henry County**

The Exchange Club of Martinsville and Henry County is requesting the Board to adopt a resolution establishing April 2010 as "Child Abuse Prevention Month" in Henry County. (Copy of Proposed Resolution is Included in Board's File).

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

**RECOGNITION OF LOIS CHRISTENSEN, OUTGOING EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF GATEWAY STREETScape FOUNDATION:**

Mrs. Buchanan stated Ms. Lois Christensen, Executive Director of Gateway Streetscape Foundation, is retiring March 31 after 12 years of service. Ms. Christensen and Gateway Streetscape have been great partners with Henry County on a variety of projects over the years. On behalf of the Board Ms. Buchanan presented Ms. Christensen with a plaque in appreciation of her years of service to Henry County and the community. Ms. Christensen thanked the Board and stated she had enjoyed working with the County over the years.

**CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION REGARDING APPALACHIAN POWER COMPANY ELECTRIC BILLS:**

Mr. Kendall read a proposed resolution regarding recent electric bills from Appalachian Power Company to its residential and commercial customers. The resolution urges Appalachian Power to do all it can to curtail rising electrical bills; work with citizens on ways to save energy and lessen their fiscal burdens; and be responsive and considerate as citizens deal with the crushing economic times. (Copy of Proposed Resolution is Included in Board's File).

Mr. Kendall moved to approve the Resolution as presented, second by Mr. Slaughter and unanimously carried.

Mr. Larry Jackson, a representative of Appalachian Power, thanked the Board for the wording of the Resolution. He briefly discussed the flat rate tariff imposed by Appalachian which has been in effect for approximately 5 years.

Several members of the Board discussed a few of the many calls they had been receiving from citizens regarding their high electric bills. It was noted by Mr.

Kendall that the high electric rates are also a major issue in attracting new businesses to the area in a time when jobs are badly needed.

Mr. Jackson thanked the Board for their comments and explained that APCo has tried to help ease the burden on its users by implementing a moratorium on electric terminations and is currently working with the Department of Social Services to help those who need assistance with their electric bills. He stated APCo has implemented extended payment plans and suspended its interim rates.

Ms. Buchanan thanked Mr. Jackson for coming and addressing the issue.

### **FINANCIAL MATTERS:**

#### **Acceptance and Additional Appropriation of Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant**

Mr. Summerlin stated as part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA), funding is available for energy projects at the state and local level. He stated the County has applied for four grants and one has been allocated with the other three pending. Henry County submitted an application for funding to be used for an energy education program, and \$44,000 was funded. The funds would come through the Virginia Department of Mines, Minerals, and Energy as grant from the Virginia Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program. The grant requires a local match of \$5,000, which would come from money already included in the FY '10 County Budget. (Copy of Proposed Resolution is Included in Board's File).

Mr. Kendall moved that the Board approve acceptance of the grant and the additional appropriation, second by Mr. Slaughter and unanimously carried.

#### **Transfer Appropriation re: Flood Damage Repairs – Parks and Recreation**

Mr. Summerlin stated that flooding earlier this year caused extensive damage to Jordan Creek Park, Fieldale Park, and the Fieldale Walking Trail. Insurance claims on these damages were denied because the sites are located within flood zones. Parks and Recreation Director Roger Adams indicates that the fence repairs at Jordan Creek will cost \$32,000, and material lost at Jordan Creek, Fieldale Park and the Fieldale Walking Trail will cost a total of \$18,000. He is asking the Board to approve the expenditures. The funding will come from the FY '10 Budget.

Mr. Bryant moved that the Board approve a \$50,000 transfer appropriation from funds within the Industrial Development Authority budget, second by Mr. Kendall and unanimously carried.

#### **Award of Contract re: Emergency and Hazardous Tree Removal Services**

Mr. Summerlin stated that Gateway Streetscape Foundation has secured funding through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) for various projects throughout its service area. Henry County is serving as the fiscal agent for these funds for Gateway. A Request for Proposals (RFP) was issued for a vendor to provide emergency and hazardous tree removal services for Gateway, and three vendors responded. The committee that evaluated the responses have requested that the Board award a contract in the amount of \$20,000 to Skyline Tree Service of Collinsville to serve on an as-needed basis for emergency and hazardous tree removal.

Mr. Adams moved that the Board approve the award of contract in the amount of \$20,000 to Skyline Tree Services, second by Mr. Vaughn and unanimously carried.

### **Award of Contracts – Riverside Drive Housing Rehabilitation Project**

Mr. Summerlin stated that on March 11, 2010, the Riverside Drive Housing Rehabilitation Board reviewed and approved the following contract awards for 3132 Riverside Drive, Bassett, owned by Esther Lynch:

- N & G Construction - \$ 19,200.00 – For housing rehabilitation.
- Pittsylvania County Community Action (PCCA) - \$ 4,800.00 – For new heat pump contingent upon approval of the PCCA to pay as weatherization item.

Mr. Adams, after noting he serves as a member on the Housing Rehab Board, moved that the Board award the contracts as recommended by the Riverside Drive Housing Rehabilitation Board, second by Mr. Bryant and unanimously carried.

### **Additional Appropriation re: Asset Forfeiture Funds – Commonwealth’s Attorney’s Office**

Mr. Summerlin stated Commonwealth’s Attorney Bob Bushnell is requesting the Board to make an additional appropriation in the amount of \$3,000 from the Asset Forfeiture line item to his Travel Expenses line item.

Mr. Bryant moved that the Board approve the additional appropriation of \$3,000, second by Mr. Slaughter and unanimously carried.

### **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:**

#### **Comments from the Board**

Mr. Slaughter stated after hearing complaints from local residents and observing roadways throughout the County trash has become a big problem and discussed the need for some type of enforcement. Other Board members concurred with Mr. Slaughter and stated they have also received calls regarding littering and people with messy homes. Mr. Vaughn noted that one problem with littering along

the roadways is trucks carrying trash to convenience centers that are not covered and it blowing off.

Mr. Lyle stated State law requires large trucks to cover loads to keep items secure.

The Board also discussed the COPs Unit which used to enforce litter violations. However, Major Steve Eanes noted that program was eliminated back in September 2009 as part of State funding cuts to the budget.

Ms. Buchanan asked Mr. Lyle to determine whether the County could pass an ordinance that would require smaller trucks to be covered and to what extent and bring that information back to the Board.

Mr. Adams stated that perhaps the Board should address litter enforcement as a priority during the upcoming budget process.

Mr. Vaughn stated he would like to thank APCo during the recent storms in getting power restored to the community. He also addressed the issue of APCo taking preventative measures in trying to keep the trees trimmed back from power lines on a regular basis.

Mr. Larry Jackson of APCo stated that APCo has a lot of resources devoted in keeping trees trimmed especially along the main lines and beyond the front zones. He stated keeping the trees trimmed back is an ongoing situation.

Mr. Lyle followed up with the Board on a request at the February meeting by Todd Woodall of the Horsepasture District requesting the Board's assistance in finding a solution to help residents in the area on and surrounding Carver Road that are subjected to excessive heavy industrial truck traffic. Mr. Lyle stated that the County has no authority in regulating truck traffic or highway traffic. He stated the County has never had an ordinance that addresses noise from manufacturing and would suggest that they not get into that type of ordinance.

The Board briefly discussed the use of drivers using jake brakes, which the County does not have any authority in regulating. It was noted that the manufacturer could ask the drivers not to use them in specific areas.

Mr. Summerlin stated the groundbreaking for the Dick and Willie Trail has been scheduled for March 31 at 2pm and will meet behind the old Martinsville-Henry County Rescue Squad. The Virginia Association of Counties meeting has also been scheduled on the same day from 3pm to 5pm. The Employee Award Service Banquet is scheduled on March 25 starting at 6pm at Bassett Country Club. He stated he also received a request from the Electoral Board regarding moving the Irisburg Voting Precinct to Freedom Baptist Church, which requires a public hearing.

Mr. Kendall moved that the Board set a public hearing at the April meeting, second by Mr. Vaughn and unanimously carried.

**CLOSED MEETING:**

Mr. Vaughn moved that the Board enter into a closed meeting at 3:46 pm to discuss the following, second by Mr. Slaughter and unanimously carried.

- 1) §2.2-3711(A)1 for Discussion of Appointees to the Community Policy & Management Team, Henry-Martinsville Social Services Board, and West Piedmont Disability Services 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 5:41 pm on a motion by Mr. Vaughn, second by Mr. Bryant 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. Bryant, Mr. Kendall, Mr. Adams and Mr. Vaughn. Ms. Buchanan was absent.

**APPOINTMENTS:**

**Community Policy and Management Team**

Mr. Bryant moved that the Board appoint Mr. Brad Kinkema to the Community Policy and Management Team for a term to expire June 2011, second by Mr. Kendall and unanimously carried.

The Board recessed its meeting at 5:25 pm until its afternoon session at 6:00 pm.

Chairman Buchanan called the meeting back to order at 6:00 pm and welcomed everyone present.

Chairman Buchanan announced that for those who are present to speak at the public hearing regarding the Six-Year Secondary Road Plan, it is being held from 6:00 pm until 6:30 pm in the right side meeting room by VDOT representatives.

**MATTERS PRESENTED BY THE PUBLIC:**

There was no one present who wished to address the Board.

**PUBLIC HEARING – AMENDMENT TO COUNTY CODE §13-1200 REGARDING STORAGE OF MOBILE HOMES AND MANUFACTURED HOMES:**

Mr. Lee Clark, Director of Planning, Zoning and Inspections, reviewed a proposed amendment to the County Code §13-1200 regarding the Storage of Mobile Homes and Manufactured Homes. Mr. Clark stated in January, the Board adopted changes to County Code §13-1200, to address issues that were identified through earlier prosecutions. Since then, staff has received additional feedback from the Commonwealth’s Attorney’s office. The amendment addresses these concerns and clarifies the language within the ordinance. (A Copy of Proposed Amendments Included in Board’s File).

The public hearing was open at 6:02 pm for public comments. There being no one present who wished to address the issue the public hearing was closed at 6:02 pm.

Mr. Kendall moved that the Board approve the amendment to County Code §13-1200 regarding the Storage of Mobile Homes and Manufactured Homes, second by Mr. Vaughn and unanimously carried.

**GENERAL HIGHWAY MATTERS:**

**Consideration of Revenue-Sharing Program, FY 2011**

Mr. Summerlin stated the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) annually funds a Revenue Sharing Program for the construction, maintenance, or improvement of primary and secondary roads in counties. The Commonwealth provides funds to match local funds. Henry County participated in the program for many years, but the County discontinued participation in FY 2001-02 due to fiscal constraints. He stated the Board received a copy of a letter from Michael Estes, Director of VDOT’s Local Assistance Division outlining changes to the program and how localities can participate.

Mr. Bryant moved that Henry County not participate in the Revenue Sharing program, second by Mr. Vaughn and unanimously carried.

**RECOMMENDATION BY THE FIRE ASSOCIATION FOR FY ’10-’11 FUNDING:**

The Board received background information stating in FY '90 the Board of Supervisors established a Fire Equipment Capital Improvements Program funded by a \$100,000 contribution from the Board of Supervisors. In FY '96 the contribution was increased to \$150,000 per year. In FY '05-'06 the contribution was increased to \$175,000. The purpose of the fund is to assist the eight volunteer fire departments in purchasing pumpers. The Board agreed to appropriate these funds each year based on the recommendation of the Henry County Firefighters Association.

Mr. Randy Smith of the Martinsville-Henry County Fire Association reviewed information regarding current fire truck standards and operating costs for the Henry County Volunteer Fire Departments. Mr. Smith also discussed the high school Firefighter Class and the importance of keeping this program intact as well as cross-training its firefighters. (Copy of Presentation is Included in Board's File). Following Mr. Smith's presentation he requested level funding across the Board for the fire departments and requested that the \$175,000 in the FY 2011 Fire Equipment Capital Improvements funding be allocated to the Collinsville Fire Department.

Mr. Adams moved that the Board consider the request in the upcoming FY '10-'11 Budget, second by Mr. Slaughter and unanimously carried.

Members of the Board thanked all the volunteers in attendance for their many hours of service to Henry County.

Chairman Buchanan welcomed Austin Turner a member of Boy Scout Troop #167 who was in attendance.

#### **GENERAL HIGHWAY MATTERS CONTINUED:**

##### **Public Hearing - Six-Year Secondary Road Plan, Open Format, 6pm to 6:30 pm (Meeting Room #1-Right Side)**

Mr. Summerlin noted that the Board is not required to take any action at this meeting; however Lisa Price Hughes will prepare minutes of the hearing, make any recommended changes to the list of projects, and submit the revised document to the Board for approval at its April 27 meeting.

Ms. Lisa Price-Hughes then discussed the following general highway matters.

- Construction is scheduled to begin after the race on Route 220 Safety Project in the area of Dodge's Store, Bojangles and Food Lion.
- Route 220 and Route 58 paving projects are being done with stimulus funds.
- Old Quarry Road will be awhile before reopening and the Fieldale Bridge is scheduled to reopen at the end of November.

- Discussion regarding State funding for the Six-Year Secondary Road Plan, which is approximately \$191,000. VDOT's first priority will be a section of Preston Road from Route 58 to Preston.
- Route 684 and Carver Road Safety Study – VDOT is looking at options to improve the sight distance at intersection.
- Rangeley (Routes 609, 102, and 683) heading towards Bassett, site distance is not good and VDOT does not have funding for this project at this time.
- Discussion of fallen trees on State right-of-ways during recent storms (Joseph Martin Highway and on Callaway Drive off Route 609). VDOT is still in the process of removing the trees and advised anyone to call VDOT if there are reports of other fallen trees.

**CONTINUATION OF MEETING TO APRIL 6, 2010:**

There being no further business to discuss Mr. Adams moved at 6:30 pm to continue the meeting to April 6, 2010 at 5:00 pm for the presentation of the Total County Budget, second by Mr. Slaughter and unanimously carried.

**HENRY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
MINUTES**

**April 6, 2010 – 5:00 pm**

The Henry County Board of Supervisors held a meeting on April 6, 2010, at 5:00 pm in the Fourth Floor Conference Room of the County Administration Building, King's Mountain Road, Collinsville, Virginia. The purpose of the meeting was to present the FY '10-'11 County Budget. The following Board members were present: Chairman Debra Buchanan, Vice Chairman H. G. Vaughn; Jim Adams, Milton Kendall, Joe Bryant and Tommy Slaughter.

Staff members present were Benny Summerlin, County Administrator; Tim Hall, Deputy County Administrator; George Lyle, County Attorney; Susan Biege, Administrative Assistant; Darrell Jones, Director of Finance; Richard Stanfield, Assistant Director of Finance; and Mrs. Susan Reynolds, Director of Human Resources.

Debbie Hall of the Martinsville Bulletin was present. Also present were Sheriff Lane Perry, Major Steve Eanes and Lieutenant Nelson Thomas.

Chairman Buchanan called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone present. She stated this is a continuation from the Board's March 23, 2010 meeting. The meeting was then turned over to Mr. Summerlin for presentation of the FY '10-'11 Proposed County Budget.

Mr. Summerlin then gave an overview of the Discussion and Analysis for Fiscal Year -2010-2011 Proposed Operating Budget for the County of Henry and Capital Improvements Plan as outlined below:

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**I**n budgets past, when circumstances were different and the world seemed a better place, the cover and the narrative of the County Administrator's Budget Discussion and Analysis featured dazzling comments and pretty pictures.

As you saw on the front of this folder, there is no such approach this year. No movie quotes or tidbits of philosophy. No characters or theme-driven snapshots.

This year you will be asked to approve a budget that does nothing to move Henry County forward. It could be argued – convincingly – that this budget puts us in reverse.

Our public school system's funding is cut. Our law enforcement budget is cut. Our economic development budget is cut. Our public safety budget is cut. Our unemployment rate continues its double-digit presence, thanks to an economy that sputters like a car missing a cylinder.

How do we go forward when all it seems we do is go backward? Progress is difficult when we struggle to provide the basics of education, public safety, and economic development. When we can't fully provide for those areas, what chance do we have to prosper?

In FY 2010-11 needs will go unmet and services will be reduced. Outside agencies will suffer. Our employees will be asked, again, to do more with less.

That is the hand which we have been dealt, and we will manage it as best we can. We will hope that next year will be better, but we say that every year, don't we?

### ***FY 2009-2010 Highlights***

Even with the problems that FY 2009 brought us, we still accomplished many goals. Some of the highlights:

- Monogram Foods – previously known as Knauss Snack Foods – announced a \$3 million expansion and hired 120 additional workers. Monogram/Knauss has been a community giant since coming to Henry County in 2002, and it continues to quietly sink its roots deeper into Henry County.
- CPFilms brought a new production line onboard and plans to hire more than 20 additional personnel to run it. This is an indication of CPFilms' commitment to Henry County, and we are pleased that this market leader chose to expand here.
- Drake Extrusion announced plans to spend \$1.25 million and hire 25 additional employees for its Henry County site. Drake, under the leadership of John Parkinson, is another "quiet giant" in Henry County and we are thrilled to have the company with us.
- Master Plans were completed on the Bryant property adjacent to the Patriot Centre and on the ROMA property near the North Carolina line. The ROMA property was renamed Commonwealth Crossing Business Centre and is being actively marketed to prospects. The Board of Supervisors and County staff worked to secure \$800,000 in congressional earmarks and \$1.7 million in Tobacco Commission grants toward the extension of public utilities to the site. We are awaiting word from the Economic Development Administration on whether our request for \$1.7 million will be approved. That money is needed to match and secure the Tobacco Commission grant.
- The Board of Supervisors welcomed two new members in Milton Kendall from the Iriswood District and Joe Bryant from the Collinsville District. These two newcomers quickly assimilated themselves into the Board's work and they have been gracious and open to staff. We look forward to working with them and the entire Board over the next year.
- The School Board hired Anthony Jackson to be the new School Superintendent, and County staff has been extremely impressed with Mr. Jackson's management approach and accessibility. The working relationship between the School Board staff and the County staff is as good as it's ever been, and we look forward to working together on many issues this year.
- The Board of Supervisors and the School Board both endorsed a resolution in favor of school merger and/or consolidation talks with the City of Martinsville school division. County staff stands ready to work with both school divisions in any way needed during this process.

- The School Board declared the former Ridgeway Elementary School to be surplus property and returned it to the Board of Supervisors. The Board took public input on what to do with the facility.
- The School Board and the Board of Supervisors worked together to secure Recovery Zone bonds to pay for \$2 million in repairs and upgrades at Magna Vista High School and Laurel Park Middle School.
- The new Henry County Service Center opened, and it has proven to be a great facility for many County and PSA departments. FY '11 will bring the School Board's maintenance department into the facility as well, allowing us to be even more efficient.
- The long, crazy path to move Henry-Martinsville Social Services into an adequate facility ended successfully with the move to the former Athena building. The employees and clients of the department are thrilled with the new office, and the community has embraced it too. The arduous journey ended successfully, just as we felt it would. In addition, the renovations were done on time and under budget.
- Our next dilemma will be the Henry-Martinsville Health Department facility. Henry County and Martinsville spent \$96,598 to replace the building's roof. The Health Department will repay that money to the localities over FY '10 and FY '11 through an adjustment to its operational agreement with the City and County.
- The Smith River Sports Complex opened with a huge event last August, and since then has hosted several large tournaments. Staff wants to see the Complex used more frequently, but so does the entire community. The Board of Supervisors has some scratch in this game, through its original donation of the land and through its four appointees to the Southern Virginia Recreation Facilities Authority Board of Directors. The Board of Supervisors should expect greater return from its investment.
- The Sports Complex is the site of one of our two newest river access points. Another one at Mitchell Bridge also was opened this year. Creating access to the Smith River, and using the residual revenue that comes from our visitors, is essential to the future of Henry County.
- One such event that staff hopes will grow was the Smith River Fest, hosted by our Parks and Recreation department in conjunction with Franklin County and the Dan River Basin Association. This event was quickly put together last fall, yet drew hundreds of visitors and their kayaks and canoes. Such a response shows the potential of the Smith River and eco-tourism in our community.
- Staff worked diligently on the Dick and Willie Trail through Henry County and the City of Martinsville. Our partners on this project included the City, Congressman Rick Boucher, Congressman Tom Perriello, DRBA, Martinsville-Henry County Rivers and Trails, the Virginia Department of Transportation, Norfolk Southern Railroad, and the Commonwealth Transportation Board. The 4.5-mile trail will be completed by the fall, and we anticipate it will immediately be very popular with locals and tourists alike. More than \$1.3 million in grant money was received for this project, and no local money was used.

- The County worked in partnership with the City of Martinsville to improve access to the City of Martinsville reservoir, which lies in Henry County. Our Parks and Recreation Department has forged a great working relationship with the City of Martinsville's Parks and Recreation Department.
- The Board and the Public Service Authority are working with the Corps of Engineers to implement public sewer service at Philpott Lake. The Corps has promised to facilitate the construction of a marina at Philpott Lake after the sewer service is in place. This project should positively impact another of our recreational areas and bring more tourism dollars our way.
- The Commonwealth of Virginia purchased land adjacent to the Mayo River in Henry County for the future creation of a linear state park. This park would complement a similar venture by the state of North Carolina.
- The Commonwealth Transportation Board listened to the Board of Supervisors and authorized a study to consider shifting the planned route of Interstate 73.
- An Interoperability Project was begun with our neighbors in Patrick and Franklin counties and the City of Martinsville. We received \$1,040,000 in grant funds for this project, which will ensure that our public safety and law enforcement officials in each locality can more easily communicate with each other during emergencies.
- The Piedmont Area Regional Transit, or PART, was allowed time to grow, and it has done just that. Ridership increased from a low of 56 riders in May 2009 to 1,020 riders in March 2010. The Board showed its vision in allowing PART to continue even though the early numbers weren't good. Staff thinks the growth will continue.
- The Board of Supervisors created the "Outstanding Military Veteran" award for 2009, and the list of candidates was so impressive we were forced to give it to two recipients – James Rogers and David Kipfinger.
- The Board continued its record of choosing exceptionally deserving recipients of the "Jack Dalton Community Service" award. This year's winner was Mary Jordan, the driving force behind the creation of the Spencer-Penn Centre. Mary is the type of citizen that makes Henry County great, and the Board could not have chosen a more deserving recipient.
- Our own Tim Pace, Director of Engineering, was the 2009 recipient of the "Ambassador of the Year" award from the EDC. Tim is a terrific employee, and he represents this community and all County employees with dignity and professionalism.
- The County launched a new recycling effort to capture used oil and old batteries at our Jack Dalton, Red Oak, and Axton Road Convenience Center sites. This began as a pilot project at Jack Dalton, but it was so successful that it was expanded. The used oil is used to help heat our County Service Center, which allows us to save money from the recycling and to save on fuel costs on the back end.
- The County participated in an energy audit of our facilities, and we assigned Energy Manager responsibilities to Tim Byrd, who was already on staff as the PSA's Safety Manager. We sought and are receiving grant funds totaling more than \$800,000 for energy education and retrofitting of our buildings with

upgraded light fixtures, water efficiency upgrades, and solar hot water heaters.

- We received a \$19,775 grant from the Department of Homeland Security to purchase an emergency pet sheltering trailer and equipment for regional responses.
- The County worked extensively on the ongoing 5B's issues. We were able to pay off the Tax Revenue Anticipation Note (TRAN) of \$4 million in December, and we gained a deed of trust on the company's facility in Zanesville, Ohio. In 2009 the company repaid Henry County \$266,816 in principal (\$180,000) and interest (\$86,816).
- Our Department of Planning, Zoning and Inspections secured a rehabilitation grant for the South Street area of Bassett, which includes street improvements, storm drainage work, and water and sewer line construction. Funding came from a federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) administered by Department of Housing and Community Development in the amount of \$1,400,000; Rural Development funds of \$324,664; County Rural Addition funds of \$103,107; and various other donated easements, donations & in-kind contributions of \$28,450. The total project cost is \$2,169,843. We are pursuing federal funds through the Virginia Department of Emergency Management of \$313,632.
- The County received a second grant award of \$179,000 from the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) Enhancement funding for the Virginia Avenue Transportation Enhancement project. A total of \$371,000 in grant funds have been received with another application pending. If approved for additional funding, Phase I could begin in FY '11.
- We are working with the Martinsville-Henry County Historical Society to transition ownership of the old Henry County Courthouse in uptown Martinsville. Upgrades to the facility are ongoing, paid for by grant funds, and ownership will be transferred to the Historical Society by June 30.
- Through the 9-1-1 Communications office, the County implemented the Citizens Alert system. It allows the Communications Center to make outbound calls to citizens to warn them of dangerous conditions or emergencies. Shortly after the implementation of this system in February, the County was hit with severe storms that led to flooding and a need to evacuate some areas of the County. This system worked extremely well during that period.
- The February rain, along with an extraordinary winter that brought us more snow than we'd seen in decades, strained our County staff and resources. But our employees responded incredibly well, as we knew they would.
- Henry County teamed once again with the City of Martinsville to implement a "Complete Count Committee" to bring attention to the 2010 Census. The more people counted in our locality, the more federal money we could receive. It's in everyone's best interest to encourage participation in this process.
- Henry County received support from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, otherwise known as stimulus funds. According to Congressman Tom Perriello's office, entities within Henry County received the following stimulus funding:

- **School Funding**
  - \$10,306,411 for saving teacher jobs at K-12 schools, educational technology, school construction, and special education
  - \$16,000,000 (shared among multiple localities) for connecting K-12 schools to high-speed internet service
- **Energy Efficiency**
  - \$1,194,637 (shared among multiple localities) for home weatherization upgrades to help residents save on energy costs and train workers in clean energy
- **Law enforcement**
  - \$126,329 for supporting crime prevention
- **Water Resources**
  - \$705,000 for upgrading Henry County Public Service Authority sewer pump station generators
  - \$3,750,000 for Philpott Reservoir to restore shorelines, rehabilitate recreation and campground facilities, and hire additional staff to provide visitor assistance during the peak season
- **Youth Employment**
  - \$1,374,000 (shared among multiple localities) to employ 450 youth for summer
- **Emergency Programs**
  - \$24,233 for emergency food and shelter programs
- Our constitutional offices dealt with significant mid-year budget cuts that totaled \$450,000. These departments laid off a combined eight employees and severely cut their operations. At the time we hoped that this would be the end of it. As we know now, things only got worse.
- According to our FY 2009 audit, our Fund Balance increased \$359,000 during the year. That is a reflection of our conservative budgeting approach. We have included separate pages showing our reserve accounts later in this document.

Which leads us to ...

### ***Proposed FY 2010-11 County Budget***

In crafting this budget proposal, staff initially worked on the premise that a deficit of more than \$2 million had to be absorbed for FY 2011. While that number improved during the budget process, we still used it as a benchmark so we could provide some cushion should the downturn worsen. That approach served us well in FY 2010, when mid-year cuts had to be made. Staff would not be surprised to see another round of mid-year budget cuts in FY '2011.

**Staff is presenting a budget for FY '11 that totals \$109,444,497.** When compared to the FY 2010 Proposed Budget of \$117,516,572, this year's budget represents a reduction of \$8,072,075 or 6.9% from the FY 2010 budget. Staff recommends no tax increase for FY '11; staff doesn't sense that the Board or the public has any interest in going down that path this year.

Once again we have not included pay raises for employees. Staff recommends that the County continue to cover the single-subscriber health insurance costs, which will rise 6.1% in FY '11. As with last year, management again recommends that County employees be given a one-time gift of an additional vacation day, to be taken with the approval of their supervisor, to thank them for their hard work in such trying times.

**Staff recommends a local contribution to the school system of \$17,077,895 for FY '11, which is level with FY '10 local funding and the amount requested by the School Board.** Management is impressed with Superintendent Jackson and feels he is doing all he can to manage his budget and his funding expectations. With the Commonwealth's steep funding cuts for FY '11, staff felt the County should do all it could not to add to that burden this year.

Unfortunately, this budget is not big enough to cover the number of employees in the current County workforce. Staff tried extremely hard to avoid cutting positions, yet some reduction is necessary to provide the balanced budget that by law we are required to present.

The proposed reductions are:

- The Firefighter and Emergency Medical Technician teaching positions in the school system. The school system discontinued funding for these programs due to low enrollment, and the County is not in the position to pick up those costs.
- One School Resource Officer position in the school system, which lost grant funding for the position. Again, the County is not in the position to absorb this cost. This reduction will leave two School Resource Officer positions in the budget, and the lost position will be covered by eliminating a vacancy elsewhere in the Sheriff's budget.
- One refuse collection position was eliminated. It currently is vacant. Additional money for overtime was added to the refuse collection budget to assist with the additional work.
- The part-time Assign-A-Highway position was eliminated and the program was terminated. Staff was influenced by the low number of probationers being assigned to the program by the court system. Staff has included funding in the refuse collection cost center for part-time staff to supervise inmate work crews to pick up litter and clean the County Service Center.

This budget reflects 12 fewer employees than the FY 2010 County Budget. These 12 are the eight positions lost last September from the Constitutional Offices; the EMT and Firefighter instructors; the School Resource Officer; and the Assign-A-Highway director.

This is not a new problem; from 2002 to 2010, the County has lost 28 positions.

**However, the biggest change for FY 2011 is our proposed supplemental professional staffing for our volunteer-based emergency medical services system.**

In January the Board directed the Department of Public Safety to develop a comprehensive EMS plan to include, but not limited to, the following:

- Preserves volunteer rescue squads as an essential part of the EMS system
- Utilizes paid personnel or contracted services to cover service gaps
- Operates in a way that does not spend or expect new revenue, but redirects current revenue and utilizes revenue recovery options

Since then, Public Safety staff has worked collaboratively with the five volunteer rescue squads to develop essential elements of a new approach. This proposed plan includes:

- A county-wide standard of equipment, procedures, policies, and response
- A fleet standardization and reduction plan to reduce overall costs
- The establishment of consistency in billing/revenue recovery practices to ensure that every citizen is treated equally
- The establishment of an EMS Advisory Committee to make recommendations and review future actions for effectiveness
- Strengthening mutual aid and advanced life support sharing between agencies
- Collaboration on purchases to enhance cost-saving measures
- Adding career staff or expand contracted private services to cover service gaps

Additionally, Public Safety staff interacted with volunteers concerning questions, suggestions, and concerns. An open forum was scheduled in March to gain additional input from the volunteers.

The key component of any EMS improvement plan is covering service gaps to ensure that service is available 24/7/365. Service gaps are not limited to any particular time of the day, or to any section of the County. The Director of Public Safety is recommending supplemental staffing of two advanced life support providers 24/7/365 to cover service gaps. These recommendations are consistent with the suggestions from the representatives of three counties – Pulaski County, Franklin County and Amherst County – who met with the Board of Supervisors on this issue.

Two options are available: add career staff consisting of a mix of part- and full-time employees, or contract with a third party for services. Both options have advantages and disadvantages. If this budget is approved, a Request for Proposals (RFP) will be issued to receive proposals for a detailed cost-benefit analysis.

Both supplemental staffing options assume that soft billing for services will be part of the equation. It would take approximately five months to establish this procedure for either supplemental option, so it would be September before this part of the equation could be enacted.

The volunteer agencies currently billing for services desire to retain all their billing revenue, so the only option to fund supplemental staffing is to redirect the annual contributions to the rescue squads from the Board of Supervisors and include soft billing from the supplemental staff-answered calls. This is the only way enough revenue can be generated to pay for the supplemental staffing. Staff feels that the squads should be able to fill in that gap through their own soft-billing revenue.

If the Board of Supervisors does not seek to improve the current EMS system, then that system will continue to deteriorate. Last year rescue squads missed a cumulative 18% of calls, and the backup service currently under contract answered 997 calls.

An essential part of any new EMS plan is improving the backup services through career staffing or contracting for services. However, even with these significant changes, staff believes that the community still will face some challenges as we move forward because of our limited fiscal resources.

### ***Projected Revenues***

Line-by-line details of revenues are included later in this budget book, but staff wanted to call your attention to several items that may need additional explanation. Those items are:

- General Fund revenue is down .9% or \$402,974. However, when compared on an apples-to-apples basis, the General Fund actually is down \$1,360,503. New revenue from the proposed EMS soft-billing process (\$215,000), the change in placement of the Communications Tax completely to the General Fund (\$692,398) and the Four-For-Life budget pass-through (\$50,131) skew the bottom line compared to current year.
- A collection rate on property taxes of 94.5% was used for budgeting purposes. This is consistent with actual rates in recent years.
- Property tax collections are down 0.9%, or \$195,089
- Transient occupancy tax, or the lodging tax, is down 17.3%, or \$19,000
- Interest on deposits are up 46%, or \$92,000, due to the increased fund balance and the shifting of funds to garner higher returns
- Jail reimbursement is down 32.5% or \$163,397, due to the Commonwealth's cutting of the jail reimbursements in half
- School reimbursement for the positions eliminated (Resource Officer, EMT and Firefighter instructors) is down 52.7% or \$121,178
- EMS soft billing fee is \$215,000 annually
- Communications Tax is up 41.1% or \$692,398 since it now is all budgeted in the General Fund and not split between the General Fund and the 9-1-1 Fund. Overall the amount is actually down from current year. Procedurally, we now will transfer the operational funding for 9-1-1 out of the General Fund.
- Commonwealth's Attorney's office is down 13.3% or \$76,176, from FY '10 base funding
- Sheriff's Office is down 11.4% or \$481,403, from FY '10 base funding
- Commissioner of the Revenue's office is down 21.8%, or \$42,505, from FY '10 base funding
- Treasurer's Office is down 25.8%, or \$50,755, from FY '10 base funding
- The Clerk of Circuit Court is down 18.7%, or \$88,784, from FY '10 base funding

### ***Projected Expenditures***

As with the revenues, all line-by-line expenditures are included later in this budget book. But staff wanted to draw your attention to several specific items. Those items are:

- As indicated above, this budget includes 12 fewer positions than the FY 2010 Budget.
- The EMS supplemental services outlined above are budgeted at \$329,200. This is based on redirecting \$110,220 in General Fund support; \$215,000 budgeted revenue from the County's portion of soft billing; and \$3,980 in Four-For-Life funds to support the supplemental EMS.
- The removal of the Assign-A-Highway program eliminates \$45,055 in that cost center and re-establishes the inmate workforce program in the Refuse Collection cost center. The inmate workforce would be used to pick up litter throughout the County and provide custodial services at the County Service Center
- \$104,950 in electrical increases for all County buildings. Other major increases for FY '11 are in the Virginia Retirement System rate, health insurance rate, and the carrying costs for the shell building
- Maintenance and insurance for the new shell building for 11 months, as required in the agreement with the City of Martinsville and the EDC. The EDC will cover \$11,630 of the overall cost of \$129,500, and the City will reimburse the County one-third of the remainder
- A 6.1% increase in health insurance
- No funding for maintenance of the Historic Henry County Courthouse based on building ownership being transferred to the Historical Society by June 30, 2010
- Funding of Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) of \$35,000, as required by GASB 45
- No issuance or interest costs associated with the Tax Revenue Anticipation Note (TRAN), since it was paid off in December 2009
- Continued work on the Broadband plan with the City of Martinsville and the EDC
- Continued pursuit of delinquent taxes utilizing an outside law firm
- Moody's reaffirmed the County's bond rating of A2 during its review of County operations as required by the Recovery Zone bond process
- More than \$1.5 million was cut from adopted budgets (mid-year adjustments) the past two years
  - FY '09 - \$986,767
  - FY '10 - \$450,000
- When considering the County's General Fund, it should be noted that 61.7% of it comes from property tax, sales tax, and utility taxes, and 77% of that amount is derived solely from property tax

### ***Capital Improvement Projects***

A very meager capital improvements plan is recommended for FY 2011. As you know, continually deferring capital expenditures has negative long-term consequences.

The following Capital Improvement Projects are recommended for funding:

- \$18,000 for computer infrastructure upgrades
- \$243,200 for replacement of eight patrol cars for Sheriff's Office
- \$17,000 for replacement of one vehicle for Social Services
- \$175,000 contribution toward purchase of a fire truck as requested by the Firefighters Association
- \$95,000 contribution toward purchase of an ambulance as requested by the Rescue Squad Association
- \$26,000 for replacement of one vehicle in the Parks and Recreation Department

Because of the shortage of economic development projects this year, the Industrial Development Authority budget has some unspent money. Staff is proposing to use some of that money to purchase some capital items from the current year's budget. Those amounts and items are:

- \$12,000 for a replacement mower for Parks and Recreation
- \$14,500 for an additional gas blower for the former landfill
- \$30,000 to replace the hot water heater in the jail
- \$100,000 to match the energy efficiency grant
- \$1,500 to purchase a laptop computer for Animal Control
- \$50,000 to purchase a grinder for the jail's sewer line
- \$10,000 contribution toward a skateboard park at Frank Wilson Park in Martinsville, contingent upon a match by the City
- \$25,000 to complete the purchase of the former Martinsville-Henry County Rescue Squad facility

### ***Outside Agencies***

Funding to outside agencies generally was reduced by 5%. Funding for the Department of Social Services was not cut from FY '10; the number of clients continues to climb, and the department can lose \$3 to \$4 in state funding for every \$1 the locality cuts.

Funding for the EDC was cut \$60,000, to \$415,000. Management understands that this amount is significant, but we think it is manageable in light of the various other funding sources available for the EDC. There are no good answers during a budget crisis of this magnitude. Staff knows that these cuts will deeply impact each outside agency and will lessen the services they provide to our citizens.

In addition, several community agencies asked to be added to the County budget for funding in FY 2011. Staff has no doubt as to their good work, but budget constraints do not provide opportunity for new partners. The agencies not proposed for funding include:

- STEP
- Virginia Legal Aid Society
- Roanoke River Basin Association
- Smith Mountain Lake 4-H Center
- Western Virginia Land Trust

With the recent retirement of Gateway Streetscape's executive director, the Gateway Board of Directors voted to ask the County to become the agency's fiscal agent. This would allow the new executive director to concentrate more on field work and less on office work. Gateway is jointly funded by Henry County and the City of Martinsville, and receives grant funds as well.

Staff sees no issues with this request and is happy to assist Gateway with these duties. Gateway's budget is included in this document.

### **Goals and Objectives**

Listed below are the Goals and Objectives the Board created at its 2010 Planning Session. It should be noted that this proposed FY '11 Budget does little to implement many of these items, compensate employees fairly, or deliver the level of services desired by the public.

### **Short-Term Goals**

- Get through FY '11 budget cycle
- Provide essential services with reduced resources
- Maintain fund balance
- Develop and implement plan for EMS and Rescue under Public Safety
- Develop economic development infrastructure
  - Water and sewer for Commonwealth Crossing Business Centre
  - Dick and Willie Trail
  - Broadband implementation
- Develop and implement energy efficiency process
- Job Creation
- Sheriff's Office Accreditation
- 58 West water project

### **Long-Term/Continuing Goals**

- Push for NCI to become a 4-year university
- Continue to support infrastructure needs for school system
- Emphasize energy efficiency/green initiatives
- Promote community health care resources
- Address jail needs
- Work with the Corps of Engineers to improve the flow of water through the Smith River
- Initiate a Comprehensive Plan update
- Work to improve "County pride"
- Work to improve our educational facilities
- Support the Martinsville-Henry County EDC and continue to fund its efforts, and support its tourism initiatives
- Continue to pursue delinquent taxes
- Endorse and participate in regional cooperation
- Endorse and participate in cooperative efforts with City of Martinsville
- Continue to support the New College Institute and Patrick Henry Community College

- Continue to support Blue Ridge Airport

### ***Looking to the Future***

When staff began work on the FY 2011 Budget in January, we anticipated it being so catastrophic that we would need 10 years to recover. The final proposed budget that you hold is not quite that bad, thanks in part to better numbers from the General Assembly and outstanding work by our employees to contain their costs. However, it is sad that we find ourselves giddy over a budget that merely cuts off a hand instead an arm.

But make no mistake – the outlook for FY 2011 is bad, and we don't think FY 2012 looks much better from this angle. That's the same song we've been singing for years, and the verses just keep piling up. The County Administrator will keep the hiring freeze in place for FY '11, allowing only essential positions to be filled, with a plan to further reduce the size of the County workforce through attrition before the FY '12 budget.

When will this storm pass so we can crawl out of the basement? We don't know, and we don't think anyone else does either. When this recession took hold, most economists thought we'd begin our recovery in late 2009. We have not done so.

While the stock market shows some signs of resurgence, and national economists are cautiously optimistic that a recovery is on its way, we won't buy into it until we see a positive impact on Henry County.

When that happens, there are some long-range issues that we need to address. First on the list should be our jail needs. We continue to put more inmates in the same jail space, which is a recipe for disaster. It's probably nothing short of miraculous that we haven't had greater issues with our inmates. The Commonwealth's changing of the definition of a state-responsible inmate will significantly increase the local inmate population.

We need more economic development activity, which we hope will come as the economy rebounds. We still eagerly anticipate the opening of the RTI facility, but we know that will be tied to market conditions. The company is still coming, and it is still working to get its facility finished. This is a matter of **when** RTI arrives, not **if** RTI arrives.

We have seen an upswing in activity from local companies such as Drake, CPFilms, and Monogram. Staff believes that any real chance for growth over the next 12 months will come from companies we already have, not the ones we are chasing. This has always been the case – it's just that chases often get more attention.

Henry County has been bludgeoned by the recession that won't end, and our citizens are tired of being told to "just hold on." They continue to "just hold on," but it's getting more and more difficult. There are things that this community can do that would help, even while we wait for these new job opportunities.

It is the belief of the County Administrator that this community cannot continue to support at least two of everything. This applies to programs between divisions of the County, the school systems, the Public Service Authority, etc., as well as the City of Martinsville and various non-profits. There needs to be a concentrated effort to reduce redundancy and increase efficiency.

The County Administrator also understands that this is easier said than done.

Let's hope that Fiscal Year 2011 provides all that this community wants and deserves. If any community deserves a break, it's this one.

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### **Advertise FY '10-'11 Budget**

Following the presentation Mr. Adams moved that the Board advertise the FY '10-'11 Budget on Sunday, April 11, 2010, for a scheduled public hearing on April 19, 2010, second by Mr. Bryant and unanimously carried.

Mr. Summerlin stated that if the Board has any changes to the budget the Board can discuss them following the public hearing on April 19, 2010. Mr. Summerlin also reminded the Board of its upcoming work session on the School Budget and Total County Budget on April 8, 2010, at 5:00 pm in the Fourth Floor Conference Room.

There being no further business to discuss Mr. Adams moved at 5:40 pm that the Board continue the meeting to April 8, 2010 at 5:00 pm, second by Mr. Slaughter and unanimously carried.

**HENRY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
MINUTES**

**April 8, 2010 – 5:00 pm**

The Henry County Board of Supervisors held a meeting on April 8, 2010, at 5:00 pm in the Fourth Floor Conference Room of the County Administration Building, King's Mountain Road, Collinsville, Virginia. The purpose of the meeting was to hold a work session on the FY '10-'11 School Budget and Total County Budget. The following Board members were present: Chairman Debra Buchanan; Vice Chairman H. G. Vaughn; Jim Adams; Milton Kendall, Tommy Slaughter and Joe Bryant.

Staff members present were Benny Summerlin, County Administrator; Tim Hall, Deputy County Administrator; George Lyle, County Attorney; Susan Biege, Administrative Assistant; Darrell Jones, Director of Finance; and Richard Stanfield, Deputy Director of Finance.

Debbie Hall of the Martinsville Bulletin was present. Sheriff Lane Perry and Major Steve Eanes were also present.

Ms. Dawn Lawson of the School Board was present.

Chairman Buchanan called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone present. She stated the meeting is a continuation of its April 6, 2010 meeting. Mrs. Buchanan then turned the meeting over to Mr. Summerlin.

Mr. Summerlin stated the Board would proceed reviewing the budget by category and if the Board has any questions he would respond. The following categories of the FY '10-'11 Budget were reviewed and discussed:

**REVENUE**

**EXPENDITURE**

- **General Government Administration**
- **Judicial Administration**
- **Public Safety**
- **Public Works**
- **Health and Welfare**
- **Education**
- **Recreation/Culture**
- **Community Development**
- **Non-Departmental**
- **Special Funds**
- **Capital Improvements**

Mr. Summerlin stated he and Chairman Buchanan and Vice Chairman Vaughn met with Sheriff Perry and Major Eanes this week and discussed a position within the Sheriff's Office to enforce the County's local ordinances. Mr. Summerlin stated the position salary and benefits is approximately \$42,000 and he proposes to take \$35,000 allocated to the line item of Other Post Employment Benefits (OPEB) in the current years' budget and move to the Sheriff's budget and work with the Sheriff to find funds of approximately \$7,000 to finish funding the position. He stated he proposes to fund the OPEB of \$35,000 out of the upcoming FY '11 budget.

The Board briefly discussed the possibility of using inmates to help curb the littering problems and the County having more flexibility in increasing the meals tax. Mr. Summerlin noted that the County's meals tax can only be 4% and during the past year VACo and VML worked towards the issue of localities having more control over the meals tax; however, it was defeated.

Chairman Buchanan then polled the Board regarding the position within the Sheriff's Office to enforce local ordinances. The Board concurred to proceed with that position.

Following was some discussion regarding the various grants funded to Henry County through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (stimulus funds), which is included in the County's Management Discussion and Analysis for FY '11. Some of the projects funded through stimulus funds included the school division, energy efficiency, law enforcement, water resources, youth employment, and emergency programs. The Board also discussed shared employees between Henry County and the Public Service Authority and its cost effectiveness. The Service Center in Bassett was briefly discussed regarding its efficiency in housing both County and PSA maintenance facilities and the future plans to house the School System's maintenance division. Mr. Summerlin noted that any time where you have multiple functions it is more cost efficient.

There being no further discussion Mr. Summerlin stated that the Board will hold its public hearing on the School and County Budgets on April 19, 2010, at 7:00 pm. He stated if the Board has any changes they would like to see in the proposed budget, they can be addressed following the public hearing.

Mr. Adams moved at 5:25 pm to continue the meeting to April 19, 2010, at 7:00 pm, second by Mr. Slaughter and unanimously carried.

**HENRY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
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**April 19, 2010 – 7:00 pm**

The Henry County Board of Supervisors held a meeting on April 19, 2010, at 7:00 pm in the Board Meeting Room of the County Administration Building, King's Mountain Road, Collinsville, Virginia. The purpose of the meeting was to hold public hearings on the FY '10-'11 School Budget and Total County Budget. The following Board members were present: Chairman Debra Buchanan, Vice Chairman H. G. Vaughn, Jim Adams, Milton Kendall, Joe Bryant and Tommy Slaughter.

Staff members present were Benny Summerlin, County Administrator; Tim Hall, Deputy County Administrator; George Lyle, County Attorney; Susan Biege, Administrative Assistant; Darrell Jones, Director of Finance; Richard Stanfield, Deputy Director of Finance; and Susan Reynolds, Director of Human Resources.

School Board members present were Kathy Rogers, Chairman; Terri Flanagan, Betsy Mattox, and Charles Speakman. Also present were School Superintendent Anthony Jackson and Dawn Lawson, Director of Business.

Debbie Hall of the Martinsville Bulletin and Major Steve Eanes of the Sheriff's Office were present.

H. G. Vaughn gave the invocation.

Chairman Buchanan called the meeting to order and stated this is a continuation from the Board's April 8 meeting. She welcomed everyone present and stated there are two public hearings scheduled. The first public hearing is on the FY '10-'11 School Budget and following is the public hearing on the FY '10-'11 Total County Budget. She stated if anyone wishes to address the Board to come to the podium, state your name and the district in which you live. She stated those who wish to speak will agree to exhibit respect to the Board and they would receive the same level of respect.

**PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED FY '11 SCHOOL BUDGET:**

Mrs. Buchanan opened the public hearing at 7:02 pm. The following persons spoke:

- Kathy Rogers, Chairman of the School Board, expressed the School Board's appreciation for level funding and for the support during a very difficult budget year.
- Dorothy Carter of the Reed Creek District and a member of the Henry County Education Association also thanked the Board for level funding.

There being no one else who wished to speak the public hearing was closed at 7:04 pm.

**PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED FY '10-'11 TOTAL COUNTY BUDGET:**

The public hearing was opened at 7:05 pm.

The following persons spoke:

- Stuart Bowman, Chief of the Fieldale-Collinsville Volunteer Rescue Squad, spoke regarding the recent funding cuts from United Way, the proposed redistribution of funds from the County, and issues regarding soft billing. He briefly discussed proposed supplemental staffing and finding a different way to fund the proposed staffing. Mr. Bowman requested the Board to maintain its funding to the squads. He stated the funds they receive from the County go towards paying insurance, which includes vehicles, medical malpractice, and building insurance.
- Kiah Cooper, President of the Martinsville-Henry County Fire Association, discussed the importance of retaining the Firefighter Program in the local high schools which began in fall of 2004. He stated 138 students have become Firefighter I certified, 81 have enrolled in local fire departments and 20 have become volunteers with local rescue squads. He stated a number of those students have gone on to receive degrees in related fields. Mr. Cooper stated the County could fund the teaching positions using one full-time teacher and some part-timers to continue the program for approximately \$75,000 with no additional equipment needed. He stated the two main objectives in this County should be education and providing our citizens with safety and the high school program did both.
- Samantha Pendleton of the Iriswood District also discussed the Firefighter Program, and encouraged the Board to continue the program in the local high schools. She stated she also was a student in this program and became certified and has gone on to use her experience in college.
- Chris Cousins on behalf of Southside Business Technology Center thanked the Board for its continued funding to the agency.
- Mike Hylton, Captain of the Axton Life Saving Crew, stated Axton Life Saving Crew does not soft bill at this time and until they start the soft billing process the only funding they have is through donations, funding by Henry County and United Way.

There being no further comments the public hearing was closed at 7:17 pm.

Mr. Bryant stated he serves on the Board at Fieldale-Collinsville Rescue Squad. He stated he personally would hate to see the squad lose the funds since they have lost money from United Way and from soft billing due to people not having insurance, which is a large amount of funds to lose. He stated he also was concerned with losing more volunteers due to the cuts.

Mr. Kendall agreed with Mr. Bryant and stated they should look at this issue again.

Following further comments by the Board Mr. Vaughn stated to go back and add more funds to the rescue squads you would have to take it from somewhere else and the Board does not want to have to raise taxes.

Mr. Summerlin noted that the Firefighter I and Firefighter II classes are still provided in the community. He also stated to design a supplemental system that is not going to be primary will not support itself as a backup system strictly on revenue recovery money.

**CONSIDERATION OF ANY PROPOSED BUDGET CHANGES BEFORE EXHIBITS ARE FINALIZED FOR BUDGET ADOPTION:**

Mr. Summerlin stated if there are no changes to the proposed FY '11 budget, staff will prepare the Board package this week in preparation to adopt the School Budget and Total County Budget at its meeting on April 27.

There being no further business to discuss Mr. Slaughter moved at 7:41 pm to adjourn its meeting, second by Mr. Bryant and unanimously carried.

**HENRY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
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**April 27, 2010 – 3:00 pm**

The Henry County Board of Supervisors held its regular meeting on April 27, 2010, 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, Milton Kendall, and Tommy Slaughter. Mr. Bryant arrived at the meeting at 3:20 pm.

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; Darrell Jones, Director of Finance; and Richard Stanfield, Assistant Director of Finance.

Debbie Hall of the Martinsville Bulletin, Ron Morris of B-99, and Sheriff Lane Perry were present.

**INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

Tommy Slaughter 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).

- March 23, 2010
- April 6, 2010
- April 8, 2010
- April 19, 2010

**Approval of Accounts Payable**

(Copy included in Board's File).

**Consideration of Resolution Establishing May 7, 2010 as “Fire and Rescue Volunteer Appreciation Day” in Henry County**

The Board was requested to consider adopting a resolution which establishes May 7, 2010 as “Fire and Rescue Volunteer Appreciation Day” in Henry County. (Copy of Proposed Resolution included in Board’s File).

Mr. Adams moved that the Items of Consent be adopted as presented, second by Mr. Slaughter. The motion carried 5 to 0. Mr. Bryant was absent.

**APPROVAL OF FY 2010-2011 HENRY COUNTY BUDGET:**

Mr. Summerlin stated there are numerous actions necessary to complete the budget process: setting of tax rates, adoption of budget, and appropriation of budget. The Board of Supervisors is scheduled to set the tax rates and adopt the budget today; and appropriation of the budget is scheduled for May 25, 2010.

**Setting of Tax Rates**

Mr. Vaughn moved that the Board adopt the following tax rates for FY ’11, second by Mr. Adams. The motion carried 5 to 0. Mr. Bryant was absent.

**Real Estate:** \$.46 per \$100 assessed value.

**Personal Property and Machinery and Tools:** \$1.48 per \$100 of assessed value for personal property, including motor vehicles, and \$1.19 per \$100 of assessed value for machinery and tools/business equipment.

**Personal Property Tax Relief:** The effective reimbursement rate for the Personal Property Tax Relief Act on a qualifying vehicle is 49 percent.

**School Budget Adoption**

Mr. Vaughn moved that the Board adopt the proposed budget for school expenditures for FY ’11 by category as summarized in exhibits A and B, subject to the state, federal, and local funds becoming available as estimated, second by Mr. Adams. The motion carried 5 to 0. Mr. Bryant was absent.

**Total Budget**

Mr. Adams moved that the Board adopt the proposed FY ’11 Budget for fiscal planning purposes as summarized in Exhibits A and B, second by Mr. Slaughter. The motion carried 5 to 0. Mr. Bryant was absent.

Mr. Summerlin stated the Board also must approve a series of transfers in the current County budget from the IDA cost center to various other cost centers to fund items out of the current year instead of next year.

Mr. Adams moved that the Board approve the additional appropriations in the current County Budget as outlined in the appropriation sheet, with unexpended items carried over to the FY 2011 budget, second by Mr. Kendall. The motion carried 5 to 0. Mr. Bryant was absent.

(A Copy of Exhibit A, Expenditures by Cost Centers, Exhibit B, Revenues by Funds, and Additional Appropriation Sheet included in Board's File).

Mr. Vaughn moved that the Board appropriate an additional \$10,000 in the FY '11 Budget to each rescue squad and the funds be taken from the balance of this year's Contingency Fund, second by Mr. Kendall. The motion carried 5 to 0. Mr. Bryant was absent.

### **CONSIDERATION OF UPDATED PERSONNEL POLICIES:**

Mr. Summerlin stated the County and PSA adopted identical personnel policies in 2002, since many employees provide services for both entities. Some revisions have been made to reflect changes in state and federal laws/regulations and other proposed changes clarifying current practices. The Virginia Municipal League also provided a complimentary review of the updated policies. (Copy of Updated Personnel Policies on File in the County Administrator's Office).

Mr. Kendall moved that the Board update the County/PSA Personnel Policies, second by Mr. Slaughter. The motion carried 5 to 0. Mr. Bryant was absent.

### **CONSIDERATION OF ISSUES REGARDING THE SOUTH STREET NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT:**

Mr. Summerlin stated as part of the South Street Neighborhood Improvement Project, the Department of Housing & Community Development (DHCD) requires the formal adoption by the Board of the Environmental Review Record, Program Design Plan, Program Income Plan and the Housing Rehab Board By-Laws for the South Street project. (Copy included in Board's File).

Mr. Slaughter moved that the Board adopt the South Street Neighborhood Improvement Project Environmental Review Record, Program Design, Program Income Plan, and the Housing Rehab Board By-Laws for South Street, second by Mr. Adams. The motion carried 5 to 0. Mr. Bryant was absent.

### **CONSIDERATION OF FLEXIBLE SPENDING ACCOUNTS FOR COUNTY EMPLOYEES:**

Mrs. Susan Reynolds, Human Resources Director, briefed the Board on the Flexible Spending Accounts (FSA) as a potential benefit for County employees. She stated a Flexible Spending Account allows the employee to pay for medical expenses and dependent care expenses with pre-tax dollars. As a result, the employee saves money through reduced federal, state and FICA taxes. The County also saves money

through reduced FICA expenses. Mrs. Reynolds stated she and Darrell Jones, Director of Finance, were part of a committee of County and School Board employees who solicited proposals from companies for this service. It is recommended that the County begin to offer this benefit and contract with First Financial Group of America. This would be done at no cost to the employees (other than money spent in the plan) or to the County. First Financial Group would also have exclusive rights to offer additional voluntary insurance benefits to County employees.

Following a brief discussion, Mr. Adams moved that the Board approve the addition of Flexible Spending Benefits for County employees effective July 1, offered through First Financial Group of America, second by Mr. Slaughter. The motion carried 5 to 0. Mr. Bryant was absent.

### **QUARTERLY UPDATE FROM THE MARTINSVILLE-HENRY COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION:**

Mr. Mark Heath, President and CEO of the Martinsville-Henry County Economic Development Corporation, introduced Jennifer Doss, who is EDC's new Tourism Director. Ms. Doss gave a presentation on several recent and upcoming events planned through the EDC Tourism program. A booklet containing brochures and literature on attractions and interests in the community was distributed to the Board. She encouraged anyone interested in the events to visit the Community Calendar on the tourism's website at [yesmartinsville.com](http://yesmartinsville.com). (A Copy of the Booklet included in Board's File).

Mr. Bryant came in at 3:20 pm.

Following were comments from Ms. Buchanan regarding promotional post cards to highlight some of the many scenic areas in the community. Mr. Kendall also commented on how well the recent Cruise In event was and stated he had been involved in three of the events and this was the best yet. The Board thanked Ms. Doss for her update on tourism.

### **FINANCIAL MATTERS:**

#### **Transfer Appropriation re: Bond Issuance for ARRA Projects – School Board**

Mr. Summerlin stated in its collection of funding through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA), the School Board encountered bond issuance costs of \$17,263. Superintendent Jackson is asking the Board's permission to transfer \$6,500 from the Facility category into the Debt Service category to help meet those bond issuance costs. (Copy of Information Included in Board's File).

Mr. Adams moved that the Board approve the transfer appropriation in the amount of \$6,500, second by Mr. Slaughter and unanimously carried.

### **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:**

#### **Comments from the Board**

Ms. Buchanan reminded everyone of the upcoming Annual Fieldale Heritage Festival on Saturday, May 15. She also stated that the Horsepasture Fire Department will be holding a "58 West Yard Sale" scheduled on May 1, starting at the Horsepasture Ruritan Building going up to the Spencer Penn Center and meeting at the fire department. She stated the Spencer Ruritan Club will also hold a breakfast this Saturday.

Mr. Summerlin stated the Fire and Rescue Appreciation Dinner is scheduled for May 7 at 7:00 pm at Victory Baptist Church with Marla Decker, Virginia Secretary of Public Safety, as keynote speaker. He stated the fire/rescue games are scheduled for this weekend at The Jack Dalton Park from 10:00 am until 2:00 pm.

Mr. Summerlin stated during the budget process it was discussed that the Assign-A-Highway Program was being eliminated due to lack of participating probationers. It was discussed placing the remaining Assign-A-Highway funds into the Refuse Collection budget with the intention of having a supervisor/law enforcement type position to supervise an inmate work crew to pick up trash on the highways. He stated in trying to figure out the best structure for this program he met with Sheriff Perry and talked with Sheriff Draper with the City of Martinsville, who has an extensive inmate work force program. He stated if the Board has no objections he would like to start in early May in working with Sheriff Draper who has coordinated with Sheriff Perry to use 4 to 6 City Farm Inmates to pick up trash on County highways 5 days a week/40 hours per week and the County would reimburse the City for those costs. Mr. Summerlin stated the inmate work crew program can be operated at the same costs as the Assign-A-Highway program. He stated top priorities would be the roads in and around the convenience centers and at the major gateway entrances in the County.

Mr. Summerlin discussed the closing of American Furniture last week with 200 employees being laid off. He stated when American Furniture merged with Barcalounger they promised to create additional jobs in Henry County. The County applied for and received a \$280,000 Tobacco Region Opportunity Fund Grant, which the County has a liability to repay if the company does not perform. He stated with American's closure that put them in default of the agreement. He stated to protect the County's interests, County staff today placed liens on equipment and inventory in an amount sufficient to protect the County's interest with the Tobacco Commission.

### **CLOSED MEETING:**

Mr. Adams moved that the Board go into a closed meeting at 3:38 pm, second by Mr. Vaughn and unanimously carried to discuss the following.

- 1) §2.2-3711(A)1 for Discussion of Appointees to the Parks and Recreation Board, Henry-Martinsville Social Services Board, West Piedmont Disability Services Board, Patrick Henry Community College Board, and Piedmont Regional Community Services 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 4:50 pm on a motion by Mr. Bryant, 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. Bryant, Mr. Kendall, Mr. Adams, Mr. Vaughn and Ms. Buchanan.

### **APPOINTMENTS:**

#### **Social Services Board**

Mr. Vaughn moved that the Board reappoint Joan Blankenship to a four-year term on the Social Services Board to expire in 2014, second by Mr. Kendall and unanimously carried.

#### **Lease Agreement – Samuel H. Hairston Ballfield**

Mr. Adams moved that the Board approve a lease agreement between Henry County and Charles and Norma Via regarding Samuel H. Hairston Ballfield, second by Mr. Vaughn and unanimously carried.

The Board took at a break at 5:00 pm and reconvened at 6:00 pm. Ms. Buchanan called the meeting back to order and welcomed everyone present.

**MATTERS PRESENTED BY THE PUBLIC:**

There was no one present who wished to address the Board under Matters Presented by the Public.

**PUBLIC HEARING – CONSIDERATION OF RELOCATING IRISWOOD DISTRICT VOTING PRECINCT:**

Mr. Summerlin stated last month the Board set a public hearing for tonight to hear input on the relocation of an Iriswood District voting precinct from Irisburg Elementary School to Freedom Baptist Church. A public hearing and approval from the United States Department of Justice are required before moving forward with the change. (Copy of Public Hearing Notice and Updated Ordinance is Included in Board's File).

The public hearing was open at 6:01 pm. There being no one present who wished to speak the public hearing was closed at 6:01 pm.

Mr. Kendall moved that the Board relocate the Iriswood District voting precinct from Irisburg Elementary School to Freedom Baptist Church, second by Mr. Adams and unanimously carried.

**PUBLIC HEARING – REZONING APPLICATION R-10-02 ROBERT W. TRIPLETT:**

Mr. Lee Clark reviewed Application R-10-02 for Robert W. Triplett. (Copy of Application included in Board's File). Mr. Clark stated that following a public hearing both the Planning Commission and staff recommended approval of the request.

The public hearing was open at 6:02 pm. There being no one present who wished to speak the hearing was closed at 6:02 pm.

Mr. Adams moved that the Board accept the recommendation of the Planning Commission to approve the rezoning request, second by Mr. Vaughn and unanimously carried

**GENERAL HIGHWAY MATTERS:**

Ms. Lisa Hughes, Residency Administrator for the Virginia Department of Transportation, was present to discuss General Highway Matters with the Board.

**Consideration of Priority List for Commonwealth Transportation Board and Selection of Representative to Attend June 3, 2010 Meeting**

The Board received information that the Commonwealth Transportation Board will hold several meetings statewide to receive input on the Fiscal Years 2011-2016

Six-Year Improvement Plan for primary and interstate roads. The Salem District meeting is scheduled for June 3 at New River Community College in Dublin. The public event will begin at 6 pm, but it will be preceded by a 5 pm meeting between local elected officials and Secretary of Transportation Sean Connaughton.

Mr. Summerlin stated that the Priority List is the same as in previous years and the list can be electronically transmitted to VDOT's Richmond office. (Copy of Proposed Priority List included in Board's File).

Mr. Adams moved that the Board adopt the priority list and forward to the Commonwealth Transportation Board, second by Mr. Kendall and unanimously carried.

### **Adoption of 2010-2016 Six-Year Secondary Road Plan and 2010-2011 Construction Budget**

The Board received the proposed Six-Year Secondary Road Plan for Henry County for 2010-2016 and the 2010-2011 Construction Budget. The Board previously held a public input session with the Virginia Department of Transportation regarding this issue and heard input from VDOT Residency Administrator Lisa Hughes regarding the funding challenges VDOT is facing. (A Copy of Comments from Public Hearing and proposed 2010-2016 Six Year Secondary Road Plan and 2010-2011 Construction Budget included in Board's File).

Mr. Vaughn moved that the Board adopt the 2010-2016 Six-Year Secondary Road Plan and 2010-2011 Construction Budget, second by Mr. Bryant and unanimously carried.

The Board briefly discussed the Virginia Avenue project. Mr. Summerlin noted that the application on this project is pending and if funds are granted, Phase 1 would start sometime in June.

### **Request for "Watch for Children" Sign on Mulberry Road in the Ridgeway District and Irisburg Road and Birchwood Road in the Iriswood District**

Mr. Vaughn moved that the Board request VDOT to install a "Watch for Children" sign on Mulberry Road in the Ridgeway District, and also on the Irisburg Road in the Iriswood District in the 6000 area and Birchwood Road in the 1400 area, second by Mr. Kendall and unanimously carried.

### **Consideration of Request to Remove "No U-Turn" Sign at Intersection of Industrial Drive, Fisher Farm Road, and Greensboro Road in Ridgeway District**

Mr. Vaughn moved that the Board ask VDOT to consider removing the "No U-Turn" sign at the intersection of Industrial Drive, Fisher Farm Road, and Greensboro Road near the State Police Headquarters in the Ridgeway District,

second by Mr. Slaughter and unanimously carried. Ms. Hughes stated she would revisit those postings and get back with the Board next month.

Ms. Hughes discussed the signal at Route 220/Greensboro Road and 966/Rives Road. She stated VDOT will be changing a signal at that intersection next week eliminating the left turn on green. Ms. Hughes stated the signal was initially changed in December of 2006, but due to increased accidents, VDOT feels the signal should be changed back. Ms. Hughes and Mr. Slaughter also briefly discussed the signal at Sportlanes. Ms. Hughes discussed Route 684 and Route 58 updates on Carver Road with Ms. Buchanan, and noted that VDOT is in the process of getting estimates.

Mr. Vaughn noted to Ms. Hughes that leaves from tree limbs growing out are blocking the caution lights at the Mountain View Cemetery area.

Ms. Hughes briefly discussed VDOT's restructuring and reorganization process and noted that local maintenance calls will soon be directed to a call center.

There being no further business to discuss Mr. Slaughter moved to adjourn at 6:25 pm, second by Mr. Bryant and unanimously carried.

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**HENRY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
MINUTES**

**May 25, 2010 – 3:00 pm**

The Henry County Board of Supervisors held its regular meeting on April 27, 2010, 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, Milton Kendall, and Tommy Slaughter.

Staff members present were Benny Summerlin, County Administrator; Tim Hall, Deputy County Administrator; George Lyle, County Attorney; Michelle Via, Administrative Assistant; Susan Reynolds, Director of Human Resources; Darrell Jones, Director of Finance; and Richard Stanfield, Deputy Director of Finance.

Debbie Hall and Paul Collins of the Martinsville Bulletin, Ron Morris of B-99, and Captain Nelson Thomas and Sgt. Ronnie Minter from the Sheriff's office were present.

**INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

Jim Adams gave the invocation and Joe Bryant 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).

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**Approval of Accounts Payable**

(Copy included in Board's File).

Mr. Adams moved that the Items of Consent be adopted as presented, seconded by Mr. Vaughn. The motion carried 6 to 0.

## **MATTERS PRESENTED BY THE PUBLIC – MIKE SEIDLE**

Mike Seidle thanked the Board for the time to speak and commended staff on the budget. Mr. Seidle stated that when you (referring to the Board) were elected, you became employees of the citizens and with that came the responsibility of looking after their interests. Mr. Seidle stated that economic development is not being looked after by you. He said he was concerned that supervisors have limited, if any, oversight over the EDC, and that the EDC staff does not “answer to you people.” Mr. Seidle compared the EDC to the Southern Virginia Partnership that was dissolved because it did not work. Mr. Seidle questioned why companies moved to other areas, for example, Phoenix Packaging went to Pulaski where the unemployment rate is 12.6 percent. “The EDC does not appear to be doing anything,” Seidle said, and asked the board to reconsider its appropriation to the agency.

## **MATTERS PRESENTED BY THE PUBLIC – TYLER MILLNER**

Tyler Millner addressed the Board and stated that he too was concerned about the EDC. Mr. Millner stated that he has been attempting to give some voice to citizens of the community for the past 18 years. Mr. Millner stated the problem is “the powers that be” have little or no interest in the community and not enough respect for the citizens who pay the bills. Mr. Millner stated that he hopes going forward there will always be a place for citizens. Mr. Millner stated that he tried to obtain information on today’s meeting but was told that he must pay an outstanding bill first. Mr. Millner asked why he should have to pay for information when he is a taxpaying citizen. Mr. Millner asked the Board if they paid for information. Mr. Millner again addressed economic development and requested the Board to look at minority businesses as a way to re-energize the economy. Mr. Millner stated that the church is one of the largest economies in the community and that a lot of money is put into the community because of churches. Mr. Millner said that he had requested the EDC to bring in a consultant as to how the churches could partner with the community. Mr. Millner stated that he would like to see a community roundtable to get input on how to create jobs. Lastly, Mr. Millner asked why there were no human services offered when Stanley Furniture announced its closing of manufacturing facilities in Stanleytown.

## **PRESENTATION BY REPRESENTATIVES OF THE COMMUNITY STOREHOUSE**

Travis Adkins, Assistant Director of the Community Storehouse, was present to give the Board an update on the Food for Kids program. Mr. Adkins explained that the program provides backpacks of food to impoverished children to utilize on weekends and holidays when they are not in school. Mr. Adkins stated that the program reached a milestone last month with its 1000<sup>th</sup> referral. Mr. Adkins also reported that since the program’s inception, the schools have reported increased attendance rates for participants, improved academic performance, decreased behavior problems, better health and self-esteem; and reports from parents and students of decreased stress and worry. Mr. Adkins said they are very proud of the program’s progress and also reported that they had been awarded a \$25,000 grant from the Walmart State Giving Program. Mr. Adkins thanked the Board for their letter of support during the application process. Mr. Adkins said the grant would be earmarked for children next year who were actually on a waiting list this year. (A Copy of Handout in Board’s File)

## **APPROPRIATION OF THE FY 2010-11 COUNTY BUDGET**

Mr. Summerlin stated that the Board of Supervisors, at its April 27, 2010 meeting, adopted the FY 2011 total County Budget, which included setting of tax rates and adoption of the School Budget. Mr. Summerlin said the final step in completing the budget process is appropriating the budget. No County funds can be expended or obligated until an appropriation has been made. Mr. Summerlin stated there is a draft Appropriations Resolution included in the Board's working papers for consideration.

Mr. Vaughn moved that the Board adopt the Appropriations Resolution and attachments as presented, seconded by Mr. Kendall. The motion carried 6 to 0, but Ms. Buchanan said her vote was with reservation based on funding to the Economic Development Corporation, but she would address that at a later date.

## **CONSIDERATION OF EXTENSION OF TRANSITIONAL DAY PROGRAM CONTRACT AND PROPOSED FY 2011 BUDGET**

Mr. Summerlin stated that Henry County, the County's Community Policy and Management Team (CPMT) and Henry County Schools are charged with providing an educational program specifically designed to address the needs of certain special education students. It is recommended that ANCHOR continue to run the program for the 2010-2011 academic year under the name ANCHOR Transitional Day Program. The program is run cooperatively by the school system and CPMT, with the administrative costs being borne by CPMT and the costs of two teachers and two paraprofessionals being borne by the school system. The program would again be on site at ANCHOR. The proposed budget for '11 is \$105,893, which is included in the CPMT budget for next year and is the same amount budgeted for the past two years. Henry County is a party to the annual contract and must approve its extension with ANCHOR. The extension already has been approved by the CPMT and will be addressed by the School Board at its June meeting.

Mr. Adams moved to extend the contract with ANCHOR in the amount of \$105,893 to run the Transitional Day Program for the 2010-11 academic year, contingent on similar approval by the Henry County School Board, seconded by Mr. Bryant and approved 6 to 0.

## **FINANCIAL MATTERS:**

### **Additional Appropriation re: "Four-For-Life" Funds – Public Safety**

Mr. Summerlin stated that Dale Wagoner is requesting that the Board approve the additional appropriation for the annual "Four-For-Life" allocation from the Commonwealth to the local rescue squads. This is a pass-through allocation for the purchase of equipment, supplies, and training. The money is derived from a fee charged on each vehicle registered in Henry County. This year's total is \$50,130.66. Mr. Wagoner is recommending that each of the five County squads receive \$8,206 and that \$5,000 be allocated to initiate the "Central Supply" system to be managed by Public Safety.

Mr. Kendall moved to accept the additional appropriation as requested, seconded by Mr. Slaughter and carried 6 to 0.

### **Additional Appropriation re: EMS Training Funds – Public Safety**

Mr. Summerlin stated that Dale Wagoner is requesting that the Board approve the additional appropriation of \$5,144 from the Virginia Office of Emergency Medical Services for reimbursement of EMS training-related expenses. There is no match required or restrictions placed on the money. Mr. Wagoner indicates the department would use the money to purchase a variety of EMS equipment and to reimburse part-time lab assistants and instructors for teaching EMS courses.

Mr. Kendall moved to accept the additional appropriation as requested, seconded by Mr. Slaughter. The motion carried 6 to 0.

### **Additional Appropriation re: Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program – School Board**

Mr. Summerlin stated that School Superintendent Anthony Jackson is asking the Board to approve an additional appropriation of \$75,150 for the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program. The school system is participating in this program this year at Campbell Court, Carver and Rich Acres elementary schools, and needs to move funds from several categories into the appropriate category for payment. The School Board has already approved this request.

Mr. Adams asked what the selection criteria was for the program. Ms. Marci Lexa, Director of School Nutrition Programs for Henry County Schools stated that the school must be above 50% free and reduced lunch this past year and must be willing to give nutrition education. Ms. Lexa stated they were applying for five schools this year.

Mr. Adams moved to accept the additional appropriation as outlined, seconded by Mr. Vaughn and carried 6 to 0.

### **Award of Contract re: Renovations to the DuPont Guardhouse**

Mr. Summerlin stated that the County is contracted to provide maintenance operations at the DuPont site and actually makes a profit providing this service. Mr. Summerlin stated that DuPont has entered into an agreement with the Department of Motor Vehicles to provide space for a driver certification program. This new venture requires some renovations to the DuPont guardhouse on DuPont Road. Bids for the project were issued and the low bid came from Daniel & Company, Inc. of Richmond in the amount of \$49,500. This project is paid for solely by DuPont and the County is simply the conduit under the operations of the maintenance contract.

Mr. Kendall moved to approve the award of contract to Daniel & Company in the amount of \$49,500, seconded by Mr. Adams. The motion carried 6 to 0.

### **Award of Contract re: Painting of Historic Henry County Courthouse**

Mr. Summerlin stated that as part of the ongoing renovations to the Historic Henry County Courthouse, painting of the interior is needed. Bids were solicited and two were received. The low bid was from Custer's Custom Painting of Roanoke in the amount of \$15,600. Grant funds from the Harvest Foundation and Save America's Treasures grant are being used to fund this item. No local funds are involved.

Mr. Bryant moved to approve the award of contract to Custer's Custom Painting in the amount of \$15,600 as requested, seconded by Mr. Slaughter and carried 6 to 0.

### **Acceptance and Additional Appropriation of Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grants**

Mr. Summerlin stated that as part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA), funding is available for energy projects at the state and local level. Henry County already has received one such grant in the amount of \$44,000 for an energy education program. The County sought additional grants, and has been awarded \$275,998 for a lighting retrofit program for the Henry County Courthouse, the Administration Building, the Sheriff's Office, and the Henry County Jail. The County also received a grant for \$460,000 for the installation of a solar-thermal hot water heating system for the jail. Each of these grants requires a local match of \$50,000, which has already been appropriated by the Board. The money for these initiatives would come through the Virginia Department of Mines, Minerals, and Energy as grants from the Virginia Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program. The Board is asked to adopt the attached resolution indicating its acceptance of the grants.

Mr. Adams moved to adopt the resolution and accept the grants as outlined, seconded by Mr. Kendall. The motion carried 6 to 0.

### **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:**

#### **Comments from the Board**

Mr. Vaughn stated that the request for VDOT to take down the no U-turn signs at the intersection of Industrial Drive and 220 has been done. Mr. Vaughn reported that a ribbon cutting was held Saturday officially opening the Ridgeway Bridge. Mr. Vaughn reminded everyone that the Whelen 200 modified race will be in town June 6 and hopefully 20,000-30,000 visitors will be in town.

Mr. Summerlin stated that staff finally received a response back from the City concerning the disposition of the old social services facility. Working with the City, they put together an RFP to solicit proposals for the disposition of the old facility disposition until August 2. It was advertised in the newspaper and sent to everyone they thought may have an interest. If anyone is interested, they can contact our Purchasing Department to receive a copy of the RFP. Once we receive the proposals, it will be up to Board and City Council on how to proceed. Ms. Buchanan asked if there was any outside marketing done. Mr. Summerlin said it was advertised in the

Martinsville Bulletin and they directly solicited interested groups. Mr. Summerlin said if we do not receive a response that the Board feels is adequate, we can re-solicit.

Mr. Summerlin stated that staff and Mr. Jackson were recently made aware of a Qualified School Construction Bond Program in which you can actually get bond money at less than 0% interest because you hold the payment and generate interest. In looking at the schools' long term needs, County and School staff will be meeting to see if it is an appropriate funding option for consideration. The schools have a lot of capital projects and maintenance needs and this looks like a good opportunity to address some of those needs.

Mr. Summerlin stated that the Southern Virginia Recreation Authority is making good strides and recently hired a new maintenance person. The Authority however does not have a truck for maintenance needs. The County has loaned them an old dog warden truck and we would like to request permission to donate the truck to the Authority and it would go on their insurance. Mr. Adams asked what the typical bid would bring at the surplus auction and Mr. Summerlin said probably around \$2,000. Mr. Adams moved to donate the vehicle to the Recreation Authority, seconded by Mr. Kendall and carried 6 to 0.

Mr. Summerlin said staff is aware of a federal program that can assist with the purchase of police cars. Mr. Summerlin stated that we usually purchase 16 annually, but due to budget constraints, we have had to cut back over the past couple of years. Mr. Summerlin said we applied using the funds that we already have in the budget for eight cars because it is a match requirement. It is currently on the West Piedmont Planning District Commission for an A95 review. If approved and we receive the full grant, we can buy 14 instead of eight.

Mr. Summerlin reported that we have a monthly conference call with VDOT concerning I-73 on the status of the environmental document studying the County's request for an alternative route. Mr. Summerlin said those folks are coming to Henry County on June 8 and will be bringing a consultant for a kick-off meeting. Mr. Summerlin said we are pleased to see the process is moving along.

Mr. Summerlin reported on the changes to the Assign-a-Highway program that was dissolved in April. He said we now have a joint program between the County and the City that is working out extremely well. Mr. Summerlin requested Mike Amos to come and speak to the Board about the new program. Mr. Amos stated that they kicked off on May 4. At the time, the City had not hired anyone to oversee the trustees, so Roy Prillaman with the City Sheriff's office took them out the first week. Mr. Amos said he did an outstanding job supervising the crew and they worked at the motor pool on Tuesday and Thursday. Mr. Tom Hayzlett was hired the following week to oversee the program. As of today, Mr. Amos reported the trustees had worked 59.5 hours on road pick-up and collected 221 bags of trash; and 18 hours at the Service Center. Mr. Amos stated that he will put calls on a list and rotate to the different areas. Mr. Vaughn requested Mr. Amos to concentrate on Route 220 on race weekends. Mr. Bryant said citizens need to know that it's their responsibility also. Mr. Summerlin said this is not the solution, just part of the solution. Ms. Buchanan said the court needs to get on board with the enforcement of litter violations. Mr. Kendall stated that much of the

trash blows from the back of trucks. Mr. Amos stated that there is an ordinance that trucks must be covered and trash is also supposed to be secured in bags. Mr. Amos said litter is a big problem everywhere. Mr. Adams commended Mr. Amos and his staff for cleaning up a tire dump site on a dead end street in a residential area. The Board thanked Mr. Amos for his report.

Mr. Vaughn apologized to the Board for not putting this on the agenda, but it took a while to get all of the information together. He said that several years ago, there was a surplus in the contingency fund, so they allocated \$30,000 to be used for dilapidated and unsafe dwellings. The money was divided equally among the six districts. Mr. Vaughn said he had a house in his district that had burned and was located on Route 220 at the intersection of the bypass. Due to issues of bankruptcy, we could not force the owner to do anything. The County spent \$8,000 to have the house torn down, but they were able to recoup the money because the property was auctioned. Mr. Vaughn was under the impression that the money would go back into the same fund, not the general fund. Ms. Buchanan asked if there was any new money included in the budget. Mr. Summerlin stated there were no new funds included, but \$16,000 was carried over. Mr. Slaughter said he had asked about this before and it did not make sense to him why the money would not go back into the same fund. Mr. Summerlin stated the problem is that the money usually takes a long period of time to recover. Mr. Vaughn said he would like to see the money re-appropriated to that fund. Mr. Adams asked if it could be taken from the contingency. Mr. Summerlin discussed funds that would be coming from properties sold in the amount of \$30,000. Mr. Lyle stated that he was not sure if the money had been received yet, but it would be like found money. Mr. Lyle also stated that it would be very unusual for the property to sell for enough to recoup the cost of demolition and disposal. Mr. Vaughn stated that burn structures are unsafe and if a person is paying their property taxes, there is no potential to sell and not a lot you can do. Mr. Summerlin recommended taking \$30,000 from the fund balance and replacing it when we receive the money from the sale of the properties. Mr. Adams moved to transfer the \$30,000 and replace it when we receive the money from the sale of the properties, seconded by Mr. Vaughn. The motion carried 6 to 0.

### **CLOSED MEETING:**

Jim Adams moved that the Board go into a closed meeting at 3:55 pm, seconded by Tommy Slaughter and unanimously carried to discuss the following.

- 1) §2.2-3711(A)1 for Discussion of Appointees to the Parks and Recreation Board, Henry-Martinsville Social Services Board, Patrick Henry Community College Board, and Piedmont Regional Community Services Board.
- 2) §2.2-3711(A)7 for Consultation with the County Attorney re: Pending Legal Matters.
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- 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 5:02 pm on a motion by Joe Bryant, second by Milton Kendall 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. Bryant, Mr. Kendall, Mr. Adams, Mr. Vaughn and Ms. Buchanan.

## **APPOINTMENTS:**

**Parks and Recreation Board** – Mr. Slaughter moved to reappoint Scott Gaudin representing the Horsepasture District and DeWitt House, At-large, to four-year terms beginning July 1, 2010, seconded by Mr. Adams and carried 6 to 0.

**Patrick Henry Community College Board** – Mr. Kendall moved to reappoint Ben Gravely and Lillian Holland; appoint Willie Martin and Elaine Ryder to four-year terms beginning July 1, 2010; and appoint Marco Manriquez to fill an unexpired term ending June 30, 2012, seconded by Mr. Slaughter. The motion carried 6 to 0.

**Piedmont Regional Community Services Board** – Mr. Bryant moved to reappoint Fred Spencer and appoint Dr. Paulette Simington to three-year terms beginning July 1, 2010, seconded by Mr. Slaughter and carried 6 to 0.

Mr. Vaughn moved that the Board authorize the County Attorney to take the necessary action to transfer the old Henry County Courthouse to the Martinsville-Henry County Historical Society, seconded by Mr. Slaughter. The motion carried 6 to 0.

Mr. Bryant moved that the Board accept the CP Films easement for canoe access, seconded by Mr. Slaughter and carried 6 to 0.

## **DISCUSSION OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ISSUES**

Ms. Buchanan stated that in speaking with a number of the supervisors, they determined it would be a good idea to have a meeting to discuss the Economic Development Corporation. Ms. Buchanan said they understand that the economic downturn is a big concern to everyone. Ms. Buchanan turned it over to Mark Heath for a PowerPoint presentation and question and answer session. (A Copy of Presentation in Board's File)

Mr. Heath thanked the Board for the opportunity to come and speak publicly about the types of things they discuss monthly in closed session and what is discussed monthly with the EDC Board of Directors in open session. Mr. Heath said he thinks the presentation will address several questions about our program and what we do. Afterwards, we will try to answer any questions you may still have.

Mr. Heath said we have been in a downward slide since 1990 with 17,867 total jobs lost, 74% of those in manufacturing. These job losses are due to many things-- offshoring, automation, and globalization of the economy. Mr. Heath stated that while these statistics pre-date the EDC, it is important for everyone to understand what we are dealing with when trying to recruit. Interesting though, the population of Martinsville and Henry County has only decreased 4.9% during this same period which tells us what kind of employment center this area was in the past. The area has transitioned from a net importer of labor to a net exporter. Consequently, one reason the unemployment rate is so high is not really an indication of the health of our economy. If someone loses their job in Danville or Rockingham County but lives in Martinsville and Henry County, our unemployment rate goes up. Employment is figured based on where the jobs are; unemployment is figured based on where you live.

Mr. Heath stated that product development is an essential part of our program and commended the County, the City and all funding partners for understanding this and buying into that fact. We need quality manufacturing buildings and quality sites. RTI did not happen overnight. The RTI building was our first shell building and it brought us \$100M in tax base and when completed, RTI will be the largest taxpayer Henry County has ever had, and the largest gas and electric user. Mr. Heath stated that the second shell building, Lot 10, in the Patriot Centre, has generated 15 projects to date that we have worked on and have come to Martinsville and Henry County because of that building. Mr. Heath noted the number of jobs for the projects. These numbers are representative of the types of projects we see today. You do not see 1,000 job employers anymore. The potential with this shell building is already 2,000 jobs and \$572M in investments. Mr. Heath said Commonwealth Crossing may be even more important. We feel it will be the lifeblood of this community and a centerpiece of our marketing strategy going forward and we must find a way to bring this site online. The County has already done a great job. There has been about \$7M in investment and a lot of resources put into this site and we need \$20M to grade it. Listed are eight projects that would have never considered us without this site. You can see why we have stressed the need for a large pad, rail-served industrial park. Again, Mr. Heath noted the number of jobs. Today you see a higher capital investment and lower job numbers because of automation. Mr. Heath said he could not guarantee any of these projects would have materialized, but they would not have considered us without these sites. Mainstream was an automotive manufacturing project from Austria. We worked on that project for over a year. They were going to manufacture a product for Ford and when the economy bottomed out, Ford pulled the plug.

Mr. Heath highlighted on the marketing program over the last year. The EDC worked 56 projects and generated 24 site visits to Martinsville and Henry County. We conducted 86 existing industry visits over the past year resulting in 421 new jobs created and \$7.65M in capital investments thru expansions at Drake Extrusion, Monogram Meat Snacks, Faneuil, and other small business. We had three consulting firms come in to analyze our marketing material, electronic media, newsletter, existing industries, etc. to better position ourselves. In March, one of the foremost food consultants in the world came in to evaluate the area. Leigh Cockram and Spencer Johnson have been working extensively to certify Lot 4 in the Patriot Centre as a Food Certified Site which will help tremendously in our marketing efforts. The EDC continues to market via the new website, quarterly newsletters, quarterly direct mailings and working with State and Federal representatives. A new initiative to boost marketing will include a \$600,000 partnership with the VEDP to help market southern Virginia. Mr. Heath explained on a different note that we have no control as to how funds are allocated from the Tobacco Commission. Martinsville does not receive any funding and Henry County only

receives \$113,00 compared to areas like Danville and Pittsylvania County who receive in excess of \$3.8M that can go directly into their site development.

Mr. Heath addressed some deals that were lost and why. Phoenix Packaging was a project uncovered by Leigh Cockram last year on a marketing trip to Chicago. Phoenix was not interested in looking at Virginia at all. They were interested in Tennessee. Once we got them here, they liked our shell building and we put together a \$4.3M deal together, but we came up about \$2.5M short. When Phoenix went to Pulaski, they received 15 years free taxes, a manufacturing facility for \$2.00/sq. ft., and the Governor's Opportunity Fund. We discussed this project in depth and looked at what we had on the table, the return on investment and the jobs, and it did not make sense to offer more on this project. Sometimes there are things you cannot overcome. Going forward, the question is do we want to get into the business of buying jobs; if so, there is a price to pay. Yahoo did not work out for several reasons, one obstacle being climate and the biggest issue was the \$100M in power concessions they received in New York. We lost Project Hose to Stoneville due to a \$150,000 difference in power costs between Duke and Appalachian. Project Anvil is a metal manufacturer out of New York that is on hold due to concerns regarding Cap and Trade legislation. Project Clean is a current project, but in order to make the deal work, we must come up with \$3M to buy down a lease for three years in a privately-owned building. This project is not one that the EDC, the County, City or other partners feel is justified.

Mr. Heath stated that since 2004, the EDC has assisted with a total capital investment in our community of \$206.1M and created 2,682 jobs. The EDC receives its funding from Henry County, the City of Martinsville, Harvest Foundation, and C-PEG with total funding for FY 2010 at \$1,830,000. Without this type of funding, we would not be able to do the things we do. If you look at marketing/recruiting, product development, and tourism, you will notice those line items have increased since 2007. These are the areas where we feel the emphasis needs to be. Our personnel costs run about 40-42% compared to 65% for similar organizations. To understand how these funds work for Martinsville and Henry County, within product development, we fund architectural design work and interest on the shell buildings, pay the real estate fees when buildings sale, supported the master planning for the Bryant Properties and Commonwealth Crossing and have been contributing \$200,000 per year to the debt service for Commonwealth Crossing. When you look at the net cost to Henry County after what the EDC pays out for product development, you are only looking at about \$800,000 for FY 2007-'10. We believe that is one of the best investments we have made. Mr. Heath also noted that if you look at the cost of the shell building in 2008, it was only \$113,011. The EDC brought an additional \$633,000 thru two private anonymous donations to the County to buy down the cost of the shell building to help bring RTI here. If you accrue that money, the bottom line for the County is really only \$160,000. These are the kinds of things the EDC has been doing to try to build a platform we can be successful off of. We are not happy where we are and we have conversations daily about what we need to be doing better, what projects we can undertake, etc. We feel we are producing results. Mr. Heath stated that concludes his presentation.

Ms. Buchanan thanked Mr. Heath for his presentation. She told Mr. Heath that residents have concerns about job growth and also the amount of funding provided to the EDC. She said she would like to see the information provided today made available on a monthly basis. The public needs to know about potential prospects and jobs without divulging any names. Ms. Buchanan said the EDC "works under a cloud of secrecy." Mr. Heath said

that he would like to say publicly that we discuss this information monthly in closed session with the Board and also in open session with the EDC Board, which meets the third Thursday of every month at 8:00 a.m. and the public is welcome to attend. Ms. Buchanan asked about the retail segment here in this area. Mr. Heath said we have had several initiatives in that area, but with a combined population in the city and county of only around 70,000, we do not have the demographics to support retail businesses. Mr. Heath said most retailers require a population of at least 100,000. Ms. Buchanan asked if bonuses and salary increases were included in the EDC's proposed budget for 2011. Mr. Heath said it is included in the budget every year and the EDC Board agreed we were going to hold the line on salaries. Mr. Heath said it included three things, a cost of living increase because we did not receive one last year, performance bonuses and one salary adjustment, not for everyone, but for staff we feel went above and beyond the call of duty. Mr. Heath said even in difficult times, he feels it is more important that we maintain the quality staff we have. Ms. Buchanan said there are a lot of people in this area who feel they are going above and beyond too and you must also understand that you are making a fair wage. These are the kinds of questions we are asked by the public. Ms. Buchanan asked about the increase in the lease costs. Mr. Heath said the first three years were rent-free because the agreement was that the EDC would pay for the renovation of the space in lieu of rent and the three years have expired. Ms. Buchanan asked about the increase in the line item for external travel. Mr. Heath said that is correct, but we really do not know where our budget will end up. He said where we are cutting next year to make ends meet is internal; we are not cutting external, that's where we generate the most leads.

Mr. Bryant said Ms. Buchanan had hit on most of the highlights. He echoed Ms. Buchanan's thoughts that the EDC acts like a "secret organization." Mr. Bryant also commented about the salaries and stated that people want to see results for what you are paid. He compared it to a business man whose business is not doing well; he would have to make cuts. Mr. Bryant said the silence of the EDC leads to speculation. He said the EDC needs to come out and present itself to the public, not so much information that would jeopardize prospects, but enough to let people know what you are doing. Mr. Bryant too inquired about the bonuses and if Mr. Heath received one. Mr. Heath said that he did receive a bonus the current year at the direction of the Board of Directors. Mr. Bryant said there were a few things that he had discussed with Jennifer Doss about doing some research but he would address that at a later date.

Mr. Kendall said he has some deep concerns about County, City and Harvest money and people have a lot of questions. He said he realizes it is a difficult time but encouraged the EDC to do all they can. Mr. Heath said they are not satisfied with their results; it will never be enough and we are open to suggestions. Mr. Kendall said the Board must be very mindful of the money we spend to attract business because we do not want to put the community in worse shape than it already is.

Mr. Slaughter said most of his questions had already been addressed. He said one of the big questions and hardest to explain to people is the retail sector and why Danville is able to attract and obtain more economic opportunities. Mr. Heath said Danville has a larger population, a gas and electric enterprise fund that generates about \$10M per year for infrastructure development, and higher Tobacco funding as mentioned before. Mr. Heath said Mr. Summerlin is doing an excellent job soliciting the EDA for money and working on Tobacco funds as well. Mr. Slaughter said one of our problems is the drug situation. Mr.

Heath said he thinks that Danville's situation is just as bad if not worse than ours. Mr. Heath said drugs, background checks and education are some of the things we are up against.

Mr. Adams said that improving the skill set in the area of education was on his list as well. Mr. Adams said he participated in a couple of initiatives in which the EDC was involved in the past year, the expansion of Monogram Foods and a federal procurement workshop. He asked how much general participation there is in the small and minority business workshops. Mr. Heath said that Lisa Wilson runs this division and last year she did 15 educational workshops with 461 people attending. Mr. Adams said he fully supports the tourism effort and inquired about how many areas outside of our region are being reached thru publications. Mr. Heath noted the amount of money that is being contributed to tourism and said all of the information is placed at the visitor centers and they thought it was being distributed to the rest stops along the interstates also; however it was not and that has been corrected. Mr. Heath said they advertise thru the Virginia Tourism Corporation and one of the things that Jennifer Doss is doing an excellent job in is working with partner agencies like DRBA, Parks and Recreation, the Trails Group, etc. to promote what our area has to offer. Mr. Heath said Jennifer works closely with local hotel and restaurant groups and actually takes employees out to tour the area so they know what we have to offer when visitors ask. Mr. Heath said they are amazed at how many attractions residents are not aware of in our area. Mr. Adams said he had been asked if we would entertain the idea of a correctional facility on a larger scale. Mr. Heath said that is a decision that the Board would have to make, stating that correctional facilities are a real economic generator and although they have never had the opportunity to work a project of that nature, they would work it like any other project, but would defer that decision to the County and City elected officials.

Mr. Vaughn again addressed retail business. He said the EDC is going to have to work more with private developers. Years ago, we grew because we had a lot of local developers who invested in the community. He said we are going to have to revert back to this practice because we do not have the money that many larger cities have to offer. Mr. Vaughn said he had already discussed the salary increases with one member of the Board of Directors and he appreciates Mr. Heath standing up for his staff; however, he stated there are good people who work for the Sheriff's office, school system, and county government who will not receive raises this year and he asks the EDC Board of Directors to look at the results and circumstances and determine if raises are justified in the coming year. Mr. Heath stated that the Board has already made the decision not to give raises next year. Mr. Vaughn said he will always look at our return on investment and will always expect results regardless.

Ms. Buchanan requested that Mr. Heath provide the following information monthly, whether personally at the 3:00 meeting or to be included in the Board's working papers: monthly report presented to the EDC Board; information about the number of contacts without any identifying information; contacts with existing industry in regards to expansion; and contacts, either direct or indirect; salary information, including any bonuses given last year, the number of employees, and job descriptions and if anything has changed since the last report; and upcoming budget. Mr. Heath said he would forward the request for salary and budget information to the EDC Board.

## **MATTERS PRESENTED BY THE PUBLIC:**

Ms. Mary Martin, Ridgeway District, commended the Board for asking questions of the EDC that citizens have wanted to know for some time. Ms. Martin also commented on several other issues, including the amount of money spent on rent, salaries, bonuses, trips and entertaining prospective businesses. Ms. Martin stated that she has always felt tourism should fall under the Chamber of Commerce and that bonuses should be based on performance. Ms. Martin thanked the Board and said she looks forward to the next report.

## **GENERAL HIGHWAY MATTERS:**

Ms. Lisa Hughes, Residency Administrator for the Virginia Department of Transportation, was present to discuss General Highway Matters with the Board.

- Ms. Hughes reported that the no U-turn signs on Route 220 business have been removed.
- Carver Road Intersection – meeting scheduled June 7 to finalize application for safety funds
- VDOT has started its summer mowing to reduced standards. Mr. Bryant asked about volunteers and Ms. Hughes said individuals could obtain a permit to assist with mowing.
- Route 655 – will be replacing a sunken pipe at the request of Mr. Slaughter
- Mr. Kendall requested a speed study on Route 620 in the Carlisle School area to possibly lower the speed limit. Ms. Hughes said she would look into the matter and get back to the Board.
- Ms. Hughes said the Route 682 sign should have been taken care of at the request of Mr. Slaughter.
- Mr. Vaughn asked about the delay in paving on Route 220S. Ms. Hughes said the delay is due to so many driveways, turn lanes and crossovers.
- Ms. Buchanan requested that overgrown trees at the corner of Horsepasture Price Road and JS Holland be addressed.

## **Request for “Watch for Children” Sign on Patrick Henry Avenue in the Iriswood District**

Supervisor Kendall moved to place a “Watch for Children” sign on Patrick Henry Avenue in the Iriswood District, seconded by Mr. Adams and carried 6 to 0.

Ms. Buchanan recognized Ms. Joyce Staples who teaches at The New College and her group of students who are future teachers. Ms. Staples said she has the students attend a city and county meeting to help them better understand local government.

There being no further business to discuss Jim Adams moved to adjourn at 6:24 pm, second by Joe Bryant and unanimously carried.

**HENRY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
MINUTES**

**June 22, 2010 – 3:00 pm**

The Henry County Board of Supervisors held its regular meeting on June 22, 2010, 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, Jim Adams, Milton Kendall, Tommy Slaughter, and Joe Bryant. Vice-Chairman H.G. Vaughn was absent.

Staff members present were Benny Summerlin, County Administrator; Tim Hall, Deputy County Administrator; George Lyle, County Attorney; Michelle Via, Administrative Assistant; Susan Reynolds, Director of Human Resources; Darrell Jones, Director of Finance; and Richard Stanfield, Deputy Director of Finance.

Sheriff Lane Perry, Major Steve Eanes, and Sgt. Ronnie Minter from the Sheriff's office were present. Debbie Hall and Paul Collins of the Martinsville Bulletin and Ron Morris of B-99 were present.

**INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

Tommy Slaughter gave the invocation and Milton Kendall 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).

- May 25, 2010

**Approval of Accounts Payable**

(Copy included in Board's File).

Jim Adams moved that the Items of Consent be adopted as presented, seconded by Tommy Slaughter. The motion carried 5 to 0. Mr. Vaughn was absent.

### **MATTERS PRESENTED BY THE PUBLIC – REV. TYLER MILLNER**

Mr. Millner encouraged the Board to continue to monitor the EDC and its progress. Mr. Millner requested that the Board consider a resolution to rename Axton Elementary School to reflect the consolidation of Irisburg Elementary and Axton. Mr. Millner recommended that the school be named Axton Irisburg Elementary School and requested the School Board Chairman and Superintendent to reconsider its decision. Mr. Millner stated that Irisburg School contributed greatly to the school system's overall academic success and the new consolidated school should be named to reflect the diversity and preserve the identity of the community it represents.

Mr. Millner requested that the Board designate Friday, June 25 as Higher Education Day in Martinsville and Henry County. He stated his church and outreach committee want to recognize the successes of New College Institute and Patrick Henry Community College in terms of their contributions to the community. Mr. Millner also requested that City Council pass a similar resolution.

Mr. Millner invited the Board to attend an Iriswood District Meeting on June 29.

Lastly, Mr. Millner requested that the Board waive his outstanding charge from 2006. Mr. Millner said it is a matter of principle and the public should not be charged for information. The Board took no action on Mr. Millner's request.

### **CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION REGARDING VIRGINIA RETIREMENT SYSTEM**

Mr. Summerlin stated that the Virginia General Assembly, in its 2010 session, passed legislation creating a separate retirement plan (Plan 2) for employees hired on or after July 1, 2010. The legislation stipulates that these employees will pay their member contribution, but it also allows the employer to pay all or a portion of the member contributions. Henry County currently pays the 5% employee contribution, and funding for this action is included in the FY 2011 Budget that the Supervisors have approved and appropriated. Mr. Summerlin explained that Plan 2 is not irrevocable and that the Board may reverse its decision each July 1 should they choose to do so; however, all employees in Plan 1 who were hired prior to July 1, 2010 are grandfathered.

Mr. Adams moved to adopt the resolution as presented, seconded by Mr. Slaughter, and carried 5 to 0. Mr. Vaughn was absent.

### **CONSIDERATION OF NEW FEES FOR COURTHOUSE FILINGS**

Mr. Lyle stated that effective July 1, 2010 the Virginia General Assembly authorizes local governments to charge new fees on certain courthouse filings, specifically for the filing of a real estate affidavit or list of heirs. These documents are filed in connection with the administration of an estate for a decedent who dies without a will.

The current fees for recording real estate affidavits and list of heirs is \$17 and \$16 respectively and it is not local revenue; as of July 1, these Virginia imposed fees will increase to \$41 and \$42. In addition, the locality may adopt an ordinance charging \$25 for these filings. If the Board elects to impose the new fee, the total charge for someone filing such documents would be \$66 and \$67 and in rare cases could be \$133 if filing both.

Based on recent filings, annual revenue in the range of \$3,200 could be expected. If the Board desires to impose this fee, a public hearing would be required.

After some general discussion, Mr. Kendall moved not to increase the fees. There being no second, the motion died. Mr. Bryant moved to advertise a public hearing for the July meeting, seconded by Mr. Adams and approved 4 to 1. Mr. Kendall voted in opposition and Mr. Vaughn was absent.

#### **FINANCIAL MATTERS:**

#### **AWARD OF CONTRACT RE: CALL PROCESSING EQUIPMENT – MARTINSVILLE-HENRY COUNTY 911 COMMUNICATIONS CENTER**

Mr. Summerlin stated that Wes Ashley, Director of the Martinsville-Henry County 911 Communications Center, is asking the Board to award a contract in the amount of \$484,285 to CenturyLink for the purchase of next-generation Call Processing Equipment.

The 911 Center was awarded grants totaling \$502,000 for the purchase of this equipment, which will replace outdated hardware in the 911 Center. These grants came from the Virginia E-911 Wireless Services Board and require no local matching funds. The Board of Supervisors appropriated the money when it appropriated the FY 2011 Budget. Henry County is the fiscal agent for the 911 Communications Center, which means the Board must approve the contract.

Mr. Adams moved to award the contract as requested, seconded by Mr. Bryant and approved 5 to 0. Mr. Vaughn was absent.

#### **ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION RE: SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

Sheriff Perry is requesting an additional appropriation in the amount of \$652.00 for proceeds received from the sale of found property and restitution for time spent on a case ordered by the court. The Sheriff's Office plans to use the funds to replace cameras in the patrol division.

Mr. Bryant moved to approve the appropriation as requested, seconded by Mr. Slaughter and carried 5 to 0. Mr. Vaughn was absent.

**AWARD OF CONTRACTS RE: ENERGY PARTNER SERVICE CONTRACTS FOR THE AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT (ARRA) GRANT PROJECTS**

Mr. Summerlin stated that the County, through a competitive Request for Proposal (RFP) process, has selected Trane as its energy partner. In an effort to begin an energy sustainability program, the County applied for and received three ARRA grants:

1) Henry County Energy Awareness Educational Project - \$49,000 which includes a \$5,000 match

2) Henry County Energy Savings Lighting Retrofits - \$325,998 which includes a \$50,000 match

3) Henry County Solar Thermal Hot Water Retrofits - \$510,000 which includes a \$50,000 match.

These three grants will be serviced by Trane thus requiring contract awards as listed above. The County's match funding for the Energy Awareness Education Project was approved at the Board of Supervisor's March 23, 2010 meeting. The County's match funding for the Energy Savings Lighting Retrofits and the Solar Thermal Hot Water Retrofits were approved at the Board of Supervisor's May 25, 2010 meeting.

Mr. Slaughter moved to approve the award of contracts to Trane as requested, seconded by Mr. Bryant and approved 5 to 0. Mr. Vaughn was absent.

**TRANSFER APPROPRIATION RE: SCHOOL BOARD**

Ms. Buchanan stated there was an additional transfer request from the School Board that was not on the agenda to consider. (Copy included in Board's File) Mr. Summerlin said the School Board is requesting a transfer from the current year's budget from the Contingency and Facilities categories to the Operations and Maintenance category in order to complete several projects at various schools. Mr. Summerlin said there was a list attached identifying 16 projects where expenditures would be made.

Mr. Adams moved to approve the transfer appropriation from the Contingency and Facilities categories to the Operations and Maintenance category as requested, seconded by Mr. Slaughter and carried 5 to 0. Mr. Vaughn was absent.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:**

**Comments from the Board**

Mr. Slaughter stated that after reading several letters to the editor concerning the EDC and after hearing Mr. Millner's comments, he is concerned there is a

misconception that the Board is against the EDC which is not the case. Mr. Slaughter stated that the information presented by the EDC at last month's meeting was basically the same information that the Board receives each month in closed session, but the presentation allowed the public insight as to what the EDC is doing. Mr. Slaughter said he realizes the EDC has a large budget, but the EDC Board is responsible for overseeing that budget. Mr. Slaughter said he personally hated to have to cut the EDC this year because their job is more difficult now than ever before; however, cuts were made across the board.

Mr. Bryant said that he also agreed with Mr. Slaughter that it was not the intent of the Board to impose on the EDC or jeopardize possible prospects. The purpose was to inform the citizens and make them aware of what exactly the EDC is doing. Mr. Bryant said it is more than just bringing jobs to the area. For example, Mr. Bryant said he recently had a conversation with Jennifer Doss concerning the Smith River Sports Complex and the need to get sports teams into the area because we are missing out on a lot of potential revenue.

Mr. Kendall said citizens are looking to the Board to bring jobs to the area and he feels the Board should be working closely with the EDC to accomplish that goal. Mr. Kendall stated the information presented last month was something the public wanted to see and deserves to know since most of the EDC's funding comes from Harvest, the County and City. Mr. Kendall said he hopes the EDC will pick up the pace and bring more jobs and if they cannot, maybe we should reconsider funding since the Board is also accountable for its spending.

Mr. Adams said working together as a team is the key to creating and bringing in jobs. Mr. Adams stated that we have a great County staff that does their part and making the information available is a plus to let people know we are working towards that goal.

Ms. Buchanan said she agrees with a number of comments made by the Board. The general consensus of the Board was it wanted more information, specific in the fact that it did not want any information that would hinder or jeopardize any project. Ms. Buchanan said she has heard a number of positive comments from citizens since the last meeting that they really appreciated the information provided by Mark Heath. Ms. Buchanan said she understands the EDC Board has not met since the last Board meeting but is scheduled to meet on June 29 and will consider the Board's requests. Ms. Buchanan agrees with Mr. Adams that the Board's position is to work with the EDC to assist with job creation. Ms. Buchanan said she attended three Memorial Day services.

Mr. Summerlin requested the Board to let him know if they plan to attend the VACo conference. Mr. Summerlin said County and School staff met yesterday to discuss the Qualified School Construction Bonds to see if we feel it would be a beneficial program to fund some school renovation projects. Mr. Summerlin said the School Board will continue to investigate and determine if it is a viable option to

proceed forward. Mr. Summerlin stated that after tonight's evening session concludes, the Board needs to continue the meeting to Friday, June 25 at 12:45 p.m. in the fourth floor conference room for a joint meeting with the Henry County Industrial Development Authority followed by an economic development announcement at 1:30, location to be announced.

Mr. Bryant commended Deputy Hooper for his diligence in enforcing litter control. Mr. Summerlin said the inmate work program is working very well and he will try to give a written report of trash pick-up and work at the Service Center. He stated that the inmates picked up 50 bags in one day recently which is more than the Assign-a-Highway program collected in an entire month.

### **CLOSED MEETING:**

Joe Bryant moved that the Board go into a closed meeting at 3:45 pm, seconded by Jim Adams and unanimously carried to discuss the following.

- 1) §2.2-3711(A)1 for Discussion of Appointees to the Parks and Recreation Board, Henry-Martinsville Social Services Board, and Roanoke River Basin Association.
- 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 4:37 pm on a motion by Jim Adams, second by Milton Kendall 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. Bryant, Mr. Kendall, Mr. Adams, and Ms. Buchanan.

### **APPOINTMENTS:**

**Parks and Recreation Board** – Joe Bryant moved to appoint Shirley Horton to a three-year term representing the Collinsville District beginning July 1, 2010, seconded by Tommy Slaughter and carried 5 to 0. Mr. Vaughn was absent.

Mr. Adams moved to carryover \$10,000 from the Contingency Fund to Professional Services for the next fiscal year budget, seconded by Tommy Slaughter and carried 5 to 0. Mr. Vaughn was absent.

The Board recessed its meeting at 4:39 pm until the 6:00 evening session. Mr. Slaughter left at recess.

Ms. Buchanan called the meeting back to order at 6:00 pm and welcomed everyone present.

### **REPORT ON DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTION EFFORTS**

John Rife, with the law firm Taxing Authority Consulting Services, reported to the Board on delinquent tax collection efforts being pursued by his office and by the County Treasurer's Office (Copy included in Board's File). Mr. Rife said approximately 2,560 parcels of real estate were referred to his office and they are just shy of two months into the collection process. Of the first notices sent out, they had about an 11% return rate and roughly 200 payment plans set up which have commenced with individuals making scheduled payments; roughly 100 payment plans have defaulted which we will attempt to have the taxpayer bring current, sign a promissory note and get on an active payment plan. The goal of course is collection of real estate taxes, but we may be forced to file suit and sell the property later down the road. Mr. Rife said we have approximately 2,200 accounts that are still current and to date, we have collected around \$170,000 for the County. The second notices went out last week and we are hopeful it will be equally successful. Mr. Rife said he was open for any questions.

Mr. Adams pointed out that the collection services are of no cost to the County. Mr. Rife said the delinquent taxpayer actually pays for the services based upon the amount owed on their account.

Mr. Summerlin said he had mentioned to the Board about possibly referring some unsafe properties to Mr. Rife for judicial sale in hopes of expediting the process to recoup the County's clean-up costs. Mr. Rife said they would be happy to work with the County to assist with these properties as needed.

Mr. Lyle asked Mr. Rife about the timeline and procedure for real estate referrals. Mr. Rife said they try to have the taxes paid before they ever bring it to the litigation process and the sale of an individual's property is the absolute last resort. Mr. Rife said typically, it is about three months before it is referred out for title and then another month after they receive the title work back. In cases where it is clear that the County has attempted collection efforts with no results, it can be expedited, but you are still looking at a minimum six months to go through the court process. Mr. Rife said the process is usually about a year, three months in the collection process and another four to six months from the time a suit is filed to the decree of sale.

Mr. Rife stated that on a tip from Mr. Summerlin, they have found some unclaimed property owned by Cerxon which is now defunct. They have filed a lien against those proceeds and the County should be receiving \$2,000. Mr. Rife said they also filed suit on the lease that was personally signed by Craig Rogers and the County should expect to receive that money from the State in about six weeks.

Mr. Adams asked how many localities the Taxing Authority currently collects for on both real estate and personal property taxes. Mr. Rife said only about three. Mr. Rife said the County's delinquency on personal property taxes is relatively low compared to other localities of similar size, but he feels there is some additional assistance they can provide in the collection process. Mr. Rife said they would need the Board's consent to work on personal property accounts, and it would be handled the same as real estate in that it would be no cost to the County. Mr. Adams asked about the timeline for personal property vs. real estate. Mr. Rife said you would have a different collection method for personal property; you would be looking for lien sources like levies, either from wages or bank accounts, or the property can be seized.

Mr. Adams moved that the Board authorize Taxing Authority Consulting Services, at the discretion of the County Treasurer, to collect delinquent personal property taxes, seconded by Mr. Bryant and approved 4 to 0. Mr. Vaughn and Mr. Slaughter were absent.

Mr. Summerlin asked Mr. Rife if he could email this report monthly to be included in the Board's package as part of the Treasurer's report. Mr. Rife said that would not be a problem and if the Board needs additional information, he will be happy to accommodate any requests.

Ms. Buchanan thanked Mr. Rife for his report.

## **MATTERS PRESENTED BY THE PUBLIC**

There was no one present who wished to address the Board.

## **GENERAL HIGHWAY MATTERS**

Ms. Lisa Hughes, Residency Administrator for the Virginia Department of Transportation, was present to discuss General Highway Matters with the Board.

- Safety project on Route 220 at Bassett Forks is complete.
- Turn lanes on Route 174 will be complete next week.
- Box culvert on Route 657 should be completed by mid-July.
- First mowing cycle is complete; will mow primaries and bypasses two more times, secondaries only once more
- Surface treatments (tar and gravel) scheduled to begin in next couple of weeks; only doing four roads, Routes 610, 636, 683 and 707.

- Carver Road safety improvement project plan is to do a two-stage application process, first phase being measures that can be taken rather quickly such as additional signing, submit application for grading work and sight distance improvement work, proposing to lower grade to provide better sight distance; waiting on funds so cannot give time schedule
- Mr. Bryant requested a sweeper for the Collinsville District and Ms. Hughes said she would follow-up.
- Ms. Hughes reported that the safety project in front of the Historical Center has been approved to install handicap ramps and flashing pedestrian signals; estimated completion contingent on when federal funds are actually received, work itself will not take long.
- Ms. Buchanan asked if the Fieldale Bridge was on schedule. Ms. Hughes said the Fieldale Bridge should be complete around the first of August and is on schedule, if not ahead. Mr. Summerlin asked if the contractors will clean up the work platforms in the river. Ms. Hughes said anything pertaining to their work will be cleaned up.
- Ms. Buchanan requested to know the time schedule for Route 684 when it becomes available.

There being no further business to discuss Jim Adams moved at 6:20 pm to continue the meeting to Friday, June 25 at 12:45, seconded by Milton Kendall and carried 4 to 0. Mr. Vaughn and Mr. Slaughter were absent.

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**JOINT  
HENRY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
AND INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY  
MINUTES**

**June 25, 2010 – 12:45 pm**

The Henry County Board of Supervisors and the Henry County Industrial Development Authority held a joint meeting on June 25, 2010, at 12:45 pm in the Fourth Floor Conference Room of the County Administration Building, King's Mountain Road, Collinsville, Virginia.

The following Board members were present: Chairman Debra Buchanan, Jim Adams, Milton Kendall, and Joe Bryant. Vice Chairman H. G. Vaughn and Tommy Slaughter were out of town.

The following Industrial Development Authority members were present: Chairman Larry McDorman, Vice Chairman Len Dillon, Barry Helmstutler, Wade Nelson, and Steve Isley. Rodney Thacker and Wesley Caviness were out of town.

Staff members present were Benny Summerlin, County Administrator; Tim Hall, Deputy County Administrator; Darrell Jones, Director of Finance; and Michelle Via, Administrative Assistant.

Debbie Hall of the Martinsville Bulletin was present.

**CALL TO ORDER**

**Board of Supervisors**

Chairman Buchanan called the Board of Supervisors meeting to order at 12:45 pm, a continuation from the Board's meeting of June 22, 2010.

**Industrial Development Authority**

Chairman McDorman called the IDA meeting to order at 12:45 pm.

Mr. Summerlin presented two Performance Agreements for consideration by the Board of Supervisors and Industrial Development Authority. (Copies included in Board's File). One agreement is between the County of Henry, the Henry County Industrial Development Authority, and Monogram Food Solutions LLC for a Governor's Opportunity Fund grant in the amount of \$100,000. The second agreement is between the County of Henry, the Henry County Industrial Development Authority, the Virginia Tobacco Indemnification and Community Revitalization Commission, and Monogram Food Solutions LLC for grant funds in the amount of \$450,000.

Mr. Summerlin stated that Monogram Foods purchased Knauss Food Snacks about a year ago and that the County entered into an agreement last August with Monogram that they would provide 120 new jobs and \$3 million in capital investment over three years. Since last

August, Monogram has hired 130 employees with total current employment around 250. Mr. Summerlin said Monogram has not met the capital investment yet but still has two years left under the current Performance Agreement. Mr. Summerlin said the new agreement provides for 150 additional jobs and \$4 million in capital investment over 36 months. Mr. Summerlin said there will be two agreements running concurrently. Mr. Summerlin said the Chairman of Monogram and Lt. Governor Bolling will be at Monogram to make the announcement today at 1:30.

### **Board of Supervisors**

Mr. Adams moved that the Board of Supervisors approve both Performance Agreements as presented, seconded by Mr. Kendall and carried 4 to 0. Mr. Vaughn and Mr. Slaughter were absent.

### **Industrial Development Authority**

Mr. Helmstutler moved that the Industrial Development Authority accept the Performance Agreements as presented, seconded by Mr. Dillon and carried 5-0. Mr. Thacker and Mr. Caviness were absent.

There being no further business, Mr. Bryant moved that the Board of Supervisors adjourn at 12:50 pm, seconded by Mr. Adams and carried 4-0. Mr. Vaughn and Mr. Slaughter were absent.

Mr. Nelson moved that the Industrial Development Authority adjourn its meeting at 12:50 pm, seconded by Mr. Isley and carried 5-0. Mr. Thacker and Mr. Caviness were absent.

**JOINT  
HENRY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
AND INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY  
MINUTES**

**July 27, 2010 – 10:00 am**

The Henry County Board of Supervisors and the Henry County Industrial Development Authority held a joint meeting on July 27, 2010, at 10:00 am in the Fourth Floor Conference 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, Milton Kendall, Joe Bryant, and Tommy Slaughter.

The following Industrial Development Authority members were present: Chairman Larry McDorman, Wesley Caviness, Barry Helmstutler, and Wade Nelson. Vice Chairman Len Dillon, Rodney Thacker and Steve Isley were absent.

Staff members present were Benny Summerlin, County Administrator; Tim Hall, Deputy County Administrator; George Lyle, County Attorney; and Michelle Via, Administrative Assistant.

Debbie Hall of the Martinsville Bulletin was present.

**CALL TO ORDER**

**Board of Supervisors**

Chairman Buchanan called the Board of Supervisors meeting to order at 10:00 am.

**Industrial Development Authority**

Chairman McDorman called the IDA meeting to order at 10:00 am.

Mr. Summerlin presented a Performance Agreement for consideration by the Board of Supervisors and Industrial Development Authority (Copy included in Board's File). The agreement is between the County of Henry, the Henry County Industrial Development Authority, the Virginia Tobacco Indemnification and Community Revitalization Commission, and Kimball Hospitality for grant funds in the amount of \$205,000.

Mr. Summerlin said Kimball Hospitality is a unit of Kimball International, a publicly traded Indiana corporation established in 1950. Kimball plans to open an upholstery plant in the former Oak Level Finishing building in the Patriot Centre and lease the facility from Mr. Jim Frith. Mr. Summerlin said Kimball specializes in many different technologies, medical, electronics, etc, but came to our area in response to the American of Martinsville closure and the ready workforce. The agreement provides for 67 jobs and \$1 million in capital investment over 36 months.

### **Board of Supervisors**

Mr. Adams moved that the Board of Supervisors approve the Performance Agreement as presented, seconded by Mr. Bryant and carried 6-0.

### **Industrial Development Authority**

Mr. Caviness moved that the Industrial Development Authority accept the Performance Agreement as presented, seconded by Mr. Helmstutler and carried 4-0. Mr. Dillon, Mr. Thacker and Mr. Isley were absent.

There being no further business, Mr. Vaughn moved that the Board of Supervisors adjourn at 10:06 am, seconded by Mr. Slaughter and carried 6-0.

Mr. Helmstutler moved that the Industrial Development Authority adjourn its meeting at 10:06 am, seconded by Mr. Caviness and carried 4-0. Mr. Dillon, Mr. Thacker and Mr. Isley were absent.

**HENRY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
MINUTES**

**July 27, 2010 – 3:00 pm**

The Henry County Board of Supervisors held its regular meeting on July 27, 2010, 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, Milton Kendall, Tommy Slaughter, and Joe Bryant.

Staff members present were Benny Summerlin, County Administrator; Tim Hall, Deputy County Administrator; George Lyle, County Attorney; Michelle Via, Administrative Assistant; Susan Reynolds, Director of Human Resources; and Richard Stanfield, Deputy Director of Finance.

Sheriff Lane Perry, Major Steve Eanes, and Sgt. Ronnie Minter from the Sheriff's office were present. Debbie Hall and Paul Collins of the Martinsville Bulletin and Ron Morris of B-99 were present.

**INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

H.G. Vaughn gave the invocation and Joe Bryant 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).

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**Approval of Accounts Payable**

(Copy included in Board's File).

Jim Adams moved that the Items of Consent be adopted as presented, seconded by Tommy Slaughter. The motion carried 6 to 0.

### **APPROVAL OF PIEDMONT COMMUNITY SERVICES' FY '11 PERFORMANCE CONTRACT**

Mr. Summerlin stated that each year, the County 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 virtually identical to last year's contract. The contract is on file in the County Administrator's Office should any Board member wish to review it. Attached is a copy of Piedmont Community Services' FY 2011 Budget.

Mr. Bryant moved to approve the contract with Piedmont Community Services, seconded by Mr. Kendall and carried 6 to 0.

### **MATTERS PRESENTED BY THE PUBLIC – MICHELLE STONE-AGEE**

Ms. Michelle Stone-Agee of Stone Ambulance Service was present to thank the Board for its support over the past 20 years and for allowing Stone Ambulance to serve the community as the contract back-up for volunteer agencies. Ms. Stone-Agee said they look forward to serving the community another 20 years. Ms. Buchanan thanked Ms. Stone-Agee for coming.

### **CONSIDERATION OF REQUEST FROM MARTINSVILLE-HENRY COUNTY CRIMESTOPPERS – RALPH LAWSON**

Mr. Ralph Lawson, a member of the Board for Martinsville-Henry County Crimestoppers, was present to request a \$5,000 donation from the Board. Mr. Lawson stated that Crimestoppers depends largely on donations which are down due to the difficult economy. Mr. Lawson stated that thru December 2009, Crimestoppers paid out rewards in the amount of \$66,965 and were instrumental in the conviction of 97 cases. Mr. Bryant stated that he too is on the Board for Crimestoppers. Mr. Bryant said that he realizes the County is facing a difficult budget also, but he feels the Board should give consideration to the request. Mr. Adams asked if the Board has a budget from Crimestoppers. Mr. Summerlin said staff has not received a prior request. Mr. Adams stated that it has been the Board's practice to review the requesting agencies' budget before consideration of funding. Mr. Summerlin added that a current audit is also required if the Board chooses to fund Crimestoppers.

### **PROGRESS REPORT ON EMS SUPPLEMENTAL STAFFING**

Mr. Dale Wagoner, Director of Public Safety, was present to update the Board on the EMS supplemental staffing initiative. Mr. Wagoner distributed a handout outlining his presentation (Copy included in Board's File). Mr. Wagoner stated that in January, the Board directed the Department of Public Safety to develop an emergency medical services plan that preserves volunteer rescue squads as an essential part of the EMS system, utilizes paid personnel or contracted services to cover service gaps, and operates in a way that does not expect new revenue but redirects current revenue and utilizes revenue options. Mr. Wagoner said that since that time, Public Safety has worked closely with rescue squad personnel and other stakeholders in the community to develop a plan that will address the escalating service gaps that currently exist in EMS. Public Safety staff has provided all citizens and volunteers the opportunity to give input and express concerns. In addition, staff has responded to numerous emails and calls and given two presentations to rescue squads. Following are highlights of accomplishments and activity related to the Board's directive:

- An emergency medical services advisory committee had been created to assist public safety staff with the development and implementation of policies and practices. The committee has representation from each rescue squad and currently meets monthly. The committee has been very helpful in formulating and implementing many of the accomplishments to date.
- A consensus of the rescue squads has been reached whereas all rescue squads will begin to "soft-bill" for their services. Additionally, each squad has agreed to utilize the same billing rates to ensure consistency in billing no matter where you live Henry County.
- Public Safety staff has negotiated a contract with a third-party billing agent to manage billing for those rescue squads that were not currently billing for services. Privacy and documentation training has also been conducted for these agencies.
- Public Safety and each of the five rescue squads have reached a revenue-sharing agreement whereas the revenue generated from soft-billing will be split equally with the agency providing the ambulance receiving 1/3 of the revenue, the agency providing the driver of the ambulance receiving 1/3 of the revenue, and the agency providing the attendant-in-charge receiving 1/3 of the revenue.
- Using the "Four-for-Life, Return to Localities" fund, Public Safety has created a "central supply" that will reduce the costs of medical supplies and reduce the quantity of date-sensitive medical supplies that rescue squads currently must keep on hand.
- Since January, Over \$90,000 in grant funds have been awarded to Henry County agencies to purchase training equipment and a new state-of-the-art defibrillator for Fieldale-Collinsville Rescue Squad

- The Martinsville-Henry County Joint 911 Center Board of Directors voted to seek out grants funds in order that Emergency Medical Dispatch (EMD) can be implemented. Public Safety staff has identified a grant source and is currently working on the final grant proposal for submission. Emergency Medical Dispatch (EMD) has been requested by the Rescue Squad Association on several occasions and will improve EMS by providing callers with pre-arrival instructions and allow for call triaging that identifies life threatening calls so they are handled first.
- Public Safety is working with vendors to develop a County-wide medical oxygen contract that will reduce the costs to the County and the rescue squads for medical oxygen.
- A formal agreement with the rescue squad outlining the revenue sharing, use of rescue squad facilities and equipment by supplemental staff, and desire to work together to improve emergency medical services in Henry County has been developed. Four of the five rescue squads have already signed the agreement. It is expected that the fifth squad will execute the agreement in the near future.
- Staff is currently evaluating the district 5 response zone and most likely will recommend that it be split between Fieldale-Collinsville, Axton and Ridgeway Rescue Squads. This will ensure that every area of the County is served by a volunteer rescue squad.
- The County is now the owner of the former Martinsville-Henry County Rescue Squad building on Hooker Street. In the short-term, it will used to house the new pet sheltering trailer and mass casualty trailer. Staff is currently evaluating how best to use this facility in the overall EMS plan.
- A request for proposal (RFP) soliciting the interests of private ambulance services to provide supplemental staffing and secondary emergency medical services to Henry County was developed and distributed. Henry County received proposals from two vendors. The proposals are carefully being reviewed by staff and have been presented to the EMS advisory committee for consideration.
- Public Safety staff has conversed with Martinsville Fire Department administrators to assess the possibility of a collaborative arrangement with that organization to provide supplemental staff to the County.

Over the next couple of weeks, County staff will further analyze the options for providing supplemental EMS staffing. Options include:

- Selection of a private vendor to provide supplemental EMS staffing.

- Entering into an agreement with Martinsville Fire Department to provide services to the County.
- Hiring County personnel to supplement EMS.

Mr. Wagoner said staff plans to have a final recommendation at the August meeting, and it is possible that the recommendation may contain one or more of the options listed. In addition to supplemental staffing, Mr. Wagoner plans to recommend changes to the County Code with regards to Public Safety being accountable for EMS and the realignment of the district 5 response zone.

Mr. Wagoner said that most of the volunteers recognize the need for improvements, are handling all they can, and want to work collaboratively with Henry County to address the EMS service gaps.

Mr. Bryant asked if there is already an ambulance set up for the County. Mr. Wagoner responded that Horsepasture Rescue Squad approached the County last year and wanted to donate an ambulance for use as a back-up or for training purposes. Mr. Wagoner informed them at the time that we did not have money in the budget to make the ambulance road-ready. Horsepasture Rescue Squad agreed to donate the ambulance with no stipulations but with the agreement that if the County decided to dispose of it within a year, the Horsepasture squad would have first option to take back ownership. Mr. Wagoner said the ambulance was accepted to be used strictly for training. However, with the loss of the high school EMT program, staff was able to pull the equipment and stock the ambulance, as well as make a few minor repairs to make it road-ready. Mr. Wagoner said that while the ambulance is road-ready, it is not in service.

Mr. Bryant said he feels the whole EMS study has been kept from the Board and he does not understand what we are trying to achieve by having paid personnel. Mr. Bryant said Stone Ambulance is already established and can do soft billing. Mr. Wagoner responded that Public Safety was given the directive by the Board to develop an EMS plan and at no point was there intent to keep any information from the Board and staff has been very open with all discussions. Mr. Wagoner stated that the RFP was very detailed and neither of the vendors came back with a proposal that they could do "soft" billing.

Ms. Buchanan asked if the donated ambulance had been lettered. Mr. Wagoner stated it has with the Department of Public Safety logo and Henry County Public Safety; however, regardless of the outcome of the EMS plan, the ambulance will still be used for training programs. Mr. Summerlin said there have been numerous rumors about the EMS plan, and Mr. Bryant said that is the problem with not keeping it open. Mr. Summerlin stated that the recommendation of the budget message was to do some type of supplemental staffing, put out an RFP, get responses, analyze those responses, compare cost and benefits/disadvantages of doing it ourselves, and come back with a recommendation. Mr. Summerlin said at this point, that is exactly what Mr.

Wagoner and staff have done. Mr. Bryant said he understands that, but the ambulance is an example that the Board should have been made aware of before hearing it second hand. Ms. Buchanan said she thought it would have been helpful if maybe the Board had received emails of the captains' meetings, but the Board never requested that information either. Mr. Bryant said it appears you are trying to say it is none of the Board's business. Mr. Summerlin said if the Board wants to be involved in every detail, we can schedule as many meetings as you wish, but the directive was to develop a plan and come back with a recommendation. Mr. Vaughn said it was his understanding that the Board directed Mr. Wagoner and Mr. Summerlin to move forward with the development of an EMS plan and report back. Mr. Vaughn stated the Board did not set a time frame as to ensure staff had adequate time, but they did discuss six months. Mr. Vaughn said he had discussed his understanding of the EMS plan with Mr. Bryant but he had not heard the rumors about the ambulance or that two individuals had been approached and offered positions as full-time EMS staff. Mr. Vaughn said he anticipated all of the rumors when they started the process because people misinterpret information. Mr. Wagoner commented concerning the ambulance that it was never intended, nor stated in the RFP, that the County would be the primary ambulance responder. Mr. Wagoner said the premise from day one has always been that EMS would be better served by the rescue squads from the stations using their equipment and ambulances, whether it is supplemental staffing from the County or a private vendor. Mr. Wagoner said he received several inquiries about the ambulance and he explained the same to them, that it was donated and would be used for training purposes unless needed otherwise. Mr. Adams said we should be very appreciative of Horsepasture Rescue Squad for donating the vehicle.

Mr. Slaughter inquired about the monthly EMS turnover report and said it seems to cause controversy amongst the rescue squads when they should be providing services to the community and not worrying if a call was turned over. Mr. Wagoner said the report has been provided to the Board since 1996 most likely at the request of the Board to monitor how many calls were being run by the private contractor, Stone Ambulance. Mr. Wagoner said he would be happy to provide any information the Board wants. Mr. Summerlin said the report is designed to show trends, positive or negative. Ms. Buchanan said she looks at the report monthly and while she may not always like the numbers, it is beneficial to compare and see how many calls were missed. Mr. Vaughn said the report shows some of the problems that our volunteers have encountered over the years and why they need our help. Mr. Wagoner said he has also heard people say that the rescue squads are penalized because of the report, but to his knowledge, he is not aware of any rescue squad being reprimanded or funds being withheld because of the report. It is merely an informational report for the benefit of the Board.

Mr. Kendall said he is glad to see steps being taken to assist district 5 in volunteer support. Mr. Wagoner commended the citizens and volunteers in the Dyer Store area for taking the initiative and realizing that creating a new rescue squad would be virtually impossible. Mr. Wagoner said it is a tremendous responsibility to run a rescue squad, take EMS training up to the level of paramedic and to deal with the

stressful situations every time a call comes in where someone's life is in your hands. Mr. Wagoner commended all volunteers for what they do.

## **REPORT ON DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTION EFFORTS**

Mr. Summerlin stated that Mr. Grindstaff is on vacation this week but will be at the August meeting to discuss the Treasurer's delinquent tax collection efforts including meals and business license taxes. Mr. Summerlin referred the Board to the handout (Copy included in Board's File) from John Rife, with Taxing Authority Consulting Services. Mr. Summerlin said they collected an additional almost \$70,000 in real estate taxes in July. Since April, Taxing Authority has collected approximately \$263,000. In addition, Mr. Rife has two parcels scheduled for public auction by court order in August. Mr. Summerlin referred Board members to the CD (Copy included in Board's File) which includes delinquent real estate taxpayers by year. Mr. Summerlin said staff is also working on the personal property list and will hopefully have that soon.

Mr. Slaughter inquired about how many outstanding general billings the County has and if there is any effort being made to collect on those. Mr. Summerlin said there are very few and they have not been referred to any outside collection agency. Mr. Summerlin said anyone who owes a bill should pay, but he would rather direct efforts to collecting the larger ones that would take the least amount of time and work down. In addition, Mr. Summerlin said some of the delinquent accounts like personal property are time sensitive and have a statute of limitations.

Mr. Summerlin requested that the Board review the delinquent tax list and identify any unsafe structures that they are aware of so we can refer them to Mr. Rife. Mr. Lyle stated that several Board members had referred unsafe structures to Mr. Randolph Lester in the past month and all but one in Mr. Kendall's district is cleared to be advertised for auction.

## **MONTHLY UPDATE FROM THE MARTINSVILLE-HENRY COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION**

Mark Heath, President and CEO of the Martinsville-Henry County Economic Development Corporation, was present to make his monthly update to the Board. Mr. Heath passed out a summary of the June activities by division (Copy included in Board's File).

### **TOURISM**

- Completed face lift remodeling project at the Visitor Center in cooperation with PHCC; Conducted an open house on June 15th
- Partnered with the Martinsville Mustangs to present the Grand Slam Customer Service Awards
- Co-hosted monthly Martinsville Cruise-In with 250 attendees

- Developed new billboard series focusing on "local" attractions; "Martinsville-Henry County Welcomes You" "Home of the Martinsville Mustangs"
- Developed billboards and "way finding" signage in conjunction with the City of Martinsville to direct guests to the Visitor Center
- Continue to develop and expand travel package program; adding Binding Time
- Tourism Division Facebook Page now has a total of 1,093 fans
- 4% of VisitMartinsville.com web traffic is via Facebook
- Visitor Center Monthly Activity
  - 280 Visitors
  - 209 Information packet requests
  - 550 Brochure requests by Visitor Centers in South Hill, Appomattox and Norfolk
  - 20 Visitor surveys returned indicating average stay of 3 days (Business, Sports Tourism, Vacation, Genealogy)
  - M-HC car decals now available through the Visitor Center

#### **SMALL, MINORITY & ENTREPRENEURIAL BUSINESS**

- One on one assistance to 10 clients
- SWAM Certification (1)
- Central Contracting Registration (CCR) Updates (2)
- Online Representation Certificate Application (ORCA) Update (1)
- Bid Assistance (3)
- General Services Administration (GSA) Assistance (1)
- Business Plan Assistance (2)
- Conducted eight existing industry visits
- Held "Social Networking - Creating Your Business Facebook Page Workshop" June 8th with 28 participants
- Held "Expanding Your Business Through Exporting Workshop" June 24th with 9 participants
- Upcoming Workshops
  - Internet Marketing - July 13th
  - State Procurement One-On-Ones - July 13th
  - Creating Your Own Brochure and Press Release - August 10th

#### **RESEARCH**

- Completed four month process of Food Processing Designation for Lot 4 at the Patriot Centre Industrial Park in conjunction with Ady International and Austin Consulting
- Worked with HD Web Studio on website optimization
- Provided data to consultants on three new prospects
- Completed and submitted two TROF applications
- Updated electric rate comparison reflecting AEP's current rates

## **MARKETING/RECRUITING**

- Met several times (conference call and face-to-face) with VEDP representatives, Lt. Governor Bolling and Southern Virginia regional developers concerning the proposed \$600,000 marketing collaborative with VEDP, the Tobacco Commission, and Southern Virginia Communities
- On-going work with our ad agency (Anstey-Hodge) on new marketing pieces - 2nd newsletter, direct mail, new ad copy
  - Note: Direct mail piece for the Shell Building was recently mailed to 6,000 companies
- Continue visiting lead generating consultants; attended annual Consultants Roundtable; two consultant generated prospect calls scheduled in July
- Met with member of the Governor's Global Strategic Advisory Committee - Mike Jing
- Conducted Monogram expansion announcement on June 25th: 150 new jobs; \$4,000,000 in new capital investment
- Conducted site visits with two prospects
- Met with the new owner of the Cohen Building - Two Rivers Apparel
- Currently working with 15 Total Projects, comprised of 6 Inquiry Projects and 9 Active Projects
  - An Inquiry Project is defined as a prospect that has not yet visited M-HC but has expressed interest in our area
  - An Active Project is defined as a prospect that has actually visited the M-HC area

Mr. Summerlin said that he and Tim Pace ran into some folks from RTI last week and they went by and toured the RTI site. Mr. Summerlin said there is a lot of construction activity going on, the steel is up on the third building and they expect to have power on the buildings by September. Also, RTI is advertising in the newspaper for key positions, all good signs of their progress.

Mr. Bryant said Mr. Heath's report was very informative and he is aware his team is working very hard. Mr. Bryant said having this information is very helpful when he is questioned by citizens. Mr. Heath said he hopes this report will also show people that the EDC is not a traditional economic development organization.

Mr. Slaughter said he thought Mr. Heath's interview with Bill Wyatt this morning was also beneficial in making people more aware of what is going on with economic development.

## **AWARD OF CONTRACT AND ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION RE: REPLACEMENT OF RADIO EQUIPMENT – COMMUNICATIONS CENTER**

Mr. Summerlin said that Wes Ashley, director of the Martinsville-Henry County 9-1-1 Communications Center, is asking the Board to award a contract in the amount of \$69,771 to Motorola for the replacement of water-damaged equipment. Mr. Ashley explains in the attached memo that the equipment was damaged May 12 and that the

County's insurance company is covering the replacement costs. The Board also will need to approve the additional appropriation of the funding as outlined on the appropriation sheet.

Mr. Kendall moved to approve the award the contract and additional appropriation as requested, seconded by Mr. Adams and approved 6 to 0.

**PERMISSION TO APPLY FOR DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE EDWARD BYRNE JAG GRANT AND SCHEDULING OF PUBLIC HEARING – SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

Mr. Summerlin said Sheriff Perry is seeking permission to apply for a Department of Justice Edward Byrne JAG Grant. The grant, in the amount of \$27,987, requires no matching local funds and would be used for a variety of projects within the Sheriff's Office. A public hearing is required as part of the grant process.

Mr. Vaughn moved that the Board permit the Sheriff's office to apply for the grant and set a public hearing for August 24, 2010 at 6:00 p.m., seconded by Mr. Bryant and carried 6 to 0.

**ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION OF ASSET FORFEITURE FUNDS RE: UNIFORMS – SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

Mr. Summerlin said Sheriff Perry is asking for an award of contract and additional appropriation of \$49,360 of asset forfeiture funds to purchase new uniforms. The purchase would come from Alliance Uniforms, Inc., which has been approved as the Sheriff's Office's sole source provider of uniforms.

Mr. Adams moved to appropriate funds in the amount of \$49,360 from asset forfeiture funds and the award of contract to Alliance Uniforms, Inc., seconded by Mr. Slaughter and approved 6 to 0.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

**Comments from the Board**

Mr. Kendall said he was glad to hear the announcement on Kimball Hospitality today.

Mr. Summerlin reminded the Board that the RFP is still out on the old Social Services building, so if you know anyone who may be interested, please have them submit an RFP as soon as possible. Mr. Summerlin reported that staff received notice from the State on the budget cut which is \$60 million, with the County's share being \$343,000. Mr. Summerlin said staff had already planned for the cut and it is included in the budget. We will have to let the State know next month how we want the cut allocated. Mr. Summerlin said CP Films graciously donated an easement for the river access point. They are planning a ribbon cutting and would like to host the Board to

lunch, probably September 8 or 9. Lastly, Mr. Summerlin said when the Board goes into closed session, they need to add Patrick Henry Community College Board to the appointment list; staff received a vacancy letter today that was not included in working papers.

**CLOSED MEETING:**

Jim Adams moved that the Board go into a closed meeting at 4:12 pm, seconded by H.G. Vaughn and unanimously carried to discuss the following.

- 1) §2.2-3711(A)1 for Discussion of Appointees to the Henry-Martinsville Social Services Board, Roanoke River Basin Association, Blue Ridge Regional Library 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.
- 5) §2.2-3711(A)1 for Discussion of Personnel Matters.

**OPEN MEETING:**

The Board returned to an open meeting at 5:39 pm on a motion by Tommy Slaughter, second by Joe Bryant 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. Bryant, Mr. Kendall, Mr. Vaughn, Mr. Adams, and Ms. Buchanan.

**APPOINTMENTS:**

**Henry-Martinsville Social Services Board** – Mr. Slaughter moved to appoint Willie Scales, Jr. to a four-year term beginning June 1, 2010, seconded by Milton Kendall and approved 6 to 0.

**Roanoke River Basin Association** – Mr. Bryant moved to reappoint Mike Ward to a one-year term ending August 31, 2011, seconded by Mr. Adams and approved 6 to 0.

Mr. Kendall moved to approve an employment agreement with Benny Summerlin, County Administrator, beginning July 27, 2010 through July 27, 2014, seconded by Mr. Adams and carried 6 to 0.

The Board recessed its meeting at 5:41 pm until the 6:00 evening session. Mr. Slaughter left at recess.

Ms. Buchanan called the meeting back to order at 6:00 pm and welcomed everyone present.

### **PUBLIC HEARING – CONSIDERATION OF NEW FEES FOR COURTHOUSE FILINGS**

Ms. Buchanan opened the public hearing at 6:00 p.m. There being no one present to speak, the hearing was closed at 6:01 p.m.

Mr. Vaughn inquired if the County currently receives any local money for these services. Ms. Helmstutler said if there is a probate of a will or an administration of an estate, there is a probate tax assessed on the value of the estate and the County receives one-third. Mr. Lyle said the fee for recording these documents is not assessed if a will has been probated for the decedent or there has been a grant of administration on the decedent's estate. Ms. Helmstutler said if the Board chooses to adopt the new fees, the County would collect \$25 for these services that would remain local.

Mr. Adams moved to adopt the proposed ordinance on which a public hearing was held, to allow the County to charge the \$25 fee, seconded by Mr. Slaughter and approved 6 to 0.

### **MATTERS PRESENTED BY THE PUBLIC**

#### **John Staples**

Mr. John Staples, Ridgeway District, was present to address the Board concerning the EDC and said he feels the taxpayers are entitled to know what Mr. Heath's salary is including fringes benefits. In addition, Mr. Staples commented on unnecessary "wild driving" by Public Safety officials.

#### **Stuart Bowman**

Mr. Bowman, Collinsville District, was present to address the Board in light of the recent tragedy involving the deaths of two emergency responders in Rocky Mount. Mr. Bowman said currently, the County has Opticon (a system which turns the signals green for emergency vehicles) on some of the traffic signals, but not all. Mr. Bowman said Ms. Hughes has been very good to make sure the ones we do have are working, but they are positioned intermittently, so you may have one at the intersection of Kings Mountain but not Daniels Creek. Mr. Bowman requested that the County look into options for funding to help make this a standard process, especially on the major roadways.

Mr. Adams said this is a good suggestion. Ms. Buchanan asked if this is paid with local or state funds. Ms. Hughes said it was included in the cost of the signals and all of the ones Mr. Bowman just mentioned were the signals that were just replaced. Mr. Bryant asked about the feasibility of installing the system on the current lights, but Ms. Hughes was not sure if the older lights could be retrofitted and said she would have to do some research.

## **GENERAL HIGHWAY MATTERS**

Ms. Lisa Hughes, Residency Administrator for the Virginia Department of Transportation, was present to discuss General Highway Matters with the Board.

### **REQUEST FOR “WATCH FOR CHILDREN” SIGNS ON BOWLES ROAD AND RIDGELAND HEIGHTS ROAD**

Mr. Bryant moved to place “Watch for Children” signs on Bowles Road and Ridgeland Heights Road, seconded by Mr. Adams and carried 6 to 0.

Ms. Hughes summarized completed and ongoing projects:

- Mowing will start again August 9 on the primary roads; secondary roads will not be mowed again until fall of the year.
- Box culvert on Route 657 is complete and the road is open again.
- Preston Road Project – Ms. Hughes said they held a meeting on July 26 to review the schedule and plan. Ms. Hughes stated there is \$3.8 million allocated to the project, but the estimate is \$8 million. However, they are going to proceed with the design, complete work on the alignment, and do some drainage design. Ms. Hughes said they intend to post willingness to have a public hearing in March of next year. Ms. Hughes said they will receive very little state funding and federal funding is discretionary, so we are unsure how much federal funding we will receive.
- Bridge on Trent Hill Drive should be complete by August 6 and road reopened.
- Fieldale Bridge Project – Ms. Hughes said the bridge is nearing completion and looks to be open in the next two weeks. Ms. Buchanan inquired about a ribbon cutting for the bridge and asked Ms. Hughes to coordinate with Mr. Hall.
- Ms. Buchanan asked about the progress of the study on the intersection of Route 58 and Carver Road. Ms. Hughes said they have made application for safety funds for the project but have not received a response.
- Mr. Summerlin noted that the inmate work crew picked up over 700 bags of trash from the roadways in July.
- Mr. Slaughter commented on the road widening project on Kings Mountain and said he has received a lot of complaints about the dip in the road.

- Mr. Kendall said there have been numerous accidents at the intersection of Route 58 and Sandy River Road. Ms. Hughes said they did a safety study on this intersection when the speed limit was increased to 60 and added additional signage at that time. Mr. Kendall noted there were several cigarette signs from the convenience store blocking view. Ms. Hughes said she would look at it again.
- Mr. Slaughter asked if there was any progress on switching the left turn lanes, like at Sportlanes. Ms. Hughes said not at this time.
- Mr. Vaughn said he had received one complaint on the new answering system. Ms. Hughes said right now her residency office still has a direct line, but they will soon be going to the call center in Salem.
- Mr. Slaughter commented on the number of signs on Route 682 at Bassett High School that are blocking your view when pulling out.

There being no further business to discuss H.G. Vaughn moved to adjourn at 6:20 pm, seconded by Jim Adams and carried 6 to 0.

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**HENRY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
MINUTES**

**August 24, 2010 – 3:00 pm**

The Henry County Board of Supervisors held its regular meeting on August 24, 2010, 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, Milton Kendall, Tommy Slaughter, and Joe Bryant.

Staff members present were Benny Summerlin, County Administrator; Tim Hall, Deputy County Administrator; George Lyle, County Attorney; Michelle Via, Administrative Assistant; Susan Reynolds, Director of Human Resources; Darrell Jones, Director of Finance; and Richard Stanfield, Deputy Director of Finance.

Sheriff Lane Perry, Major Steve Eanes, and Sgt. Ronnie Minter from the Sheriff's office were present. Debbie Hall and Paul Collins of the Martinsville Bulletin and Ron Morris of B-99 were present.

**INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

Tommy Slaughter gave the invocation and Joe Bryant 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.

**INTRODUCTION OF CHRISTIAN YOUNGBLOOD**

Mr. Hall introduced Christian Youngblood as the new Director of IT. Mr. Youngblood thanked the Board for having him and stated that he came from the City of Buena Vista where he served as the Director of Information Technology for nine years. Mr. Youngblood said he is looking forward to contributing to the organization and serving the citizens of Henry County. The Board welcomed Mr. Youngblood to the County.

## **ITEMS OF CONSENT:**

### **Confirmation of Minutes of Meetings**

(Copy included in Board's File).

- July 27, 2010 – Joint BOS/IDA
- July 27, 2010 – Regular Meeting

### **Approval of Accounts Payable**

(Copy included in Board's File).

Jim Adams moved that the Items of Consent be adopted as presented, seconded by Tommy Slaughter. The motion carried 6 to 0.

## **CONSIDERATION OF PROCLAMATION ESTABLISHING SEPTEMBER 2010 AS "BABY SAFETY MONTH"**

Mr. Ralph Lawson with the Martinsville Exchange Club was present to request that the Board adopt a resolution establishing September 2010 as "Baby Safety Month" in Henry County. The Exchange Club's national project is child abuse prevention. Milton Kendall read the proclamation aloud.

Joe Bryant made a motion to adopt the proclamation as presented, seconded by Tommy Slaughter and unanimously approved.

## **CONSIDERATION OF HALLOWEEN CELEBRATION ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 1**

Sheriff Lane Perry and City of Martinsville Police Chief Mike Rogers are requesting their respective governing boards to endorse a celebration of Halloween this year on Monday, November 1 instead of Sunday, October 31. This would be consistent with Board action the past two times Halloween has fallen on a Sunday, in 1999 and 2004. Mr. Vaughn read the resolution aloud.

H.G. Vaughn moved to adopt the resolution as presented, seconded by Milton Kendall and carried 6 to 0.

## **UPDATE ON PIEDMONT COMMUNITY SERVICES PROGRAMS AND ISSUES**

Jim Tobin, Executive Director of Piedmont Community Services, was present to discuss his organization and its work. Mr. Tobin thanked the Board for approving the annual performance contract last month. Mr. Tobin distributed a handout summarizing services rendered in FY 2010, FY 2011 budget outcome, and the challenges that the organization faces in the future (Copy included in Board's File). Mr. Tobin thanked the Board for their support.

## **REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION ON EMS SUPPLEMENTAL STAFFING**

Mr. Dale Wagoner, Director of Public Safety, addressed the Board with final recommendations for EMS supplemental staffing for consideration. Mr. Wagoner commended all those who participated and provided input in developing the plan:

Michael Hylton, Axton Life Saving Crew; Marcus Stone, Bassett Rescue Squad; Stuart Bowman, Fieldale-Collinsville Rescue Squad; Darren Lockridge, Ridgeway District Rescue Squad; and Saunders Wilson, Horsepasture District Rescue Squad.

### Supplemental Staffing

Public Safety staff recommends hiring a combination of full-time and part-time advanced life support (ALS) personnel to provide two career ALS providers around the clock to supplement the current volunteer system. The EMS advisory committee has endorsed County provided supplemental staff as the best option for addressing service gaps in the system while at the same time supporting the volunteer system. While there are many strengths and weaknesses of the various options, this is the only option that makes use of current volunteer resources and has the greatest potential for sustaining volunteer rescue squads into the future. Additionally, county personnel can be cross-trained as firefighters. Public Safety and each of the five rescue squads have approved a revenue-sharing agreement whereas the revenue generated from soft-billing will be split equally with the agency providing the ambulance receiving 1/3 of the revenue, the agency providing the driver of the ambulance receiving 1/3 of the revenue, and the agency providing the attendant-in-charge receiving 1/3 of the revenue. Mr. Wagoner said it is now up to the Board to decide if Henry County is ready to take on the responsibility of providing emergency medical services to its citizens as a central government function or continue to allow that responsibility to be relegated to volunteers and/or the private sector.

### District 5 Response Zone

Public Safety staff has reviewed options for providing primary emergency medical services to locations previously served by the Martinsville-Henry County Rescue Squad and recommends redistribution of the area to Axton Lifesaving Crew, Fieldale-Collinsville Rescue Squad, Horsepasture Rescue Squad, and Ridgeway District Rescue Squad.

Redistribution ensures that all areas of the county are served by a volunteer rescue squad, providing a clear path for charitable contributions and volunteer recruitment efforts. Staff recognizes that redistribution of this area has the potential of creating additional strain on an already stressed volunteer system. However, if all of these recommendations are approved, the volunteers will be assisted by the addition of County supplemental staff. This recommendation should not be considered exclusive of the supplemental staff recommendations.

### County Code

Staff recommends changes to the County Code that will grant the legal authority of oversight and management of emergency medical services to the Department of Public Safety. Additionally, a local ordinance is required to be in place before the County can bill for emergency medical services. A public hearing will be necessary.

Joe Bryant said he realizes that we need to implement some changes to the current EMS system but has a few concerns. Mr. Bryant questioned where the

supplemental staffing would come from, whether from County volunteer squads or other resources that currently provide ALS back-up. Mr. Bryant said it is his understanding that if an ALS provider works for the County and provides one hour of service, then he/she cannot run calls for a volunteer organization. Mr. Wagoner referenced a similar case, *Benshoff vs. Virginia Beach*, in which the judge ruled in favor of Virginia Beach, saying that in that particular case, it was permissible to have county firefighters who also volunteer. Mr. Wagoner said that while he is not an attorney, it is his opinion that by using best practices, the ALS providers can be County employees providing EMS services and still provide limited volunteer services. In response to the supplemental staffing, Mr. Wagoner said he sees this as a plus that we can now provide a career opportunity to the volunteers that we have invested in over the years.

Mr. Bryant said his concern is that if the County hires ALS providers from the volunteer squads, then they will be shorthanded. Mr. Summerlin stated that a maximum of five full-time positions were budgeted and there are roughly 200 volunteers to pull from, although there is a much smaller pool of actual ALS providers. However, Mr. Wagoner said we would be getting 40 hours from those providers vs. the current variable of just a few hours or none at all. Mr. Summerlin also responded to the question can a County employee still volunteer. Mr. Summerlin stated the question is not if they can volunteer, but if they are subject to the overtime provisions of the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA).

Mr. Bryant asked if staff foresees needing more ALS providers in the future and if so, where will the funding come from. Mr. Summerlin said the funding issue is also a concern of his which is why staff used conservative estimates in the soft-billing numbers during the budget process. Mr. Summerlin said we do not want to get into the process and realize that we cannot meet our revenue projections. Mr. Summerlin said the recommendation at this point is what we consider the bare minimum to move forward with some type of supplemental staffing, but the need will continue to be greater regardless of what we do for many reasons. It is becoming more difficult to attract volunteers, the training is more difficult, and the economy plays a role, as well as the increased call volume. Mr. Summerlin said the monthly call report, regardless of how you look at the numbers, has shown the stress on the current EMS system. Supplemental staffing is one way to help stabilize the volunteer system and meet the objective set forth by the Board in January. Mr. Summerlin said doing nothing probably has the greatest cost of all.

Mr. Vaughn said we will not know the revenue from soft-billing until we actually get into it, and Mr. Summerlin stated he was sure we would need to make some midstream adjustments. Mr. Summerlin said this is a very important issue, but the core discussion is really, is it the function of government to provide for the safety of our citizens which includes law enforcement, fire and rescue services. Mr. Summerlin said he feels it is.

Mr. Bryant asked what role the Board of Supervisors would play once the new system is in place. Mr. Summerlin said once the Board sets policy, it is his responsibility to implement the policy, regardless if he agrees with it or not. Mr. Summerlin said the Board has the ultimate policy-setting authority for the County. Mr. Bryant asked how the ALS providers would be insured, through the County or the volunteer agencies. Mr. Summerlin stated that if a County employee is injured on the job, it would be covered under workers compensation. Mr. Summerlin said there have been a number of insurance questions and he has recommended to Mr. Wagoner that they meet with the County carrier, VACo, to make sure everyone has a clear understanding of what is and is not covered.

Mr. Bryant asked if Public Safety had requested work schedules from volunteers. Mr. Wagoner said staff did ask for personnel schedules from the rescue squads in order to better schedule career staff. Mr. Wagoner stated that the goal is to place the career ALS providers in the most strategic location to better serve the community.

Ms. Buchanan asked who would be responsible if there was a breakdown in communication between the squad and public safety. Mr. Wagoner said one of the responsibilities of the ALS provider is to assess the system needs at that particular time and make adjustments as necessary.

In closing, Mr. Wagoner said that he sent an email, letter and fax to all departments and volunteers making them aware of the proposed plan and that if approved by the Board, an informational session would be held to answer any questions concerning the changes and implementation in EMS services. Mr. Wagoner said the meeting has been scheduled for September 2.

Mr. Vaughn questioned the number of personnel needed to provide 24/7 ALS coverage. Mr. Wagoner said the goal is to ensure that there is one full-time person working around the clock. Staff envisions five full-time employees, with three full-time equivalents using part-time personnel.

Mr. Kendall said he realizes this is a big change but he feels like we can make it work and it will be beneficial to the entire County. In addition, Mr. Kendall said the proposed changes would really help District 5 which has been without volunteer service since the closing of the Martinsville-Henry County Rescue Squad. Mr. Kendall commended Stone Ambulance for their back-up during this time, stating that they have not missed a single call.

Mr. Adams echoed Mr. Kendall's comments and asked if the management of extra staff would be absorbed with current staffing. Mr. Wagoner replied that it would. Mr. Adams questioned if staff anticipates any other capital expenditures outside of supplemental equipment. Mr. Wagoner said the plan is to make maximum use of the volunteer stations and equipment and he does not foresee anything not already included in the FY '11 budget.

Mr. Vaughn said he remembers when part-time supplemental staffing was proposed in 1995. Mr. Vaughn stated that at the time, the response for the various squads was outstanding, 10-20% of the calls turned over at most. Over the years, you have seen that number increase to almost 40% due to the loss of volunteers. Mr. Vaughn said we have been very fortunate to have Stone Ambulance provide the back-up service. Mr. Vaughn said he only sees the problem getting worse. Mr. Vaughn stated this looks like a good starting point and we have done the research.

Ms. Buchanan said she agrees that we need to help compensate the volunteers and asked if the positions would be filled from within the community. Mr. Wagoner stated that they want to hire the best ALS providers possible, but there are some good candidates in the system so he is optimistic that they can fill the positions locally. Mr. Wagoner stated that it will not be just his decision on who is hired. Mr. Wagoner said they will seek input from the Advisory Committee, as well as volunteers.

Ms. Buchanan asked about the cross-training of firefighters. Mr. Wagoner said that the Firefighter's Association made that request when we began the process, but he does not anticipate this being a job responsibility initially; however it is our intent for those individuals to be cross-trained at some point in the future. Ms. Buchanan asked how much was included in the FY '11 budget. Mr. Summerlin said he could not remember the exact number, but what Mr. Wagoner is recommending is consistent with the budget projection. Ms. Buchanan inquired about the soft-billing and if the County would be participating. Mr. Wagoner said the agency that provides the ambulance must be the primary billing agency. Mr. Wagoner said everything is in place for us to bill, but unless we are responding on a Henry County ambulance, we will not be billing that much. Mr. Wagoner stated that the revenue-sharing agreement with the five rescue squads provides for the squads to do the primary billing and the County being reimbursed based on the one-thirds formula. Mr. Wagoner said that since Horsepasture and Axton rescue squads were not billing when we started the process and because they are EMS agencies under the Department of Public Safety, the County will bill on their behalf using the same formula. Mr. Wagoner said Public Safety staff will take on all additional responsibilities required to make this system work.

Mr. Slaughter asked if there would be a general location for the ALS providers if all of the rescue squads are staffed. Mr. Wagoner said most likely it would be the Hooker Street facility as there is not an agency that services that area and it is centrally located.

Milton Kendall made a motion to approve Mr. Wagoner's recommendation for EMS supplemental staffing, the redistribution of district 5 response zone, and the setting of a public hearing for the September meeting on a proposed amendment to the County Code, seconded by H.G. Vaughn and unanimously carried.

## **MONTHLY UPDATE FROM THE MARTINSVILLE-HENRY COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION**

Mark Heath, President and CEO of the Martinsville-Henry County Economic Development Corporation, was present to make his monthly update to the Board. Mr. Heath passed out a folder which included a summary of activities by division, as well as the new Visitor Guide, EDC newsletters, and other informational items. (Copy included in Board's File).

### **TOURISM**

- Unveiled new M-HC Visitor Guide Brochure
- Facilitated workshop on Social Marketing for Small Business/Tourism adding each business location to Google Maps (12 participating business entities)
- Developed "Virginia is for Baseball Lovers" Travel Package with four packages purchased in July
- Updated the VisitMartinsville.com website
  - Launching Sweepstake page – an initiative funded with a grant from the Virginia Tourism Corporation
- Conducted 17 one-on-one client meetings
- Received official Film Office Certification from the International Film Commission (3-year process by Felecia Rupert)
- Assisted Volvo Corporation and Blackhorse Studios with print ad and photo shoot at the Martinsville Dam (6 person crew stayed overnight at the Dutch Inn)
- Monthly Tours Conducted:
  - Find Your Pace (9 participants)
  - Mystery Tour from Roanoke (16 participants)
  - Governor's Fellows Program of Richmond (10 participants)
  - NCI Interns (8 participants)
- Web traffic up 12% in June; increase of 201 visits
- 576 Visitor Center guests in June; 510 in July

### **RESEARCH**

- Provided data, presentations, and completed Requests for Information (RFI's) for 7 new and existing prospects
- Designed a new marketing brochure for the Cahill 40,000 sq. ft. building and uploaded to the EDC website
- Compiled a list of pharmaceutical companies within a 100-mile radius of the Martinsville-Henry County area
- Completed and submitted a TROF application for Project Stone
- Met with Earth Environmental and Civil to determine programs/services of importance to EDC clients

### **SMALL, MINORITY & ENTREPRENEURIAL BUSINESS**

- One-on-one assistance to 15 total clients (9 new)

- SWAM Certifications for two new clients
- HUB Zone Application for one new client
- NC HUB Recertification and GSA Assistance for Triangle Electric
- Conducted five existing industry visits
- Workshops Held
  - Expanding Your Business Through Exporting (9 participants)
  - Internet Marketing (22 participants)
  - State Procurement one-on-ones (5 participants)
  - Facilitated Women Only Financing Luncheon (60 participants)
  - Creating Your Own Business Brochure (45 participants)
- Upcoming Workshops
  - Entrepreneur Express (Aug. 26)
  - FasTrac NewVenture (Sept. 1 – Nov. 3)
  - State Procurement Conference (Oct. 20)
  - E-Commerce Workshop (Nov. 18)
  - Enterprise Zone Workshop (Dec. 7)

#### **MARKETING/RECRUITING**

- Developed and mailed latest M-HC Newsletter to prospects and consultants
- Coordinated Consultants trip, meeting one-on-one with 10 separate consulting firms
- Organized three announcements/ribbon cuttings: Monogram Meat Snacks, Kimball Hospitality, and Faneuil, Inc.
- Acting as liaison between VEDP and Southern Virginia Regional Economic Developers on overall \$600,000 marketing strategy and upcoming consultant event to be held during the October NASCAR Race in Martinsville
- Conducted 11 existing industry visits
- Upcoming marketing missions in September, October and November
- Currently working with 17 total projects, comprised of nine Inquire Projects and eight Active Projects
  - An Inquiry Project is defined as a prospect that has not yet visited M-HC but has expressed interest in our area
  - An Active Project is defined as a prospect that has actually visited the M-HC area

#### **ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION RE: FIRE PROGRAMS AID TO LOCALITIES – PUBLIC SAFETY**

Mr. Summerlin said Dale Wagoner, Director of Public Safety, is asking the Board to make an additional appropriation of \$146,079 from the Virginia Department of Fire Programs' Aid to Localities. Mr. Summerlin said this is an annual pass-through allocation and in the past has been divided evenly among the eight volunteer fire departments. That same allocation would mean each squad would receive \$18,259.87. Mr. Wagoner states that the \$146,079 is 90% of the County's allocation; the remaining 10% will be disbursed in June 2011.

H.G. Vaughn moved to approve the additional appropriation and disburse to the eight fire departments as outlined, seconded by Jim Adams and carried 6 to 0.

**ACCEPTANCE OF AND ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION RE: DMV GRANT – SHERIFF’S OFFICE**

Mr. Summerlin said Sheriff Lane Perry is asking the Board to make an additional appropriation of \$29,736 in grant money from the Department of Motor Vehicles through the Virginia Highway Safety Program. Sheriff Perry said the grant requires a local match of \$5,947.20, which will come from his current budget. The grant would be used to pay for overtime and travel, and to purchase one radar unit and eight field breath test units.

Joe Bryant made a motion to accept the DMV grant and approve the additional appropriation, seconded by Milton Kendall and unanimously carried.

**ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION RE: SALE PROCEEDS – SHERIFF’S OFFICE**

Mr. Summerlin said Sheriff Lane Perry is asking the Board to make an additional appropriation of \$3,844 into the law enforcement police equipment line item. The funds were received through the sale of a vehicle for \$1,200 and from property sold on [www.propertyroom.com](http://www.propertyroom.com) in the amount of \$2,738.79. Sheriff Perry indicates the money would be used to purchase new equipment and to reimburse the County for some services.

Milton Kendall moved to approve the additional appropriation as requested, seconded by Tommy Slaughter and passed 6 to 0.

**TRANSFER APPROPRIATION RE: BEYOND BOOKS PILOT PROGRAM – SCHOOL BOARD**

Mr. Summerlin said School Superintendent Anthony Jackson is asking the Board to approve a transfer appropriation of \$259,000 within his FY 2011 Budget from the Facilities State Fiscal Stabilization Funds to the Instruction State Fiscal Stabilization funds. According to Mr. Jackson, the funds are needed to purchase 500 iPads to be used in conjunction with the Virginia Department of Education’s Beyond Books pilot program in which Henry County was selected as a pilot site for the program. Rich Acres and Sanville elementary schools will serve as the pilot sites. After reviewing the pilot project and the availability of funds, a decision was made by the School Board to include all fourth and fifth grade classes with the fifth grade being funded from SFSF monies. Mr. Summerlin said that after the Board considers this matter, representatives from the School Board are present to demonstrate the iPads. Ms. Buchanan asked what the School Board does if a student takes the iPad home and it is either damaged or not returned. Ms. Janet Copenhaver replied that the School Board carries insurance and it would be handled in the same manner as laptops.

H.G. Vaughn made a motion to approve the transfer appropriation as requested, seconded by Jim Adams and carried 6 to 0.

## **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

### **Comments from the Board**

Ms. Buchanan said she had the opportunity to attend the Fieldale Bridge dedication and they had a great turnout.

Mr. Summerlin referred to a financial agenda item from last month. Mr. Summerlin said the Sheriff's office had requested an additional appropriation and an award of contract for the purchase of new uniforms. However, it was not clear in the cover page that both asset forfeiture funds and existing uniform funds would be used, thus adding approximately \$31,000 to the contract. Mr. Summerlin stated the funds are included in the Sheriff's budget but he just wanted to bring it to the Board's attention.

Mr. Summerlin stated that next Monday, the Governor's Commission on Government Reform is meeting in Danville. Mr. Summerlin said one of the primary purposes is to talk about the potential privatization of ABC stores and to solicit citizen input on ways to reform state government. Mr. Summerlin asked the Board to let him know if they would like to attend. Mr. Summerlin stated that he and Mr. Hall have prior obligations, but Mr. Lyle will be attending to represent the County. One of the things that have been suggested at the public input sessions is to repeal BPOL and machinery and tools taxes which would cost the County over \$5 million per year. Mr. Summerlin said it would require a 28% increase in property taxes in order to recover the loss, so we want to encourage them not to jump into something before it is clearly thought out on how to replace the lost revenue.

Mr. Summerlin said the annual surplus auction will be held September 18.

Mr. Summerlin said the dedication of the canoe access at CP Films will be held September 8 at 11:00 and CP Films' management has invited the Board to a luncheon.

Mr. Summerlin said the Smith River Fest will be held this weekend and will kick off Thursday evening with the Smith River Film Festival at the Rives Theatre. The event is sponsored by Franklin and Henry counties and the EDC's Office of Tourism is supporting the event.

Mr. Summerlin said he requested Mr. Amos to report on recycling efforts and the use of the inmate work crews. Mr. Amos reviewed his monthly report on refuse collection and recycling efforts. Mr. Amos said he has received numerous calls on recycling plastic so he has researched the cost involved. Mr. Amos stated that he has spoken with EMI who is in their second year of plastic recycling, and the only cost to the County would be transporting it to EMI. The County would not receive money for the plastic recycling, but will also not be paying the additional landfill charges for the plastic disposal. Ms. Buchanan asked how the oil recycling was going. Mr. Amos said the oil recycling was doing rather well, 3,500 gallons in the past year. Mr. Amos stated that the oil is in turn used at the Henry County Service Center to generate heat. Mr.

Summerlin said we had to purchase fuel oil one time and the cost was close to \$3.00 per gallon, so there is additional savings. Mr. Amos said the anti-freeze and battery recycling is not doing quite as well.

Mr. Amos said the new inmate work program is doing extremely well. Mr. Amos stated that in the first three months, crews have picked up 1,675 bags of trash. In addition, Mr. Amos said the trustees do a variety of other tasks, weed eating, general cleaning at the Service Center, basically wherever we may need some extra help. Mr. Amos said we have spent \$7,212 on the program in the first three months which includes fuel and vehicle maintenance. Ms. Buchanan said she thinks the community has really noticed the trash pick-up and Mr. Bryant commended staff for their efforts.

### **CLOSED MEETING:**

Jim Adams moved that the Board go into a closed meeting at 4:33 pm, seconded by H.G. Vaughn and unanimously carried to discuss the following.

- 1) §2.2-3711(A)1 for Discussion of Appointees to the Blue Ridge Regional Library Board, Patrick Henry Community College Board, and Southern Virginia Recreation Facilities Authority.
- 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 5:50 pm on a motion by Jim Adams, second by Tommy 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. Bryant, Mr. Kendall, Mr. Vaughn, Mr. Adams, and Ms. Buchanan.

### **APPOINTMENTS:**

Mr. Adams moved to appoint Marshall Stowe to the Blue Ridge Regional Library Board to fill an unexpired term ending June 30, 2011, seconded Mr. Slaughter and unanimously approved.

Mr. Bryant moved to appoint Ms. Rebecca Lovell and Mr. Barry Jarrett to the Patrick Henry Community College Board to fill unexpired terms ending June 30, 2012, seconded by Mr. Adams and carried 6 to 0.

Mr. Kendall made a motion to approve a mutually agreed upon tax refund to Valley Properties, LLC in the amount of \$31,084.06 and to set the real estate values for the properties in question as ordered by the Henry County Circuit Court for the 2010 tax year, with said properties being subject to a normal quadrennial reassessment, seconded by Mr. Adams and approved 6 to 0. Mr. Summerlin noted that the appropriation would come from the fund balance.

Mr. Adams moved that the Board enter into a Memorandum of Understanding allocating \$567,600 from the fund balance to match a construction grant for Commonwealth Crossing Business Centre and also a transfer of \$45,500 from the Henry County IDA to the Martinsville-Henry County EDC, seconded by Mr. Vaughn and carried 6 to 0.

The Board recessed its meeting at 5:53 pm until the 6:00 evening session.

Ms. Buchanan called the meeting back to order at 6:00 pm and welcomed everyone present.

## **MATTERS PRESENTED BY THE PUBLIC**

### **John Staples**

Mr. John Staples, Ridgeway District, was present to address the Board concerning the heavy traffic on Route 220 South on race days. Mr. Staples urged Public Safety, VDOT, and the Martinsville Speedway to do a study into a solution to the problem.

## **CONSIDERATION OF REGIONAL RURAL LONG-RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN**

Mr. Lee Clark was present to discuss the Regional Rural Long-Range Transportation Plan which was sent to the Board earlier due to the size of the report and attachments. Mr. Clark said this information has taken two years to compile and he introduced Mr. Bob Dowd with the West Piedmont Planning District Commission to present the plan. Mr. Dowd said the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) has numerous planning activities going on, but one of the areas in which they have not done a lot of long-range planning is in the rural areas of Virginia which makes up the majority of the state. Therefore, a team comprised of representatives from VDOT, planning district commissions, and local governments has worked on creating a Regional Rural Long-Range Transportation plan for each planning district. Mr. Dowd said the information received earlier from Mr. Clark and again from him (Copy included in Board's File) are recommendations that are in two sheets, by number and by magisterial district. Mr. Dowd said the recommendations were derived by reviewing

several components, safety locations/problems, bridge deficiencies, segments identified as deficient by VDOT, field surveys using detailed study locations, as well as various studies that VDOT has done in the past. Mr. Dowd said they are requesting the Board's endorsement of the plan. Mr. Dowd stated that following the meeting, he would like to put together any comments, additions, or deletions that the Board or VDOT has, hold a public meeting to receive citizen's input on the plan, and then present the plan to the Transportation Technical Advisory Committee. That committee would then make a recommendation and a regional public hearing would be held. Mr. Dowd said the final recommendation would then go to the West Piedmont Board who has to officially adopt the plan. Mr. Dowd said once adopted, West Piedmont would inform VDOT that our region has a plan. Mr. Dowd said this information would also be beneficial to VDOT for future planning, funding, and prioritizing of projects.

Mr. Michael Gray from VDOT was also present to address the Board. Mr. Gray stated that VDOT initiated this process a couple of years ago to address rural areas. Mr. Gray said you have been given a list of projects based on quantitative data and this is your opportunity to make changes based on need, whether it is economic development, tourism, etc. Mr. Gray said statewide funding is difficult and the hope is that you will take this time to prioritize projects. Mr. Gray said future projects should be based on some type of identified need.

Mr. Adams asked if any information came from the six-year public input session generally done in October. Mr. Gray responded that this information really came from crash data, as well as the existing primary and secondary program lists. Mr. Adams said crash data is important, but near misses should also be reviewed. Mr. Gray said that is something they have discussed with other boards as well.

Mr. Bryant asked for a definition of short, mid, and long-term. Mr. Gray responded that short-term is typically under five years, mid-term is five to 15 years, and long-term is around 20 years.

H.G. Vaughn made a motion to endorse the plan as presented, seconded by Jim Adams and approved 6 to 0.

Ms. Buchanan welcomed two visitors, Jacob and Daniel Cooper with Troop 166 of Collinsville. Ms. Buchanan said the two young men are working on their citizenship in the community badge.

### **REPORT ON DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTION EFFORTS**

Mr. Scott Grindstaff was present to provide an update on delinquent tax collection efforts. Mr. Grindstaff reviewed the monthly reports provided to the Board and asked for any questions.

Ms. Buchanan asked what the Treasurer's office is currently doing to collect outstanding real estate and personal property taxes. Mr. Grindstaff replied that his office sends out past due collection letters, they search mortgage companies, and make telephone calls. Once they have exhausted all options, it is turned over to TACS. Mr. Grindstaff stated that it is generally two years before accounts are turned over to TACS because you cannot begin a judicial sale until it is at least two years old.

Ms. Buchanan asked if the Treasurer's office works with DMV. Mr. Grindstaff stated that TACS will be working with DMV stops because they already have experience. Mr. Bryant asked about the DMV process. Mr. Grindstaff said the DMV places a hold on the registration and you cannot renew it until you have paid your taxes.

Ms. Buchanan asked if any of the payment agreements are delinquent. Mr. Grindstaff said all of the payment agreements are current and anyone who has not paid in two months is turned over to TACS. Mr. Grindstaff said the 2009 collection rate for personal property is 96% and real estate, 93%. Mr. Grindstaff said they look at the larger accounts and work their way down. Mr. Summerlin stated that while the collection rate is high, there is still a significant amount of money out considering that we levy approximately \$20 million a year in personal and real property taxes.

Mr. Slaughter inquired about delinquent business license taxes. Mr. Grindstaff said he does not have an exact number, but they do work closely with the Commissioner of the Revenue's office on business license taxes as you have to determine if those businesses are still viable.

Mr. Adams asked if delinquent meals taxes are usually an oversight. Mr. Grindstaff said that overall, meals tax collections are good but there are a few that they may have to contact occasionally. Mr. Grindstaff said that often they find the business has closed and owes more than just meals taxes. Mr. Adams commented that meals tax is basically a tax held in trust. Mr. Lyle responded that is correct; the business is holding the money as a pass-through to the County. Mr. Lyle stated that well-run businesses probably use a computer generated report and remit meals taxes based on the total monthly sales; however, the money is probably not kept in a separate account. Poorly run restaurants on the other hand, probably do not keep up with it and spend the money during the month. When it is time to pay, they do not have the money. Mr. Lyle said the meals tax is the County's money from the time it is collected from the customer. Mr. Lyle said he feels sometimes it is an oversight, but there are those who treat it as their own money. Mr. Lyle stated that failure to pay meals taxes is considered a larceny; you are essentially embezzling money.

Mr. Summerlin referred the Board to the CD-Rom provided by Mr. Grindstaff which includes delinquent personal property taxpayers (Copy included in Board's File). Mr. Summerlin stated that delinquent personal property taxes have a five-year statute of limitations, while real estate is 20 years; so it is important to collect those as quickly

as possible. In addition, personal property can be moved and it is more difficult to track down after several years.

Mr. Vaughn asked if there are cross checks to verify that vehicle owners have purchased a decal. Mr. Grindstaff stated the system does show personal property and decal purchases. Ms. Buchanan asked how many taxpayers have not purchased decals and what efforts are being taken to collect. Mr. Grindstaff could not say how many decals were delinquent. The Treasurer's office is not currently taking measures to collect due to the time constraints in determining if the vehicle is still operable and in Henry County. Mr. Grindstaff said staff has the ability to see if a taxpayer has purchased a decal, but they do not cross check each taxpayer to verify that they have purchased one.

Mr. Slaughter asked how some of the delinquent accounts show taxes owed for prior years, for example, 2005, but not for more current years. Mr. Grindstaff said it is possible that they missed paying one or two years for some reason and instead of paying the older balance, they pay the current year to avoid additional penalties and interest. Mr. Grindstaff said you may specify which year you wish to pay; if you do not, payments are credited to the oldest outstanding balance.

#### **PUBLIC HEARING – DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE EDWARD BYRNE JAG GRANT – SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

Mr. Summerlin stated the grant, in the amount of \$27,987, requires no matching local funds and would be used for a variety of projects within the Sheriff's Office. Mr. Summerlin said the grant application requires a public hearing. Ms. Buchanan opened the public hearing at 6:35 p.m. There being no one present to speak, the hearing was closed at 6:35 p.m.

Milton Kendall moved to approve the JAG grant application, seconded by Tommy Slaughter and unanimously carried.

#### **GENERAL HIGHWAY MATTERS**

Ms. Lisa Hughes, Residency Administrator for the Virginia Department of Transportation, was present to discuss General Highway Matters with the Board.

- Cost for pre-emption devices on the traffic signals is approximately \$15,600 for a four-way intersection; no funds to install on existing signals; will install the devices as signals are replaced
- Signs moved on right-of-way at the intersection of Route 58 and 614 in Axton
- Mowing intersections and secondary roads
- Mr. Bryant said residents often ask why they are required to mow their grass when VDOT does not. Ms. Hughes said she understands; however, they are trying to use what funds they do have for safety items and aesthetics has taken a back seat.

- Ms. Buchanan requested an update on Route 684 and 58 for next month.

**CONTINUATION OF MEETING UNTIL AUGUST 26, 2010 AT 1:30 P.M.**

There being no further business to discuss, H.G. Vaughn moved at 6:41 pm to continue the meeting to August 26, 2010 at 1:30 pm in the Infield Care Center of the Martinsville Speedway, seconded by Tommy Slaughter and carried 6 to 0.

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**JOINT  
HENRY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
AND INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY  
MINUTES**

**August 26, 2010 – 1:30 p.m.**

The Henry County Board of Supervisors and the Henry County Industrial Development Authority held a joint meeting on August 26, 2010, at 1 p.m. in the Infield Care Center of Martinsville Speedway, Martinsville, Virginia.

The following Board members were present: Chairman Debra Buchanan, Vice Chairman H. G. Vaughn, Jim Adams, Milton Kendall, Joe Bryant, and Tommy Slaughter.

The following Industrial Development Authority members were present: Chairman Larry McDorman, Wesley Caviness, Barry Helmstutler, Wade Nelson, Rodney Thacker, and Steve Isley. Vice Chairman Len Dillon arrived after the meeting began.

Staff members present were Benny Summerlin, County Administrator; Tim Hall, Deputy County Administrator; and Tim Pace, County Engineer

Debbie Hall of the Martinsville Bulletin was present.

**CALL TO ORDER**

**Board of Supervisors**

Chairman Buchanan called the Board of Supervisors meeting to order at 1 p.m. as a continuation of its August 24, 2010 meeting.

**Industrial Development Authority**

Chairman McDorman called the IDA meeting to order at 1 p.m.

**CONSIDERATION OF PERFORMANCE AGREEMENT AMONG HENRY COUNTY, THE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, THE TOBACCO COMMISSION AND INTERNATIONAL SPEEDWAY CORPORATION**

Mr. Summerlin briefed the Board of Supervisors and the IDA on a performance agreement involving the Board of Supervisors, the IDA, the Tobacco Commission and International Speedway Corporation. The agreement outlines a grant of \$1.5 million from the Tobacco Commission to the IDA and the Board of Supervisors. The money would be used at Martinsville Speedway, which is owned by International Speedway Corporation, for infrastructure improvements. These improvements would include widening of concourses and new restrooms for fans.

Mr. Summerlin said the agreement culminated a process that began in December 2009 when staff and Speedway officials grew concerned over the possibility of Martinsville Speedway losing one of its Sprint Cup race dates. A series of meetings and phone calls took

place, and the result was the Performance Agreement before the two boards today. Mr. Summerlin said that in return for the grant, International Speedway Corporation agrees to have two Sprint Cup races at Martinsville Speedway for at least the next five years.

**Board of Supervisors**

Mr. Vaughn moved that the Board of Supervisors approve the Performance Agreement as presented, seconded by Mr. Bryant and carried unanimously.

**Industrial Development Authority**

Mr. Helmstutler moved that the Industrial Development Authority accept the Performance Agreement as presented, seconded by Mr. Nelson and carried unanimously.

There being no further business, Mr. Vaughn moved that the Board of Supervisors adjourn at 1: 37 pm, seconded by Mr. Slaughter and carried 6-0.

Mr. Helmstutler moved that the Industrial Development Authority adjourn its meeting at 1: 37 p.m., seconded by Mr. Caviness and carried unanimously.

**JOINT  
HENRY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
AND INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY  
MINUTES**

**September 14, 2010 – 1:15 p.m.**

The Henry County Board of Supervisors and the Henry County Industrial Development Authority held a joint meeting on September 14, 2010, at 1:15 p.m. in the fourth floor conference room of the Henry County Administration Building.

The following Board members were present: Chairman Debra Buchanan, Vice Chairman H. G. Vaughn, Jim Adams, Milton Kendall, Joe Bryant, and Tommy Slaughter.

The following Industrial Development Authority members were present: Vice Chairman Len Dillon, Barry Helmstutler, Wade Nelson and Steve Isley. Chairman Larry McDorman, Wesley Caviness, and Rodney Thacker did not attend.

Staff members present were Benny Summerlin, County Administrator; Tim Hall, Deputy County Administrator; and Michelle Via, Administrative Assistant

Mark Heath and Leigh Cockram with the Martinsville-Henry County Economic Development Corporation also were present.

**CALL TO ORDER**

**Board of Supervisors**

Chairman Buchanan called the Board of Supervisors meeting to order at 1:15 p.m.

**Industrial Development Authority**

Vice Chairman Dillon called the IDA meeting to order at 1:15 p.m.

**CLOSED SESSION**

On a motion by Mr. Vaughn and a second by Mr. Slaughter, the Board of Supervisors voted unanimously to enter Closed Session under Section 2.2-3711 (A) 5, Discussion of As-Yet Unannounced Industries.

On a motion by Mr. Helmstutler and a second by Mr. Nelson, the Industrial Development Authority voted unanimously to enter Closed Session under Section 2.2-3711 (A) 5, Discussion of As-Yet Unannounced Industries.

On a motion by Mr. Adams and a second by Mr. Slaughter, the Board of Supervisors voted unanimously to enter Open Session.

On a motion by Mr. Helmstutler and a second by Mr. Nelson, the IDA voted unanimously to enter Open Session.

Mr. Hall asked both bodies to certify the Closed Session and both Boards did so unanimously.

On a motion by Mr. Bryant and a second by Mr. Slaughter, the Board voted unanimously to approve a Performance Agreement with The Tile Shop, LLC and the Virginia Tobacco Commission (a copy of the Performance Agreement is on file for this meeting).

On a motion by Mr. Nelson and a second by Mr. Helmstutler, the IDA voted unanimously to approve a Performance Agreement with The Tile Shop, LLC and the Virginia Tobacco Commission (a copy of the Performance Agreement is on file for this meeting).

On a motion by Mr. Vaughn and a second by Mr. Slaughter, the Board of Supervisors voted unanimously to continue the meeting until Monday, September 27, 2010, at 1:30 p.m. in the fourth floor conference room.

On a motion by Mr. Helmstutler and a second by Mr. Isley, the IDA voted unanimously to continue its meeting until Monday, September 27, 2010 at 1:30 p.m. in the fourth floor conference room.

The meeting concluded at 1:42 p.m.

**JOINT  
HENRY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
AND INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY  
MINUTES**

**September 27, 2010 – 1:30 p.m.**

The Henry County Board of Supervisors and the Henry County Industrial Development Authority held a joint meeting on September 27, 2010, at 1:30 p.m. in the fourth floor conference room of the Henry County Administration Building.

The following Board members were present: Chairman Debra Buchanan, Vice Chairman H. G. Vaughn, Jim Adams, Milton Kendall, Joe Bryant, and Tommy Slaughter.

The following Industrial Development Authority members were present: Chairman Larry McDorman, Wesley Caviness, Barry Helmstutler, Wade Nelson, Rodney Thacker, and Steve Isley. Vice Chairman Len Dillon was absent.

Staff members present were Benny Summerlin, County Administrator; Tim Hall, Deputy County Administrator; and Michelle Via, Administrative Assistant.

**CALL TO ORDER**

**Board of Supervisors**

Chairman Buchanan called the Board of Supervisors meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. as a continuation of its September 14, 2010 meeting.

**Industrial Development Authority**

Chairman McDorman called the IDA meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. as a continuation of its September 14, 2010 meeting.

**CONSIDERATION OF PERFORMANCE AGREEMENT AMONG HENRY COUNTY, THE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, AND SLEEPSAFE BEDS, LLC**

Mr. Summerlin briefed the Board of Supervisors and the IDA on a performance agreement involving the Board of Supervisors, the IDA, and SleepSafe Beds, LLC. The agreement outlines a grant of \$25,000 from the IDA and the Board of Supervisors. SleepSafe Beds will purchase a 110,250-square foot facility known as the Mize Warehouse located at 3629 Reed Creek Drive, Bassett, Virginia; the money would be used to build a partition wall and for heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) improvements at the facility.

Mr. Summerlin said that in return for the grant, SleepSafe Beds agrees to make a capital investment of at least \$1 million and create and maintain at least 13 new jobs at the facility within 36 months of the date of the agreement.

**Board of Supervisors**

Mr. Slaughter moved that the Board of Supervisors approve the Performance Agreement as presented, seconded by Mr. Kendall and carried unanimously.

**Industrial Development Authority**

Mr. Helmstutler moved that the Industrial Development Authority accept the Performance Agreement as presented, seconded by Mr. Caviness and carried unanimously.

There being no further business, Mr. Slaughter moved that the Board of Supervisors adjourn at 1: 37 pm, seconded by Mr. Vaughn and carried 6-0.

Mr. Helmstutler moved that the Industrial Development Authority adjourn its meeting at 1: 37 p.m., seconded by Mr. Caviness and carried unanimously.

**HENRY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
MINUTES**

**September 28, 2010 – 3:00 pm**

The Henry County Board of Supervisors held its regular meeting on September 28, 2010, 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, Milton Kendall, Tommy Slaughter, and Joe Bryant.

Staff members present were Benny Summerlin, County Administrator; Tim Hall, Deputy County Administrator; George Lyle, County Attorney; Michelle Via, Administrative Assistant; Susan Reynolds, Director of Human Resources; Darrell Jones, Director of Finance; and Richard Stanfield, Deputy Director of Finance.

Sheriff Lane Perry, Major Steve Eanes, and Sgt. Ronnie Minter from the Sheriff's office were present. Debbie Hall and Paul Collins of the Martinsville Bulletin and Ron Morris of B-99 were present.

**INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

Mr. Adams gave the invocation and Mr. Kendall 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).

- August 24, 2010 – Regular Meeting
- August 26, 2010 – Joint BOS/IDA
- September 14, 2010 – Joint BOS/IDA

**Approval of Accounts Payable**

(Copy included in Board's File).

**Consideration of Resolution Requesting Additional Funding for the Completion of Route 58 to Interstate 77**  
(Copy included in Board's File).

Mr. Adams moved that the Items of Consent be adopted as presented, seconded by Mr. Vaughn. The motion carried 6 to 0.

**CONSIDERATION OF PROCLAMATION ESTABLISHING OCTOBER 2010 AS "CHILD HEALTH MONTH" IN HENRY COUNTY**

The Martinsville Coalition for Health and Fitness requested that the Board declare October 2010 to be "Child Health Month" in Henry County.

Mr. Slaughter read the proclamation aloud and made a motion to adopt the proclamation as presented, seconded by Mr. Bryant and approved 6 to 0. (Copy included in Board's File).

**CONSIDERATION OF PROCLAMATION ESTABLISHING OCTOBER 2010 AS "BIG READ MONTH" IN HENRY COUNTY**

Mr. Vaughn read the proclamation aloud and moved to adopt the proclamation as presented, seconded by Mr. Slaughter and unanimously carried. (Copy included in Board's File).

Ms. Barbara Parker with Piedmont Arts was present to accept the proclamation and address the Board. Ms. Parker thanked the Board for their support of this important initiative and distributed a small gift bag with a book and other items in support of Edgar Allan Poe. Ms. Parker invited everyone to attend the Big Read kickoff event on Saturday, October 2 at 3:00 p.m. She stated that each person in attendance will receive the same gift bag including free copies of the book and there will also be exhibits and artists from the Poe Museum in Richmond. In addition, Ms. Parker said they were hosting a legislative luncheon on Saturday at 1:00 p.m.

**CONSIDERATION OF PROCLAMATION ESTABLISHING OCTOBER 2010 AS "DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH" IN HENRY COUNTY**

Officials with Citizens Against Family Violence have requested that the Board declare October 2010 as "Domestic Violence Awareness Month" in Henry County. Mr. Bryant read the proclamation aloud. (Copy included in Board's File).

Mr. Bryant made a motion to adopt the proclamation as presented, seconded by Mr. Kendall and approved 6 to 0.

## **REPORT FROM ANTHONY JACKSON, SUPERINTENDENT, HENRY COUNTY SCHOOLS**

Anthony Jackson, Superintendent of the Henry County school system, requested time on the Board's agenda to report on the school system and the start of the 2010-2011 academic year. Mr. Jackson distributed the 2009-'10 annual report and thanked the Board and staff for recognizing the economic challenges faced by the schools and for minimizing the impact by level funding the school system. Dr. Jackson noted that all schools are fully accredited and 93% made AYP. Dr. Jackson stated that Henry County was one of only 12 school systems in Virginia to make AYP as a school division. Dr. Jackson said we have worked very hard to utilize all available resources to ensure a quality school division for our students. We leveraged stimulus funds by investing in infrastructure, facility needs, and teacher quality, and we continue to pursue local, state, and federal grant funds to ensure we remain competitive. Dr. Jackson said while we are pleased and excited about the progress we are making, we understand that many challenges are still ahead. Dr. Jackson said we are currently in the process of developing a strategic plan that will guide our decisions and set priorities for us for the next five years. Dr. Jackson said we know we face three major challenges in the near future: 1) planning for the end of stimulus funding in 2012; 2) addressing compensation to ensure that we remain competitive; and 3) addressing long-standing facility and capital and infrastructure needs. Dr. Jackson said our commitment to the community is to continue to provide cutting-edge opportunities for student learning and rigorous instructional programs designed to stretch students. Dr. Jackson said you can and should be proud of Henry County Public Schools. Dr. Jackson presented a PowerPoint presentation highlighting the school system's progress.

Mr. Vaughn recognized Dr. Jackson not only for his accomplishments with the school system, but for his personal achievement of his doctorate degree. The Board congratulated Dr. Jackson and commended his personal and professional accolades with the school system. Dr. Jackson said he is very fortunate to have a wonderful dedicated staff.

Mr. Summerlin noted that county and school staff continues to pursue the Qualified School Construction Bond funding. Mr. Summerlin stated the guidelines are not yet available, but there are some critical maintenance issues that need to be addressed if we are selected to receive funding.

Mr. Summerlin stated that the Board was given a demonstration last month of the iPad and that in the past, we have offered employees the opportunity to purchase technology through our contract via payroll deduction. Mr. Summerlin said they would like to offer this option again on the iPad, as well as a laptop, and it will be presented to the Board and School Board for consideration probably next month.

Dr. Jackson invited the Board to attend an announcement on September 29 at 10:00 a.m. at Rich Acres Elementary School. Dr. Jackson said the State Superintendent will be present for the announcement concerning Henry County Schools.

## **CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION REGARDING PAYDAY LENDING INSTITUTIONS**

Mr. Summerlin said the City of Staunton has led the legislative charge against payday lending institutions and predatory lending practices in the Commonwealth of Virginia. At Staunton's urging, many Virginia localities, including Henry County, have previously approved resolutions urging greater regulations over predatory lending be imposed. As part of this process, the City of Staunton is asking for Henry County's endorsement of a more stringent resolution.

Dick Ephgrave, President of Grace Network, was present to advocate for this new resolution. Mr. Ephgrave said Grace Network assisted 3,800 families in Martinsville and Henry County last year with both financial and food assistance. Mr. Ephgrave said one of the unfortunate things he sees too often in his work with Grace Network are the individuals who fall victim to payday lending. Mr. Ephgrave referred the Board to information provided on payday lending in Virginia and the rates that are being charged on these loans, anywhere from 688% interest on an annual basis down to 164% if you are a social security recipient (Copy included in Board's File). Mr. Ephgrave said the resolution requested is not an effort to outlaw payday lending, yet is asking the General Assembly to pass legislation that creates a usury law establishing no more than 36% APR interest can be charged. In addition, the resolution provides a couple of other protections regarding consumer credit to military personnel and the prohibition of a creditor's use of a personal check or other device as a means, either directly or indirectly, to gain access to a consumer's bank account.

Mr. Ephgrave said one reason payday lending has remained viable is because there is no alternative for "unbankable" people, meaning individuals who cannot go to a bank for many reasons, whether it be bad credit, they have filed for bankruptcy, or simply fallen on hard times. Mr. Ephgrave said if the legislation is passed and interest is capped at 36%, payday lenders will cease to exist because they cannot profit on 36% interest. Mr. Ephgrave said he is working with a non-profit organization called United Virginia, a faith-based initiative in Richmond. United Virginia works with the Pure Lending Program to provide small loans, up to \$500 to consumers and \$5,000 to businesses, at modest interest rates of 18-24%. It has been very successful in the Richmond area and they have agreed to come to the Martinsville-Henry County area to start an alternative lending fund. Mr. Ephgrave said that he and Tiffani Underwood with United Way are meeting with Rob Martin of United Virginia tomorrow to set up the organization in our area. Mr. Ephgrave said the trial program would be facilitated through the United Way's HOPE initiative.

Mr. Slaughter asked how this organization can sustain at 18-24% if payday lenders cannot profit at 36%. Mr. Ephgrave replied that they are not a for-profit organization and most of the funding comes from Virginia Interfaith, a faith-based initiative that provides this type of funding to people at or below the poverty level with the assumption that they will be writing these loans off. Mr. Ephgrave said this program was initially started in Georgia and eventually the banking community joined in, making loans to formerly "unbankable" individuals. Mr. Ephgrave said it has worked very well and they are almost at a break even point in receiving loan payments back. Mr. Ephgrave said his ultimate goal is to get the Virginia Banking Association involved in

this initiative as well. Mr. Ephgrave said there are already a couple of credit unions participating by providing funding to Virginia Interfaith.

Mr. Vaughn asked if the signature loans require collateral. Mr. Ephgrave stated no, as most of the individuals do not have collateral. Mr. Vaughn asked if pawn shops were subject to any limits on interest rates. Mr. Ephgrave said he was not sure, but since there are no effective usury laws, he would guess that they are not governed any differently than payday lenders.

The Board thanked Mr. Ephgrave for coming. Mr. Kendall made a motion to adopt the resolution as presented, seconded by Mr. Slaughter and unanimously approved.

### **REPORT ON DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTION EFFORTS**

Mr. Scott Grindstaff reviewed the monthly reports on delinquent tax collection efforts and noted that the final authorization needed to begin personal property collections through DMV stops has been executed and sent to DMV. Mr. Grindstaff said there should be an advertisement within the next couple of weeks for the next judicial sale. Mr. Grindstaff stated that his office sent out letters on 67 agreements that were not current with about one-third of those either coming in to make a payment or explaining why they had not made a payment. Those we do not hear from will be turned over to TACS October 1. Mr. Grindstaff said they had reviewed decal purchases as requested but did not see a great disparity in the number of vehicles. The only differences identified were decreases in fleet vehicles. Mr. Grindstaff stated that he presented three meals tax collection cases to the grand jury September 20 and they were certified and moving forward.

Ms. Buchanan asked if there is any cross-check for the vehicles on tax records versus decals actually purchased. Mr. Grindstaff stated that the vehicle records often do not match decal sales due to the frequency of people transferring ownership of vehicles. Ms. Buchanan said so there is most likely a lot of people without decals and it is basically up to law enforcement; there seems to be a loophole that we are missing. Mr. Vaughn asked if the number of decal violations on the Sheriff's report was a monthly figure. Major Eanes replied yes, it is monthly, not year-to-date. Mr. Bryant asked if it would be possible for the DMV to collect the decal fee, say for instance when individuals sell/buy vehicles and apply for the new title. Mr. Grindstaff stated the DMV could not accommodate this request because if they did this for one locality, they would have to do it for all. Mr. Summerlin clarified that the Treasurer's office has a list of decals sold last year that is used to mail out decal notices for this year; if they do not purchase a decal based on the list, what is done about those who purchased a decal last year but not this year. Mr. Grindstaff responded that there is no collection effort on decals because he really does not have the necessary staff to contact each and every person to see if they still own a particular vehicle. Mr. Summerlin stated that taxpayers are supposed to indicate if they have either sold or purchased a vehicle on their tangible property returns. Mr. Grindstaff said that is correct, if the taxpayer returns the tangible property form. Ms. Buchanan asked if they review those who do not file the tangible property return. Mr. Grindstaff stated that falls under the Commissioner of the Revenue's office.

Mr. Slaughter asked if the decal form changed this year and if the decal is no longer assigned to a particular car. Mr. Grindstaff said the decal is assigned to the car you owned last year. Mr. Slaughter stated that when he purchased his decals at the fire department, he was told there was no information or place to record the number as to which vehicle the decal belonged to. Mr. Grindstaff said the fire departments usually write the car on the decal itself and they are a great help in decal sales.

Ms. Buchanan said basically we are relying on people to be honest because we do not have a system in place and are not utilizing our resources in order to track those who do not purchase decals. She asked if it would be possible to send out letters to those who have not purchased decals. Mr. Grindstaff said he would look into it. Mr. Vaughn said a couple of years ago he mentioned the possibility of sending out the decal bill with the personal property tax bill, and then issuing the decal either when the receipt is mailed back or when the person comes in to pay the taxes. Mr. Vaughn asked if the Treasurer's office had considered this as an option. Mr. Grindstaff said this was discussed during the budget process this year, but it is not as simple as just mailing the forms. The IT Department needs to look into the different options to handle it and determine which one would work best. Mr. Grindstaff stated that not long after he first took office, he tried mailing out the decal bills in December, but when April came, those who did not purchase the decals in December had lost their forms and it was a logistical nightmare.

Mr. Slaughter inquired about the delinquent real estate list and asked if anything is mailed out informing the taxpayer they are past due, as many of those on the list are five plus years delinquent. Mr. Grindstaff stated that TACS has every delinquent real estate property that is over two years old, and the taxpayer has been notified by TACS as well as prior notices sent out by the Treasurer's office. Mr. Grindstaff stated the next phase is the sale of the property. Mr. Bryant asked how long it takes from the time the delinquent taxpayer is notified to the sale of the property. Mr. Grindstaff replied a judicial sale requires two years. Mr. Bryant asked why then, are many of the properties on the delinquent list five years old. Mr. Grindstaff said the only recourse is a judicial sale which takes time. Ms. Buchanan asked if all personal property is also turned over to TACS after two years. Mr. Grindstaff stated that personal property is turned over after six months, real estate is two years. Mr. Kendall asked if it had ever been considered to collect taxes twice a year. Mr. Grindstaff stated that most localities that do this have a cash flow problem. Mr. Summerlin said the Board must also set the tax rate before the budget is adopted. Mr. Grindstaff said that billing twice a year also requires twice the work on staff. Mr. Grindstaff said the tax bills go out and are due October 1, however, are not actually delinquent until after December 5; therefore, most people wait until the December 5 deadline to pay.

### **MONTHLY UPDATE FROM THE MARTINSVILLE-HENRY COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION**

Leigh Cockram, Director of Marketing for the Martinsville-Henry County Economic Development Corporation, was present to make the monthly update to the Board. Ms. Cockram distributed a summary of activities by division. (Copy included in Board's File).

## **TOURISM**

- Promoted Virginia Farmer's Market Week
- Filmed promotional video for Bassett Community Market
- Hosted first M-HC Lodging meeting for all hotels, campgrounds and B&Bs
- Spoke on marketing at the Entrepreneur Express Workshop
- Co-Hosted 3rd annual Smith River Fest with DRBA, HCPR, MPR, MURA and Franklin County Tourism
  - Survey results indicate that the event generated more than \$12,000 in economic impact to Martinsville-Henry County
  - 41 communities in VA, NC and PA were represented
- Conducted 12 client meetings
- Spoke to Henry County Pro-Am Photography Club about photo needs for the Reel-Scout database
- HD Web Studio is developing a Film Office page on the VisitMartinsville.com website
- Co-hosted 2nd annual Smith River Film Fest with DRBA, approximately 75 attended
- Launched first consumer e-newsletter for tourism
- Participated in 5 Media Interviews
- The 2010 M-HC Visitor Guide was printed and distributed throughout the region, highlighting 48 area attractions and lodging establishments
- Web traffic was up by 59% for the month of August; an increase of 1,374 visits
- 40 new fans joined the Tourism Division Facebook page bringing our total to 1,235
- 454 Visitors came to the center in August and 218 visitors signed the guestbook
- 47 information packets were prepared for individuals requesting information
  - Outside of Virginia, requests also came from five other states
- 10,720 brochures were distributed
  - 1,245 brochures were distributed to area businesses
  - 8,400 were distributed to Virginia Welcome Centers and Certified Visitor Centers across the state

## **RESEARCH**

- Attended a Megasite workshop with regional officials and elected leaders at the Riverstone Technology Park in South Boston
- Created a brochure for the Stanley building located in the North Bowles Industrial Park
- Met with Thalhimer to discuss properties that they have available in the M-HC area
- Participated in a Southern Virginia regional meeting to discuss a presentation that will be given during race weekend to clients and consultants

- Prepared a presentation and packet of information for Project Shoreline, Project DoOver, and Project Sunday
- Handled seven (7) third party requests for information
- Met with HD Web Studio to discuss enhancements to the EDC website that will enable better search engine optimization
- Completed and returned RFI for Project Edgewater - comprised of 20+ pages
- Created a report detailing the funding given to the Institute for Advanced Learning and Research (IALR) and the Southern Virginia Higher Education Center (SVHEC) by the Tobacco Commission and the State of Virginia

### **SMALL, MINORITY & ENTREPRENEURIAL BUSINESS**

- Provided one-on-one assistance to 18 total clients
- Provided business assistance to 7 new clients
- Submitted SWaM Certification application for 4 companies
- Participated in 3 mentor meetings: Rising Sun Breads, Smith River Outdoor Adventure, and Engineered Energy Services
- Site visits with 5 existing businesses
- Entrepreneur Express was held August 26, 2010 with 20 participants
- FastTrac NewVenture for Creative Enterprises started September 1 with 35 participants
  - Sessions are held on Wednesdays through November 3rd from 5pm to 8pm at the Uptown Southern Bistro
- Marketing Your Business with Virginia Green will be held September 23rd at the Artisan Center from 12pm to 1pm
- Annual State Procurement Conference will be held October 20th from 8:30am to 1pm at the Virginia Museum of Natural History
- E-Commerce Workshop will be held November 18th from 12pm-1pm at the Virginia Museum of Natural History
- Enterprise Zone Workshop will be held December 7th from 12pm-2pm at the Artisan Center

### **MARKETING/RECRUITING**

- Project Stone announcement was held September 14th
- Project Sleep announcement scheduled for September 27th
- RTI/Airbus dinner and event on August 31st
- Met with SOVA team on regional marketing strategy
- Serving as liaison between VEDP and SOVA Regional Economic Developers on marketing strategy for the Speedway event for consultants and C-level executives - Facilitated Regional Presentation Meeting
- Wrote outline for Introductory Video and PowerPoint presentation for regional event
- Conducted 3 existing industry visits
- Hosted SRI Consultant regarding SOVA Regional marketing effort
- Working on consultant trips and lead generation projects for remainder of 2010 (had three calls in August with potential prospects)

- Working with HD Web Studio on site optimization and Lot 4 designation page as well as a newsletter/email blast template
- Currently working with 20 Total Projects, comprised of 11 Inquiry Projects and 9 Active Projects
- An Inquiry Project is defined as a prospect that has not yet visited M-HC but has expressed interest in our area
- An Active Project is defined as a prospect that has actually visited the M-HC area

**DESIGNATION OF VOTING REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE 2010 VIRGINIA ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES (VACO) ANNUAL MEETING**

Ms. Buchanan said the 2010 VACo Annual Meeting is scheduled for November 8-10 and 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. Slaughter and Mr. Summerlin plan to attend.

Mr. Adams moved to designate Mr. Slaughter as the County's voting representative at the VACo conference and Mr. Summerlin as an alternate, seconded by Mr. Vaughn, and approved 6 to 0.

**AWARD OF CONTRACT RE: REPLACEMENT VEHICLE – PARKS AND RECREATION**

Mr. Summerlin said the purchase of a replacement truck for the Parks and Recreation Department was included in the FY 2011 County Budget. A request for bids was sent out by the Purchasing Department, and two companies responded to this item. Hall Automotive was the low bid at \$23,102. The truck is a Ford 3/4 ton pickup.

Mr. Bryant made a motion to approve the award of contract in the amount of \$23,102 as requested, seconded by Mr. Slaughter and unanimously carried.

**AWARD OF CONTRACT RE: REPLACEMENT VEHICLES – SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

Mr. Summerlin said after speaking with the Sheriff, staff is requesting this item be withdrawn from the agenda. Mr. Summerlin said we have applied to Rural Development for grant funds and we do not want to jeopardize the grant award by awarding the contract prematurely. Mr. Summerlin said it would be put on the agenda again in the next couple of months.

**ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION RE: SALE PROCEEDS – SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

Mr. Summerlin said Sheriff Lane Perry is asking the Board to make an additional appropriation of \$3,230.45 into the law enforcement uniform line item. The funds were received through the Sheriff's Office's sale of found and abandoned items on www.propertyroom.com. Sheriff Perry indicates the money would be used to purchase new uniforms for the Honor Guard.

Mr. Kendall moved to approve the additional appropriation as requested, seconded by Mr. Adams and carried 6 to 0.

**ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION RE: FRESH FRUIT AND VEGETABLE GRANT – SCHOOL BOARD**

Mr. Summerlin said Superintendent Anthony Jackson is asking the Board for an additional appropriation of \$138,325 to the schools' nutrition budget for the fresh fruit and vegetable program at Axton, Campbell Court, Carver, Rich Acres and Sanville elementary schools. The funding for the appropriation is federal money from the Department of Education.

Mr. Vaughn made a motion to approve the appropriation as requested, seconded by Mr. Slaughter and unanimously carried.

**ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT AND ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION RE: DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SAFE AND DRUG FREE SCHOOLS GRANT – SCHOOL BOARD**

Mr. Summerlin said Superintendent Anthony Jackson is asking the Board to accept a grant and make the additional appropriation for it in the amount of \$213,335. The grant is from the Department of Education's Safe and Drug Free Schools program and would be used over a two-year period for training and risk assessment within the school system.

Mr. Kendall moved to accept the grant and approve the additional appropriation as requested, seconded by Mr. Slaughter and carried 6 to 0.

**ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION RE: ASSET FORFEITURE – COMMONWEALTH'S ATTORNEY'S OFFICE**

Mr. Summerlin said Commonwealth's Attorney Bob Bushnell is asking the Board to approve an additional appropriation of \$850 from his asset forfeiture fund to his travel expenses line item to cover travel expenses for the remainder of the year.

Mr. Bryant made a motion to approve the appropriation as requested, seconded by Mr. Adams and unanimously carried.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

**Comments from the Board**

Mr. Summerlin reminded the Board of the dedication ceremony scheduled October 11 at 1:30 for the new Dick & Willie Passage. Mr. Summerlin said it will be held at the Liberty Street trailhead and Congressman Boucher will be present for the dedication. Mr. Summerlin stated that one of the recommendations in the budget message last spring was for staff to analyze fire and rescue equipment needs in the County. Mr. Summerlin said the County usually funds about \$265,000 and he has recommended that we receive outside assistance in this project. Mr. Summerlin said he understands that the Virginia

Department of Fire Programs will provide this analysis at very little or no cost to the County. Mr. Summerlin stated that the volunteer rescue squads and fire departments provide an annual inventory, so we know what we have. The question is what we need. Mr. Summerlin stated that he needs Board approval to proceed with the analysis. Mr. Adams moved that staff proceed with a needs assessment of public safety equipment, seconded by Mr. Slaughter and carried 6 to 0.

**CLOSED MEETING:**

Mr. Adams moved that the Board go into a closed meeting at 4:25 pm, seconded by Mr. Vaughn and unanimously carried to discuss the following.

- 1) §2.2-3711(A)1 for Discussion of Appointees to the Southern Virginia Recreation Facilities Authority.
- 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 5:49 pm on a motion by Mr. Slaughter, second by Mr. Bryant 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. Bryant, Mr. Kendall, Mr. Vaughn, Mr. Adams, and Ms. Buchanan.

**APPOINTMENTS:**

Mr. Slaughter moved to reappoint Mr. Bob Davis and Mr. Ben Gravely to the Southern Virginia Recreation Facilities Authority for four-year terms, seconded by Mr. Bryant and unanimously carried.

The Board recessed its meeting at 5:50 pm until the 6:00 evening session.

Ms. Buchanan called the meeting back to order at 6:00 pm and welcomed everyone present.

## **MATTERS PRESENTED BY THE PUBLIC**

### **John Staples**

Mr. John Staples, Ridgeway District, was present to address the Board concerning several issues.

- Mr. Staples said the Martinsville Bulletin misquoted him last month, that he did not request Public Safety, VDOT, and the Martinsville Speedway do a study on heavy traffic on Route 220 South on race days, but he requested that the Board ask them to look into a solution to the problem.
- Mr. Staples said there are numerous power outages in his area, and in his opinion, are due to negligence by Appalachian Power. Mr. Staples said he would appreciate any assistance the Board can provide.
- Mr. Staples said he has spoken with Ms. Hughes about the traffic problems on Route 220 South and she assured him she would look into it. Mr. Staples said if he could not get the issue resolved locally, he would go to Salem and then Richmond if necessary.
- Lastly, Mr. Staples addressed the Board concerning the County auctions and why a personal check is not accepted from a local person. Mr. Staples noted that Franklin County and the City of Martinsville have recently advertised auctions and both accept cash and checks.

## **PUBLIC HEARING – REZONING APPLICATIONS**

### **R-10-03 – Clarence D. Newman**

Mr. Lee Clark said the property is located at 32 Key Drive in the Blackberry District and shown on Tax Map 25.5/256. The applicant is requesting the rezoning of approximately 1.5-acres from Suburban Residential District S-R to Mixed Residential District M-R. The applicant intends to remove the old house from the property and replace it with a double wide manufactured home. Mr. Clark said following a public hearing, both the Planning Commission and staff recommend approval of this request.

Ms. Buchanan stated the applicant is present and opened the public hearing at 6:05 p.m. There being no one present who wished to speak, the public hearing was closed at 6:05 p.m. Mr. Adams moved that the Board follow the recommendation of the Planning Commission and staff and approve the rezoning request, seconded by Mr. Vaughn and carried 6 to 0.

### **R-10-04 – Larry S. Biggs**

Mr. Clark said the property is located at 2220 Irisburg Road in the Iriswood District and is shown as part of Tax Map 53.6/50. The applicant is

requesting the rezoning of approximately 1-acre of a 2.197-acre lot from Agricultural District A-1 to Commercial District B-1. The applicant has a 50' x 30' private garage on the property and now wishes to use this for commercial auto repair. The property will be sub-divided separating out the commercial lot from the rest of the property. Following a public hearing, both the Planning Commission and staff recommend that the rezoning request be approved and acceptance of the written proffers that include certain screening requirements and relocating of the planned entrance.

Ms. Buchanan stated the applicant is present and opened the public hearing at 6:07 p.m. There being no one present who wished to speak, the public hearing was closed at 6:07 p.m. Mr. Kendall made a motion to approve the rezoning request from Mr. Biggs, seconded by Mr. Bryant and unanimously carried.

### **GENERAL HIGHWAY MATTERS**

Ms. Lisa Hughes, Residency Administrator for the Virginia Department of Transportation, was present to update the Board on General Highway Matters.

- Speedway access road about 90% complete
- Safety study on intersection of Routes 58 and 684, Carver Road, has been approved and expect money for design to be available March 2011
- Currently working on two pavement projects, Route 57A – from old Bassett High School to Blackberry Road; Route 220 Bypass – southbound lane from Bassett Forks to Carver Parkway overpass
- Mr. Slaughter asked if the painting had been done in the County. Ms. Hughes said no, they have a painting contractor who is currently in Carroll County, will move to Patrick County next and then Henry County. Mr. Slaughter asked about the Patriot Centre. Ms. Hughes said the Patriot Centre still needs to be done. Ms. Hughes said the trees that were discussed would be done within the next couple of weeks.
- Mr. Kendall asked about the speed study on Route 620 near Carlisle School. Ms. Hughes said she would follow-up.
- Mr. Adams asked when the improvements in front of the new historical building will begin. Ms. Hughes said it should be around March 2011.
- Mr. Adams asked if there are any guidelines on “Watch for Children” signs. Ms. Hughes said there are no written guidelines, basically a judgment call. Mr. Adams asked what the cost of the sign and installation is. Ms. Hughes said around \$250 for the sign, another \$250 for material and labor. Mr. Adams asked if the signs are ever “recycled”, for instance taken down because all of the children on a street are grown. Ms. Hughes said no, they typically do not take them down. Ms. Hughes said they do try to evaluate the “School Bus Stop Ahead” signs periodically and they should probably look at the others as well. Mr. Adams said he would like to come back to the Board with the request he has received after he has had time to investigate how many children are actually on the street.

- Ms. Buchanan asked if the mowing schedule has changed due to the weather. Ms. Hughes said they did lose a day or so and are back on secondary roads. Ms. Buchanan asked about Airport Road and Ms. Hughes said they have completed it.
- Mr. Slaughter asked about the intersection of Kings Mountain and Beaver Hills. Ms. Hughes said they are going to take care of that. Mr. Slaughter asked if turning lanes had ever been considered on Kings Mountain in front of the Administration Building and at Jack Dalton Road. Ms. Hughes said she would look into the matter.

### **Request for “Watch for Children” Sign on Philpott Drive**

Mr. Slaughter requested a “Watch for Children” sign on Philpott Drive near 3350 Philpott Drive in the Reed Creek District, seconded by Mr. Bryant and approved 6 to 0.

### **PUBLIC HEARING – COUNTY CODE CHANGES REGARDING EMS SERVICE IN HENRY COUNTY**

Mr. Summerlin stated that in January 2010, the Board assigned oversight responsibility of EMS services in Henry County to the Public Safety Department. Since that time, staff has developed a plan for EMS that the Board approved last month, including supplemental staffing. The proposed change to County Code establishes the Public Safety Department with oversight responsibility of EMS services. Additionally, since the supplemental staffing involves billing for services, Virginia Code requires the locality to establish the authority to do such billing. A public hearing is required for any County Code changes.

Ms. Buchanan opened the public hearing at 6:18 p.m. and asked if there was anyone present who wished to speak.

John Mitchell, Irisburg District, was present to speak in favor of recent action by the Board regarding EMS. Mr. Mitchell said he feels this is a step in the right direction and will be especially beneficial to District 5 which has had no support since the closing of the Martinsville-Henry County Rescue Squad. Mr. Mitchell said he does have one concern regarding the EMS Advisory Committee. Mr. Mitchell said his concern is for the dedicated individuals who serve on the EMS squads, that they will eventually find themselves in a conflict between squad survival and patient care. Therefore, Mr. Mitchell said he feels some citizens should be involved in the committee. Mr. Mitchell thanked the Board, Public Safety, and citizens for their efforts on this important issue.

There being no one else who wished to speak, Ms. Buchanan closed the public hearing at 6:20 p.m. Mr. Vaughn moved to adopt the code changes as presented, seconded by Mr. Kendall and carried 6 to 0.

There being no further business to discuss, Mr. Adams moved at 6:21 pm to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Kendall and unanimously carried.

**HENRY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
MINUTES**

**October 26, 2010 – 3:00 pm**

The Henry County Board of Supervisors held its regular meeting on October 26, 2010, 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, Milton Kendall, Tommy Slaughter, and Joe Bryant.

Staff members present were Benny Summerlin, County Administrator; Tim Hall, Deputy County Administrator; George Lyle, County Attorney; Michelle Via, Administrative Assistant; Susan Reynolds, Director of Human Resources; Darrell Jones, Director of Finance; and Richard Stanfield, Deputy Director of Finance.

Sheriff Lane Perry, Major Steve Eanes, and Sgt. Ronnie Minter from the Sheriff's office were present. Debbie Hall and Paul Collins of the Martinsville Bulletin were present.

**INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

Mr. Slaughter gave the invocation and Mr. Vaughn 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).

- September 27, 2010 – Joint BOS/IDA
- September 28, 2010 – Regular Meeting

**Approval of Accounts Payable**

(Copy included in Board's File).

Mr. Adams moved that the Items of Consent be adopted as presented, seconded by Mr. Vaughn. The motion carried 6 to 0.

### **INTRODUCTION OF JENNIFER GREGORY**

Mr. Hall introduced Ms. Jennifer Gregory as the new Administrative Assistant in County Administration. Mr. Hall stated that Ms. Gregory joined the County after 18 years with Stanley Bowles Corporation and is a long-time area resident and very active in the community. The Board welcomed Ms. Gregory.

### **INTRODUCTION OF DRUSILLA CARTER**

Ms. Paula Burnette, a member on the Blue Ridge Regional Library Board, was present to introduce Ms. J. Drusilla Carter as the new Director. Ms. Carter previously served as Director of the five-branch Chesterfield County Library and was recently recognized by the American Library Association as an "Emerging Leader in 2009". In addition, Ms. Carter received the South Carolina Library Association Presidential Citation and the Library Journal 2009 Movers and Shakers Award. Ms. Carter envisions the library as a community hub integrating programs that reflect the needs of the area.

Ms. Carter said she looks forward to working with the Board.

### **CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION REGARDING RECOMMENDATIONS BY GOVERNOR MCDONNELL'S COMMISSION ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND JOB CREATION**

Mr. Summerlin stated that earlier this year Governor Bob McDonnell appointed his Commission on Economic Development and Job Creation. Recently that Commission released its report, and it includes two specific items that would greatly harm local governments. The Small Business Work Group of the Commission recommends converting the Business, Professional and Occupational License (BPOL) tax from gross receipts to net receipts. The work group recommends having the Virginia Department of Taxation to assess the fiscal impact of this item before implementation. The Manufacturing Work Group of the Commission recommends repealing the Machinery and Tools tax. If that doesn't occur, the group offered a secondary set of recommendations: Exempt new equipment from the tax for the first three service years; and after 10 years, establish a uniform statewide equipment assessment of one percent on the original cost. The recommendation does not include a request for a fiscal impact. These changes would have a significant negative impact on Henry County's revenue. Henry County has budgeted \$5,369,548 in the FY 2011 Budget for these two revenue streams. Mr. Summerlin said in comparison, a loss of this magnitude would require a 28% increase in property taxes. Mr. Summerlin stated if approved, you would be looking at 1) significant tax increases, 2) a drastic cut in government services, or 3) a combination of both. Staff has prepared a resolution asking the Governor and the General Assembly to leave these two items as they currently are, or to guarantee revenue streams to replace what we would lose.

Mr. Vaughn moved to adopt the resolution as presented, seconded by Mr. Slaughter and unanimously carried.

## **CONSIDERATION OF EMPLOYEE PURCHASE PLAN FOR I-PADS AND LAPTOP COMPUTERS**

Mr. Summerlin stated that in the past the Board of Supervisors has approved plans for employees to purchase computers through a payroll deduction plan. There is an opportunity now to partner with the Henry County Public Schools for employees to purchase i-Pads or laptop computers through the school system's contracts with Apple and Hewlett Packard. Employees who participate would have a monthly payment deducted from their paychecks for six months beginning in January 2011. The size of that monthly payment would be based on the cost of the item purchased, with no interest charged on the transaction. Each employee who participates would sign a contract for the transaction and would be obligated to pay the amount even if they leave employment during the six-month period. Mr. Summerlin said the School Board and PSA Board of Directors have already approved the plan.

Mr. Bryant made a motion to approve the employee purchase plan, seconded by Mr. Kendall and carried 6 to 0.

## **CONSIDERATION OF UPDATES TO MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT WITH FRANKLIN COUNTY**

Mr. Summerlin said Henry County has long had a mutual aid agreement with Franklin County, but the agreement hasn't been updated in several years. Public Safety Director Dale Wagoner has worked with Franklin County officials to update the current agreement.

Mr. Kendall moved to accept the agreement as presented, seconded by Mr. Adams and unanimously approved.

## **INTRODUCTION OF NEW HENRY COUNTY EMS EMPLOYEES**

Mr. Dale Wagoner said Public Safety staff has worked diligently over the past few months to implement the EMS changes involving career staffing and commended Mr. Matt Tatum and Ms. Suzie Helbert for their efforts. Mr. Wagoner said the plan is for career staff to be ready to run calls beginning Monday morning. Mr. Wagoner requested that Mr. Tatum introduce the full-time employees. Mr. Tatum said he was very pleased to report that all five full-time employees and nine part-time employees are local Henry County volunteers. Mr. Tatum introduced the full-time employees: 1) Mr. Jimmy Foley – Intermediate, volunteer with Patrick Henry Fire Department for 10 years; 2) Ms. Susan Smith – Paramedic, volunteer with Ridgeway Rescue Squad for almost 15 years; 3) Mr. Hamp Ingram – Paramedic/Firefighter, volunteer with Fieldale-Collinsville Rescue Squad for 25+ years; 4) Mr. Jason Burton – Paramedic/Firefighter, volunteer with Fieldale-Collinsville Rescue Squad for six years; and not present 5) Travis Burnette – Paramedic/Firefighter, volunteer with Ridgeway Rescue Squad.

Mr. Slaughter thanked the Public Safety staff for their hard work and asked if there will be any conflict for the career staff employees to continue to volunteer. Mr. Wagoner said each employee will still have the opportunity to volunteer if they choose to do so. Mr. Summerlin requested that Mr. Wagoner continue the weekly email summary on the EMS progress. Mr. Bryant asked if there will be a back-up provider. Mr. Wagoner stated the contract with Stone Ambulance to provide back-up service will remain in effect until December 31. In addition, the City of Martinsville has indicated

they would provide back-up service as available and Franklin County responded to a call in the Oak Level area just yesterday. Mr. Wagoner said that between the three, he does not feel there will be a problem with back-up. The monetary value associated with running the calls should appeal to private entities to provide these services. If not, Mr. Wagoner stated other private entities have expressed an interest in providing these services.

Ms. Buchanan asked if the Good Samaritan Law still applies to squads that receive a stipend. Mr. Wagoner said in Virginia, the Good Samaritan Law has never been tested in a court of law, but our general legal counsel has determined they are covered under the Good Samaritan Law and the other principles of charitable immunity would provide some protection as well. Mr. Wagoner said as far as County staff, they have the benefit of sovereign immunity as well.

Mr. Vaughn thanked the new employees for all of their selfless years of volunteer work and stated he was glad that the County could now offer them the opportunity to do this as a profession. Mr. Kendall also thanked staff for all of their work.

#### **REPORT ON DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTION EFFORTS**

Mr. Scott Grindstaff reviewed the monthly reports on delinquent tax collection efforts. Mr. Grindstaff reported that to date, 752 personal property collection letters have been mailed out and staff has been inundated with calls. Mr. Grindstaff also reported that approximately 100 parcels were advertised in the Martinsville Bulletin for judicial sale and taxpayers have until December 1 to come in and pay the delinquent taxes; otherwise, the properties will be scheduled for sale.

#### **CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION REGARDING APPLICATION FOR MEGASITE GRANT**

Mr. Summerlin said the State recently announced a megasite grant program for the development of qualifying sites and the EDC is working on a grant application for the Commonwealth Crossing Business Centre. Mr. Summerlin stated that one of the requirements of the grant application is a resolution of the governing body authorizing submission of the application. Mr. Summerlin said he believes the application is for \$5 million. Any funds received from the grant will be used for grading at CCBC.

Mr. Vaughn moved to approve the resolution as presented, seconded by Mr. Slaughter and unanimously carried.

#### **ACCEPTANCE AND ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION OF COPS HIRING GRANT – SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

Mr. Summerlin said Sheriff Lane Perry is asking the Board to accept and appropriate a grant in the amount of \$422,919 from the Department of Justice's COPS Hiring Grant program. The Henry County Sheriff's Office is one of just six departments in the Commonwealth to be offered this grant, and the size of the grant is the largest in the Commonwealth. According to Sheriff Perry, the money would be used over a three-year period to fund three new positions in the department. These positions would include the reinstatement of a COPS officer to serve as the primary liaison between community groups and crime prevention activities. The other positions would include a

crime analysis officer and a gang/drug intelligence officer. By accepting the three-year grant, Henry County would agree to retain the three positions for a minimum of one year after the grant ends and not reduce sworn positions in the Sheriff's Office below the level when the grant was awarded.

Mr. Adams asked about possible future budget reductions from the state and if the County would be obligated. Mr. Summerlin said that is a real possibility with the current state budget. Mr. Summerlin said it may require leaving open positions vacant for 60 days before filling or possibly cuts in non-personnel related areas. Mr. Summerlin said while state funding is a concern, the benefit of three officers fully funded for three years outweighs the risk.

Mr. Slaughter moved to accept the COPS grant and approve the additional appropriation, seconded by Mr. Bryant and carried 6 to 0. Sheriff Perry thanked the Board for their support.

### **ACCEPTANCE AND ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION OF EDWARD BYRNE JAG GRANT – SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

Mr. Summerlin said Sheriff Lane Perry is asking the Board to accept and appropriate a grant in the amount of \$27,987 from the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Association Grant (JAG). According to Sheriff Perry, the grant would be used to support the Neighborhood Watch programs and the Citizen/Teen Academy and to pay overtime for high-impact law enforcement activities in certain areas of the County.

Mr. Bryant made a motion to accept the grant and approve the additional appropriation, seconded by Mr. Slaughter and unanimously carried.

### **AWARD OF CONTRACT – SOUTH STREET HOUSING REHABILITATION PROJECT**

Mr. Summerlin said the South Street Housing Rehab Board reviewed and approved the following contract award for the first house in the project area:

- Lawson Brothers Contractors, \$38,875 – rehabilitation of Dorothy Dillon's home at 62 South Street, Bassett.

Mr. Summerlin stated the project is being paid for with grant funds. Mr. Kendall moved to award the contract to Lawson Brothers as outlined, seconded by Mr. Slaughter and approved 6 to 0.

### **AWARD OF CONTRACT RE: REPLACEMENT VEHICLES – SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

Mr. Summerlin said this item was on the September agenda and removed to allow staff time to meet with Rural Development to see if grant funding may be available in the future to assist with the purchase of additional vehicles beyond those included in the budget. Mr. Summerlin said staff made the application earlier in the year and did not want to jeopardize the award of grant funds. Mr. Summerlin said staff has met with Rural Development and while it may be some time before we know if grant funds will be available, we reviewed our procurement process and Rural Development assured us we could make the award based on what is included in the County budget and if the grant funds become available, additional purchases can be

made. Money was included in the FY 2011 County Budget to purchase eight replacement vehicles for the Sheriff's Office. Bids were solicited and two vendors responded. The successful low bid of \$23,929 for each vehicle, a total of \$191,432, was received from Crossroads Motors, Inc. of Prince George.

Mr. Kendall made a motion to award the contract to Crossroads Motors, seconded by Mr. Slaughter and unanimously carried.

## **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

### **Comments from the Board**

Ms. Buchanan reminded the Board of the upcoming Veterans Award ceremony on November 14 at Bassett High School at 3:00 p.m. and invited everyone to attend.

Mr. Summerlin stated that last month, the Board authorized him to request an equipment review for fire/EMS apparatus from the Virginia Department of Fire Programs. Mr. Summerlin said the request was made; however, they will only do the review as part of a comprehensive analysis of fire and rescue systems in a locality. Mr. Summerlin said we do not currently have the time and resources available to devote to this, so we will need to look at alternative methods to conduct the analysis. Mr. Summerlin said County staff continues to work with the schools on the Qualified School Construction Bond application with the primary project still being replacement of the A/C unit at Magna Vista High School. Mr. Summerlin said school staff is continuing with the research and analysis to prepare the application that will eventually come before the Board for approval. Mr. Summerlin said the applications were just distributed in the past week, so we are still in the very early stages.

## **MONTHLY UPDATE FROM THE MARTINSVILLE-HENRY COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION**

Mark Heath, President and CEO of the Martinsville-Henry County Economic Development Corporation, was present to make the monthly update to the Board. Mr. Heath distributed a summary of activities by division. (Copy included in Board's File).

### **TOURISM**

- Attended ribbon cutting for Great Road Canoe Access on Smith River
- Facilitated Fall "Find your Pace Tour"
- Nine participants visited 16 businesses
- Gave a presentation and Visitor Center tour to approximately 30 members of the Martinsville-Henry County Realtor's Association
- Attended practice for the Virginia is for Racing Lovers 300 to take photos of six drivers applying the MHC decals to their race cars
- Shot and produced in-house promotional videos for Preston Ridge Winery and the Bassett Community Market. Films may be seen at [www.visitmartinsville.com](http://www.visitmartinsville.com)
- Shot video footage for FAHI
- Co-hosted Martinsville Cruise-In with MURA and MPR

- Gave presentation on Virginia Green to 38 area businesses for Small, Minority, and Entrepreneurial Division focus group
- Hosted Tourism Appreciation Night at TGIF with more than 560 in attendance
- Conducted 15 client meetings
- Student intern, Courtney Cockram, assisted in collection of photos and data entry for Reel-Scout database
- Worked with HD Web Studio on continued development of a Film Office page on the visit website
- Staffed booth at Kings Grant Fall Festival
- Web traffic was down by 2% for the month of September
  - Top five states were Virginia, North Carolina, New York, Pennsylvania, and Ohio
- 42 new fans joined the Tourism Division Facebook page bringing our total to 1,277
- 536 visitors came to the center in September and 241 visitors signed the guestbook
  - 35 Virginia Communities
  - 22 American States
  - 5 Foreign Countries
- 177 information packets were prepared for individuals requesting information
- 1,754 brochures were distributed

## **RESEARCH**

- Prepared a report entitled “The Case for the EDC” which outlines data and statistics which gives an overview of the structure and history of the EDC
- Created new brochures for the Shell Building and Lot 4 in the Patriot Centre Industrial Park
- Assisted with data for the Southern Virginia regional presentation
- Created a marketing sign for the Commonwealth Crossing Business Centre
- Prepared presentations and packet of information for Project Firebird, Project Rocky, Project Trusgen, Project Yellow, and Project Maple
- Updated a report entitled, “The Case for Commonwealth Crossing”
- Assisted with a \$2.5M grant request for grading at the Commonwealth Crossing Business Centre
- Handled seven third party requests for information
- Updated the M-HC Community Profile to reflect new 2010 demographic data

## **SMALL, MINORITY & ENTREPRENEURIAL BUSINESS**

- Provided one-on-one assistance to 16 total clients
- Provided business assistance to eight new clients
- Participated in four mentor meetings
- Site visits with two existing businesses

- Annual State Procurement Conference will be held October 20 from 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Virginia Museum of Natural History
  - 53 currently registered
- Health Care Reform Workshop for Small Businesses will be held November 10 from 12:00 noon to 1:30 p.m. at the Virginia Museum of Natural History
- E-Commerce Workshop will be held November 18 from 12:00-1:00 p.m. at the Virginia Museum of Natural History
- Enterprise Zone Workshop will be held December 7 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the New college Institute
- Promoted program through Comcast cable, billboards, press releases, social media and print ads

### **MARKETING/RECRUITING**

- Co-hosted two site visits (Project Firebird and Trusgen)
- Organized Project Stone announcement on September 14 and Project Sleep announcement on September 27
- Attended CoreNet Global Fall Conference and assisted with working the VEDP booth (Phoenix, Arizona)
- Attended the Data Center World Conference and assisted with working the GigaPark booth with Mid Atlantic Broadband (Las Vegas, Nevada)
- Met with SOVA team on Primland event
- Working on regional Tobacco Application for SOVA marketing initiative
- Purchased a mailing list of more than 4,000 site selection consultants and developers for our newsletters and direct mail campaigns
- Conducted four existing industry visits
- Working on consultant trips and lead generation projects for remainder of 2010
- Working on new direct mail piece and new print ads
- Currently working with 24 Total Projects, comprised of 15 Inquiry Projects and 9 Active Projects
  - An Inquiry Project is defined as a prospect that has not yet visited M-HC but has expressed interest in our area
  - An Active Project is defined as a prospect that has actually visited the M-HC area

Mr. Bryant asked what efforts are being made in the retail sector. Mr. Heath said the EDC does not really work in the retail area; it is referred to local commercial brokers. Mr. Heath said the Small Business Division does work with existing retail businesses. Mr. Heath said the population base must be at least 100,000 before most large retailers will consider an area. Ms. Buchanan asked if surrounding demographics are included in with Martinsville-Henry County when doing the analysis. Mr. Heath replied yes, you are looking at Eden, Danville, and Patrick County. Mr. Heath said commercial brokers are just better suited to handle retail inquiries.

Mr. Vaughn commented on the welcome billboards at Colonial Downs on race weekend. Mr. Heath said the billboards are part of a series to promote tourism. Mr.

Heath said they really try to market the speedway and specifically market to the race fans. Ms. Doss and Ms. Rupert actually go to the campgrounds and pass out flyers about attractions/events in the area.

Mr. Heath said Ms. Doss had just informed him that Martinsville-Henry County was selected as one of the communities that the military is going to recommend for mandatory R & R for service men/women returning from long deployments.

**CLOSED MEETING:**

Mr. Adams moved that the Board go into a closed meeting at 3:59 pm, seconded by Mr. Slaughter and unanimously carried to discuss the following.

- 1) §2.2-3711(A)1 for Discussion of Appointees to the Anchor Commission and Ninth District Development Financing, Inc.
- 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.
- 5) §2.2-3711(A)1 for Discussion of Personnel Matters.

**OPEN MEETING:**

The Board returned to an open meeting at 5:09 pm on a motion by Mr. Adams, 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. Bryant, Mr. Kendall, Mr. Vaughn, Mr. Adams, and Ms. Buchanan.

The Board recessed its meeting at 5:10 pm until the 6:00 evening session.

Ms. Buchanan called the meeting back to order at 6:00 pm and welcomed everyone present.

## **MATTERS PRESENTED BY THE PUBLIC**

There was no one present who wished to address the Board.

### **PUBLIC HEARING – REZONING APPLICATIONS**

#### **R-10-05 – Buford D. Pace**

Mr. Lee Clark said the property is located at 2601 Old Sand Road in the Ridgeway District and shown on Tax Map 62.8(30)/10,11. The applicant is requesting the rezoning of approximately 1.2-acres from Government and Special Use District G-S to Mixed Residential District M-R. The site was the previous location of a Public Service Authority water storage tank and booster pump station. The rezoning of this property to Mixed Residential will be more in-keeping with the surrounding development in the area. Following a public hearing, both the Planning Commission and staff recommend approval of this request.

Ms. Buchanan opened the public hearing at 6:01 p.m. There being no one present who wished to speak, the public hearing was closed at 6:01 p.m. Mr. Vaughn moved that the Board follow the recommendation of the Planning Commission and staff and approve the rezoning request, seconded by Mr. Adams and carried 6 to 0.

#### **R-10-06 – Shelia Martin Cooke**

Mr. Clark stated the property is located on the south side of A.L. Philpott Highway approximately 0.3-mile west of Horsepasture Price Road in the Horsepasture District and shown on Tax Map 49.9(22)/10A. The applicant is requesting the rezoning of approximately 0.64-acre from Suburban Residential District to Mixed Residential District M-R. The applicant wishes to place a double wide manufactured home on the property. Following a public hearing, both the Planning Commission and staff recommend approval of this request.

Ms. Buchanan opened the public hearing at 6:02 p.m. There being no one present who wished to speak, the public hearing was closed at 6:02 p.m. Mr. Adams moved that the Board follow the recommendation of the Planning Commission and staff and approve the rezoning request, seconded by Mr. Bryant and carried 6 to 0.

### **DISCUSSION OF POLICIES REGARDING THE ANNUAL COUNTY AUCTION**

Mr. Vaughn requested that this item be placed on the agenda after a request from a citizen in his district at last month's meeting. Henry County annually hosts an auction for the community to purchase items no longer needed by County agencies and departments. The auction is a "cash only" auction and personal checks are not accepted.

Mr. Summerlin said the policy of not accepting personal checks has been in place for about 10 years. Mr. Summerlin said the issue at the surplus auction is that all of the items are personal property and portable. It is very difficult to track someone down if they write a bad check as opposed to real estate where you can place a lien on

the property. Therefore, it has been the policy to not accept personal checks. Mr. Summerlin said the most expensive items at the auction are vehicles, in which case a \$50 deposit is required with the balance to be paid within five days; so the individual would not have to carry a large amount of money. In addition, most of the auctions are held at the old DuPont complex which is centrally located near several banks, credit unions and ATMs. Mr. Summerlin said staff is onsite for some time after the auction ends should an individual need to go get additional money. Mr. Summerlin said it has also been suggested that the County accept checks from County taxpayers which is not so simple. First, the list of parcels is extremely long and the property may be listed in an LLC or a business name, so you really do not know who the owner is. Mr. Summerlin said if the Board wishes to change the policy, he would not suggest that it be from County taxpayers only because it would be very difficult to regulate. Mr. Summerlin said he would also not recommend accepting out of state checks. Mr. Summerlin said the safest position of course is to not accept checks; however, certified checks are accepted.

Mr. Vaughn requested that a copy of this excerpt be sent to Mr. John Staples.

### **GENERAL HIGHWAY MATTERS**

Ms. Lisa Hughes, Residency Administrator for the Virginia Department of Transportation, was present to update the Board on General Highway Matters.

- Completed new access road for Martinsville Speedway; race traffic cleared 45 minutes earlier than before
- Expect to receive authorization to begin design work on the crosswalk at the Bassett Historical Center
- Preston Road Project – starting phase 1 survey work November 8; public hearing scheduled for spring next year
- Carver Road Safety Project – looks like design will begin next spring
- Rangeley Safety Project – submitted for further review; takes about 30-45 days to receive data
- Mr. Slaughter asked about the turn lanes on Kings Mountain Road. Ms. Hughes said it is a potential project but would require more money than they currently have in the maintenance budget.
- Mr. Vaughn asked when the center line on Morgan Ford Road would be done. Ms. Hughes said she would look into it.
- Mr. Vaughn asked if repairs had been scheduled on the culvert collapse on Cox Road. Ms. Hughes said she was sure it had been scheduled but would have to get back with him as to when.
- Mr. Vaughn asked if there was any back-up on Route 220 S on race day. Ms. Hughes said yes, but only to Drewry Mason.
- Mr. Vaughn asked about the white pines growing up in the state right-of-way that they had discussed. Ms. Hughes said she has looked into it but it does not appear to be causing trouble to traffic on Hanover Place. Ms. Hughes said it would probably be best to call Appalachian Power.

- Ms. Buchanan asked about width requirements for a center line. Ms. Hughes said the road must be a minimum of 18' and 500 vehicles per day. Mr. Vaughn asked if Morgan Ford met those requirements. Ms. Hughes said it did not meet the vehicle requirement and it was narrower in some areas.
- Mr. Summerlin asked Ms. Hughes if she received his email and she said she had and was taking care of it.
- Ms. Buchanan asked how wide the Horsepasture-Price Road is. Ms. Hughes said it was 18-20' but already has a center line. Ms. Buchanan said she would discuss it later.
- Mr. Vaughn asked if there were many flooding issues with the past rain. Ms. Hughes said there were some culverts but no road closures.
- Mr. Slaughter asked if they were painting any new lines. Ms. Hughes said they will have to wait until they are done but may be able to do the main road into the industrial park. Ms. Hughes said they have not looked at any side roads.

There being no further business to discuss, Mr. Adams moved at 6:16 pm to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Slaughter and unanimously carried.

**HENRY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
MINUTES**

**November 23, 2010 – 3:00 pm**

The Henry County Board of Supervisors held its regular meeting on November 23, 2010, 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, Milton Kendall, Tommy Slaughter, and Joe Bryant.

Staff members present were Benny Summerlin, County Administrator; Tim Hall, Deputy County Administrator; George Lyle, County Attorney; Michelle Via, Administrative Assistant; Susan Reynolds, Director of Human Resources; Darrell Jones, Director of Finance; and Richard Stanfield, Deputy Director of Finance.

Major Steve Eanes and Sgt. Ronnie Minter from the Sheriff's office were present. Debbie Hall and Paul Collins of the Martinsville Bulletin and Ron Morris of B-99 were also present.

**INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

Mr. Adams gave the invocation and Mr. Kendall 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.

**INTRODUCTION OF JUSTIN STONE**

Sgt. Ronnie Minter introduced Mr. Justin Stone. Sgt. Minter said Mr. Stone has been with the Sheriff's Department for about 2½ years and recently transferred from Corrections to Patrol. Sgt. Minter said Mr. Stone completed his training through the Piedmont Regional Criminal Justice Training Academy, but part of his field training includes learning about local government leaders/functions.

**ITEMS OF CONSENT:**

**Confirmation of Minutes of Meetings**  
(Copy included in Board's File).

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### **Approval of Accounts Payable**

(Copy included in Board's File).

Mr. Vaughn noted one typographical error on page three, agenda item header, "Consideration of Updates to Mutual Aid Agreement with Franklin County." Mr. Adams moved that the Items of Consent be adopted with noted correction, seconded by Mr. Vaughn. The motion carried 6 to 0.

### **REPORT ON DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTION EFFORTS**

Mr. Scott Grindstaff reviewed the monthly reports on delinquent tax collection efforts. Mr. Grindstaff noted the in-house collection agreements are down from 280 to 264 due to several default agreements being turned over to TACS. Mr. Grindstaff also noted the upcoming December 5 deadline for 2010 taxes; since December 5 falls on Sunday, taxpayers will have until December 6. In addition, December 1 is the date that TACS filed for hearings with circuit court on delinquent property sales. Mr. Grindstaff said several of the listed property owners have contacted TACS and made arrangements for payment.

Ms. Buchanan asked about meals tax collections. Mr. Grindstaff said all of the accounts that were referred to the Commonwealth's Attorney's office have made payment arrangements. Mr. Summerlin inquired about the case discussed last week. Mr. Grindstaff said that individual came in and paid in cash.

### **CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION REGARDING VIRGINIA AVENUE TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENT PROJECT**

Mr. Summerlin said the County has received several grants, totaling \$371,000, from the Transportation Enhancement (TE) Program through the Virginia Department of Transportation. These funds will be utilized to improve the Virginia Avenue corridor stretching from just southeast of Mill Creek Road to Commonwealth Boulevard in a multi-phase project. The focus of this project will be to enhance this transportation route by improving pedestrian and vehicle safety as well as by providing streetscape improvements. Included will be a "gateway" sign, new sidewalks, installation of crosswalks and crosswalk lighting, customized street signage as well as landscaping. The estimated total project cost is \$2,777,375 including a 20% match of \$555,475. The match will consist of in-kind funding from the County as well as an already allocated cash contribution of \$46,175 for architectural and engineering fees. The balance of the matching funds will come from other grant sources. Application for additional TE grant funds is due December 1, 2010. An updated resolution is required for all project applications.

Mr. Bryant moved to adopt the resolution as presented, seconded by Mr. Kendall and unanimously approved.

## **CONSIDERATION OF REQUESTS TO NAME THE FIELDALE BRIDGE**

Mr. Summerlin said County staff and the Board of Supervisors have received numerous requests, petitions, and comments concerning the new Fieldale Bridge. It is staff's understanding the Commonwealth Transportation Board or the Virginia General Assembly can name state bridges and any motion adopted by the Board of Supervisors would only be a recommendation.

Mr. Bryant said he had been contacted by Mr. Benjamin Shires requesting that the bridge be named after Mr. Alfred Stegall. Mr. Bryant said at the time of that conversation he had not been approached by anyone else concerning the naming of the bridge and he asked Mr. Shires to make a formal written request and he would present that request to the Board at the next meeting. Since then, Mr. Bryant explained that the Board has received numerous other requests for naming the bridge and he personally does not feel it should be named after one individual; however, Mr. Bryant said he feels obligated to make a motion on Mr. Shires' behalf to name the bridge after Mr. Alfred Stegall. Mr. Bryant said he suggested to Mr. Shires possibly naming the bridge after several individuals and having a memorial plaque placed near the bridge vs. actually naming the bridge itself which must go through the General Assembly.

Mr. Slaughter commented that he has deep roots in the Fieldale community, still attends church there, and while Fieldale is not in his district, he has been contacted by several people that feel it would not be right to single out one individual. Mr. Kendall and Mr. Adams echoed Mr. Slaughter's remarks saying it would create division in the community. Mr. Vaughn said he attended Fieldale High School and while he distinctly remembers Mr. Stegall as a mentor, there are probably a dozen other outstanding people who helped to make the Fieldale community what it is. Mr. Vaughn said he does not feel that Mr. Stegall or the citizens of Fieldale would want to create animosity in the community. Mr. Slaughter said naming the bridge after one person may also set a precedent for similar situations in the future. Ms. Buchanan stated that she represents the Fieldale community and has received a number of calls and letters concerning the bridge. Ms. Buchanan said she has not heard anything negative about Mr. Stegall but does not feel the bridge should be named after just one person.

Mr. Bryant made a motion to name the Fieldale Bridge after J. Alfred Stegall. The motion died for lack of a second.

## **CONSIDERATION OF 2011 LEGISLATIVE PACKAGE**

Mr. Summerlin said the first draft included in the Board's working papers is very similar to last year's with suggested changes underlined and italicized. Mr. Summerlin referred Board members to a revised handout which includes a recommendation on page two concerning sweepstakes businesses. In addition, the last item on the 216 study should be removed because there is no federal funding for this project. Mr. Summerlin said it has also been suggested that we try to have Henry County added to the Crooked Road venue which is a state music trail.

Mr. Adams moved to adopt the 2011 Legislative Package as presented with additional language to be added for inclusion in the Crooked Road initiative and forward to local legislators, seconded by Mr. Slaughter and carried 6 to 0.

## **MONTHLY UPDATE FROM THE MARTINSVILLE-HENRY COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION**

Mr. Summerlin stated that Mr. Heath is in Richmond meeting with grant administrators concerning our application for additional funding for grading at Commonwealth Crossing. Ms. Lisa Wilson, Director of Small/Minority Business Development for the Martinsville-Henry County Economic Development Corporation, was present to make the monthly update to the Board.

### **RESEARCH**

- Received \$1.5M grant from the Tobacco Commission for CCBC
- 2010 Wage & Benefit Survey should be complete by December 1
- Completed several third party research requests for NCI, Spencer Penn Community Kitchen, and Carlisle School

### **TOURISM**

- Hosted lodging meeting at Martinsville Speedway
  - Guide service tour bus with 47 people from Winston-Salem Baptist Church
- Joint marketing efforts with Smith River Sports Complex
  - Attended Teams 10 in Charlotte, NC
- 609 visitors came into the Visitors Center in October
- Had to order an additional 30,000 Martinsville-Henry County brochures
- Passed out tourism bags at campgrounds on race weekend

### **MARKETING/RECRUITING**

- Attended Regional Primland Speedway Event
- Hosted six prospect visits
- Seven existing industry visits
- Currently working with 23 total projects

### **SMALL, MINORITY & ENTREPRENEURIAL BUSINESS**

- FasTrac 10-week program – 30 graduates
- One-on-one assistance with seven clients (two new)
- GSA assistance with one company
- Research assistance for three companies
- Site visits with two existing businesses, Daily Grind and Max Kendall Lumber
- Assisting with marketing Spencer Penn Community Kitchen
- Annual State Procurement Conference – 54 participants with 22 agency participants
- Health Care Reform Workshop
- E-Commerce Workshop – 13 participants
- Enterprise Zone Workshop will be held December 7 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the New college Institute

**ACCEPTANCE OF AND ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION RE: 21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY COMMUNITY LEARNING CENTERS GRANT – SCHOOL BOARD**

Mr. Summerlin said Dr. Jackson is asking for Board approval of a 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Centers Grant. According to Dr. Jackson the Grant would allow the School Board continue a partnership with the Boys and Girls Club of the Blue Ridge that's resulted in an after-school program at Laurel Park Middle School. The grant is for \$200,000 for an additional year of the program.

Mr. Vaughn moved to accept and appropriate the grant as requested, seconded by Mr. Slaughter and unanimously carried.

**SCHEDULE PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED BUDGET AMENDMENT CONCERNING APPROPRIATION OF FEDERAL EDUCATION JOBS FUNDING**

Mr. Summerlin said the School Division has been awarded \$1.9 million from the Federal Education Jobs Fund legislation. The purpose of the funding is to save and/or restore teaching positions lost due to funding reduction experienced by school divisions during the 2010-2011 budget cycle. The funds may be used for compensation and benefits only. The proposed uses of the funds are to rehire staff on the recall list, bonus for professional staff, and carry forward a portion of the funding to 2011 to continue supporting positions currently paid using stimulus funding.

There is some discussion that Virginia may reduce the FY 2012 school funding to offset the additional funding received under the Federal Education Jobs Fund. The school division is requesting an appropriation of the jobs funding with the understanding that they will not spend the funds until they get clarification from the State concerning FY 2012 state funding. Since \$1.9 million is greater than 1% of the Total County Budget, a public hearing is required before the Board can take action on the request.

Mr. Kendall made a motion to schedule a public hearing for Tuesday, December 14 at 6:00 p.m., seconded by Mr. Bryant and approved 6 to 0.

Mr. Summerlin also updated the Board on another school matter. Mr. Summerlin said there was a tight deadline for submission of an application for Qualified School Construction Bond funding for critical projects such as HVAC for Magna Vista and several roofing projects. Mr. Summerlin said we applied for \$5.9 million and it is unlikely we will receive the full amount, but we wanted to make sure the Board has no objections to the School's application proceeding forward to the Department of Education.

**ACCEPTANCE OF AND ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION RE: STATE CRIMINAL ALIEN ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (SCAAP) GRANT – SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

Mr. Summerlin said Sheriff Lane Perry is asking the Board to accept and approve a State Criminal Alien Assistance Program (SCAAP) grant in the amount of \$12,474. According to Sheriff Perry, the grant would be used for a video jail visitation system. Mr. Summerlin said the grant is not enough to fully fund the program but will be a good first step. Mr. Summerlin said one of the issues with overcrowding in the jail

is the difficulty in moving the inmates for visitation, so this will help facilitate that problem as well as help ensure security.

Ms. Buchanan asked if there are other grants available to assist with the project. Major Eanes said they have some funds remaining from last year's SCAAP grant and are looking into other grants as well. Major Eanes stated they are currently obtaining estimates on the total system and it is ranging from \$65,000 to \$120,000 depending on the different components. In addition, Major Eanes said the Jail implemented a \$1.50 per day fee effective October 1 for all inmates with the exception of trustees for their care. They are waiting to see how these additional funds will work out but will continue to look into other revenue sources.

Mr. Bryant moved to accept and appropriate the SCAAP grant in the amount of \$12,474, seconded by Mr. Kendall and unanimously carried.

### **CONTRACT AWARD – RIVERSIDE DRIVE HOUSING REHABILITATION PROJECT**

Mr. Summerlin said the Riverside Drive Housing Rehabilitation Board reviewed and approved an award of contract in the amount of \$24,100 for housing rehab for 3191 Riverside Drive, Bassett, to Lawson Brothers Construction. Mr. Summerlin said the property is owned by Charles Anthony, an investor, and the project will be paid for with grant funds.

Mr. Bryant asked if Mr. Anthony was a contractor or investor. Mr. Summerlin said Mr. Anthony was an investor and investor-owned properties qualify for rehab but must be rented to individuals with low to moderate income and the rent cannot be outside of the guidelines for low to moderate income. Mr. Summerlin said you may qualify if either you occupy the home or are an investor and own the home and rent it out. Mr. Summerlin said there are some payback provisions but he was not sure what those provisions are on this particular project. Mr. Bryant said he was asked why Mr. Anthony did not pay for the rehab himself since he was a contractor. Mr. Summerlin said if Mr. Anthony is a contractor, he cannot do the work; the projects must be bid on competitively. Mr. Summerlin said the program is designed to benefit low to moderate income individuals and there are very strict federal guidelines.

Mr. Adams said he understands that Mr. Anthony purchased the property that would have otherwise fallen into disrepair and agreed to take on the project to better the community. For clarification, Mr. Adams also disclosed that he is a member of the Riverside Drive Housing Rehabilitation Board and made a motion to approve the award of contract to Lawson Brothers Construction in the amount of \$24,100, seconded by Mr. Vaughn and carried 6 to 0.

### **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

#### **Comments from the Board**

Mr. Slaughter said he had the opportunity to go on a bus trip offered through the Parks and Recreation Senior Services Department last week, and he commended Ms. Melissa Puckett for an excellent job and well-planned

event. Mr. Slaughter said he also attended the annual VACo Conference and dedication of the Fieldale Bridge.

Mr. Bryant said he hopes the naming of the Fieldale Bridge works out for the best of the Fieldale community and everyone can move forward.

Mr. Adams encouraged everyone to participate in the numerous charitable efforts this holiday season, coat drives, bicycle drives, senior needs, etc. Mr. Adams said he thinks it speaks well of our community and desire to help those in need.

Mr. Vaughn said he attended the Veterans Day ceremony again this year which was particularly emotional. The recipient of this year's award, Olaf Hurd, was surprised with a visit from a buddy he had not seen since Vietnam.

Ms. Buchanan said she also attended the Veterans Day event and agreed this year's was especially moving.

### **CLOSED MEETING:**

Mr. Adams moved that the Board go into a closed meeting at 3:51 pm, seconded by Mr. Slaughter and unanimously carried to discuss the following.

- 1) §2.2-3711(A)1 for Discussion of Appointees to the Public Service Authority, Anchor Commission and Ninth District Development Financing, Inc.
- 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 5:09 pm on a motion by Mr. Slaughter, seconded by Mr. Kendall 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. Bryant, Mr. Kendall, Mr. Vaughn, Mr. Adams, and Ms. Buchanan.

**Anchor Commission** - Mr. Bryant made a motion to reappoint Mr. Allan Cornett to a four-year term ending December 31, 2014 and appoint Ms. Christy Spencer to a four-year term beginning January 1, 2011, seconded by Mr. Kendall and approved 6 to 0.

Mr. Kendall moved, as part of an agreed-upon court order between the County of Henry and Resurgence Properties, LLC, that the Board approve a tax refund in the amount of \$174,863.16 and set the real estate values for the properties in question as ordered by Henry County Circuit Court for the tax years 2005 through 2010 with said properties being subject to normal quadrennial reassessments; and appropriate \$174,863.16 from the uncommitted fund balance for the purpose of issuing a tax refund to Resurgence Properties, LLC for overpayment of real property taxes from 2005 through 2010, seconded by Mr. Bryant and approved 6 to 0.

Mr. Adams moved, as part of an agreed upon court order between the County of Henry and Virginia Industrial Capital, LLC, that the Board approve a tax refund in the amount of \$43,631.14 and set the real estate values for the properties in question as ordered by Henry County Circuit Court for the tax years 2007 through 2010 with said properties being subject to normal quadrennial reassessments; and appropriate \$43,631.14 from the uncommitted fund balance for the purpose of issuing a tax refund to Virginia Industrial Capital, LLC for overpayment of real property taxes for 2007 and 2008, seconded by Mr. Slaughter and unanimously carried.

The Board recessed its meeting at 5:13 pm until the 6:00 evening session.

Ms. Buchanan called the meeting back to order at 6:00 pm and welcomed everyone present.

### **CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION IN HONOR OF THE BASSETT HIGH SCHOOL MARCHING BAND**

The Bassett High School Marching Band recently won its fourth consecutive state championship, followed by a third place finish in the United States Scholastic Band Association national championships at the Naval Academy in Annapolis, MD. Ms. Buchanan recognized the Bassett High School Marching Band and asked each member present to stand; Mr. Adams read the resolution aloud.

Mr. Adams moved to adopt the resolution, seconded by Mr. Vaughn and approved 6 to 0. Ms. Buchanan congratulated the band for an outstanding performance and the band received a standing ovation.

Mr. Trey Harris, Band Director, thanked the Board for this honor and explained the show, "I Am" that the band performed at Nationals. A DVD of that performance was shown.

Mr. Adams recognized Ms. Joyce Staples who was present with a group of NCI students. Ms. Staples first congratulated the marching band on a great performance. Ms. Staples said she was present with her English 400 class and future elementary school teachers. Ms. Staples said one of the requirements of the class is to observe local government and the students will have an assignment based on tonight's meeting.

## **MATTERS PRESENTED BY THE PUBLIC**

Mr. Maynard Plaster, Blackberry District, was present to address the Board concerning taxes. Mr. Plaster said he feels the mindset of politicians is “spend money, raise taxes,” which is okay in a good economy. However, Mr. Plaster said the economy in Henry County is unhealthy and declining and it is time to face reality. Mr. Plaster said whenever the government needs money, they either raise taxes or cut services. Mr. Plaster suggested cutting services, personnel, wages of County employees, etc. Mr. Plaster said one suggestion is to start charging for some of the services such as parks and recreation. The Board thanked Mr. Plaster for coming.

## **GENERAL HIGHWAY MATTERS**

### **REQUEST FOR “WATCH FOR CHILDREN” SIGN ON COLONIAL DRIVE**

Mr. Bryant requested a “Watch for Children” sign on Colonial Drive in the Collinsville District, seconded by Mr. Vaughn and approved 5 to 0. Mr. Adams left early.

Ms. Lisa Hughes, Residency Administrator for the Virginia Department of Transportation, was present to update the Board on General Highway Matters.

- Finishing paving on bypass; paving secondary roads, Hidden Valley Drive, Fisher Farm Road, and Saddleridge Road
- Safety Study on Intersection of Routes 609 and 683 - still gathering accident data to review history since last study, will probably be next month before complete
- Mr. Slaughter asked about the remaining pieces of construction materials left on the Smith River island in Koehler . Ms. Hughes said she thinks there is still a piece of work bridge that was left and they do plan to remove that.
- Mr. Kendall asked if there was any update on the speed study at Carlisle School. Ms. Hughes said she had not heard anything but would check into it.
- Ms. Buchanan asked for an update on the intersection of Route 684, Carver Road, and Route 58. Ms. Hughes said they have submitted a safety application for those improvements and hope to begin design in March with flashing warning devices and ultimately begin grading on 58 in westbound lane.
- Mr. Slaughter asked about the progress of changing traffic lights from an arrow to full-ball lights. Ms. Hughes said they may receive funding for the light at Sportlanes; as lights are upgraded, they will be switched to the ball phase.

There being no further business to discuss, Mr. Slaughter moved at 6:31 pm to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Kendall and carried 5 to 0. Mr. Adams left early.

**HENRY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
MINUTES**

**December 14, 2010 – 3:00 pm**

The Henry County Board of Supervisors held its regular meeting on December 14, 2010, 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, Milton Kendall, Tommy Slaughter, and Joe Bryant.

Staff members present were Benny Summerlin, County Administrator; Tim Hall, Deputy County Administrator; George Lyle, County Attorney; Michelle Via, Administrative Assistant; Susan Reynolds, Director of Human Resources; Darrell Jones, Director of Finance; and Richard Stanfield, Deputy Director of Finance.

Major Steve Eanes and Sgt. Ronnie Minter from the Sheriff's office were present. Debbie Hall and Paul Collins of the Martinsville Bulletin and Ron Morris of B-99 were also present.

**INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

Mr. Vaughn gave the invocation and Mr. 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).

- November 23, 2010

**Approval of Accounts Payable**

(Copy included in Board's File).

Mr. Adams moved that the Items of Consent be adopted as presented, seconded by Mr. Vaughn. The motion carried 6 to 0.

### **MATTERS PRESENTED BY THE PUBLIC – JOE PRATER**

Mr. Joe Prater, Reed Creek District, requested time on the Board's agenda to discuss the marina project at Philpott Lake. Mr. Prater said he feels the marina project is very important to the community and it is time to move forward. Mr. Prater stated the Corps of Engineers has done a good job regulating the lake for the past 60 years and they should continue with the marina as well; the marina should not be government controlled.

### **PRESENTATION BY CRAIG ROCKWELL, OPERATIONS MANAGER, CORPS OF ENGINEERS, PHILPOTT LAKE**

Mr. Craig Rockwell, Corps of Engineers' Operations Manager at Philpott Lake, was present to update the Board on operations and to discuss the marina project at the lake. Mr. Rockwell's presentation outlined several key points including budget and revenue projections, estimated costs savings from prevented flood damage, and local economic impact of the lake which was \$16 million in 2009 (Copy of Presentation included in Board's file). Mr. Rockwell said that by expanding what the lake has to offer and thus expanding the typical summer season, the local impact of recreation would increase to \$20 million per year. Mr. Rockwell noted several projects that are currently underway or planned: 1) rehab of restroom facilities at Horseshoe Point and Salthouse Branch parks; 2) rebuilding dump station at Salthouse Branch; 3) adding more parking at Rolands Branch in an effort to grow the park into the new camping loop; 4) fishing tournament weigh-in station at Twin Ridge Park; 5) 100% handicap accessible park at Bowens Creek (will be the first one of its kind in the state of Virginia); and 6) completion of new sewer line.

Mr. Rockwell said one of the things he was requested to do when contemplating the building of a marina was to quantify the loss of visitation from the burning of the Twin Ridge Marina in January 2001. Mr. Rockwell said while he has no doubt the loss of the marina did hurt visitation, quantifying that is not easy. Mr. Rockwell said it was about this time that they were changing the way visitation was calculated nationwide and the area was also in the beginning stages of the economic downturn.

Mr. Rockwell identified the possible site for the Philpott Marina as the entire point upon which the Group Camp area is currently located. In addition, the Corps is proposing to put a group of slips at Twin Ridge Park to accommodate Franklin County residents and boaters that could more conveniently access the lake through Franklin County. Mr. Rockwell summarized several comments based on general public input concerning the marina:

1. **Do not overdevelop Philpott Lake; do not want another Smith Mountain Lake**
2. Do not want exclusive "country club" atmosphere
3. Do not want cabins, lodges, and other clutter
4. Keep prices in line with other businesses, especially gas prices

5. Maintain pristine, serene atmosphere
6. Small marina
7. Provide only basic services – gas dock, limited number of boat slips for storage, small tackle shop, perhaps short-order food
8. Bottom line: Small or not at all

Mr. Rockwell explained the benefits of the County operating the marina vs. a private business. Mr. Rockwell said a public parks and recreation lease is relatively simple with two public entities working together. Mr. Rockwell stated it would reduce the chances of compromising what is best for Philpott Lake. Mr. Rockwell said since this would be a small operation only open for 7-8 months of the year, it would not likely be profitable for the private sector because of the initial investment. In addition, Mr. Rockwell said banks would not likely even loan on this type of development since you cannot use public land as collateral. Lastly, Mr. Rockwell said the marina would give Henry County Parks and Recreation a presence on the west side of the County.

In closing, Mr. Rockwell said the Corps is requesting that the Board consider entering into a no-cost parks and recreation lease with the Corps, update the feasibility study, develop plans to build a marina maximizing the use of public grant money, and operate the marina as long as it remains sustainable. Mr. Rockwell said Philpott is a resource worth protecting and asked for any questions.

Mr. Vaughn said since the Bowens Creek campsites were closed, there is no camping on the Henry County side of the lake and questioned if the Corps would be receptive to putting RV campsites with water and electricity on the hill where the Group Camp is located. Mr. Vaughn said this would bring in more revenue to help support the marina. Mr. Rockwell said this was part of the original feasibility study. However, Mr. Vaughn said the original study was based on high-end paved sites. Mr. Vaughn said he is talking about sites similar to what is at Goose Point, a paved entrance road, gravel sites, water and electricity, just the basics. Mr. Rockwell said there are a number of options and he saw no reason this could not be done with a public entity; it would just need to be included in the updated feasibility study. Mr. Vaughn said he was asking if the Corps would consider putting in the campsites, not the County. Mr. Rockwell said without being leased out, probably not. Mr. Rockwell said the Corps has been under a moratorium for building new parks for about 10 years.

Mr. Sam Pilson, former Blackberry District supervisor, confirmed that basically all the Corps is asking of the County at this point is to look into possible options and update the feasibility study. Mr. Pilson said the Corps is not requesting a commitment of funds other than the cost of the feasibility study and at no point even if the County does enter into an agreement to operate the marina, would the County be required to fund an operation that is not equitable for the County. Mr. Rockwell said that is correct. Mr. Pilson said it is a win-win for both entities. There would be no recurring taxpayer money going into the project and the County could withdraw at any point with no ties to the Corps.

Mr. Adams said one of the concerns before was the size of the proposed marina and the environmental impact it would have. Mr. Adams asked what safeguards would be in place to protect the primary water supply for the County. Mr. Rockwell said environmental stewardship is very important and having gas in a centralized location with a well managed gas dock would be much friendlier than individuals using jerry

cans. Mr. Rockwell said another issue that was addressed is sewer pump out; however, Mr. Rockwell said there are very few individuals at Philpott that would require this service.

Mr. Adams asked what kind of impact the marina would have on local businesses. Mr. Rockwell said he does not feel there would be any competition. The fact that we would have a marina would draw more people to the lake and offset any losses to area businesses. Mr. Rockwell said he has had this conversation with the owners of Rakes and as long as the marina is not undercutting prices, it should not adversely affect local businesses.

Mr. Adams asked Mr. Rockwell what size "footprint" he estimates the proposed marina to be. Mr. Rockwell said the original plan was 54 acres but he thinks it will be substantially less. Mr. Rockwell said the number of acres is not nearly as important as the amount of development on that acreage. Mr. Rockwell stated you need to look at the feasibility study and build what is economically sustainable.

Mr. Philip Helms, owner of Rakes Sporting Goods in Bassett was also present. Mr. Helms said a marina will only help his business. Mr. Helms said water draws people and money. Mr. Helms explained that visitors spend money on their way to and from the lake and once they arrive. Mr. Helms said discussions of a marina several years ago generated interest outside the immediate area. He said he was contacted by people and companies from several states seeking information about the proposed marina, including people from Georgia, North and South Carolina, Florida and Tennessee. Mr. Helms said two companies even stored boats on his property in anticipation of a marina being built. Mr. Helms added those companies planned to rent slips for their boats once the marina was built and then use the boats for customers and company executives. Mr. Helms said a marina would be a win-win for everyone. He said he has discussed a marina with several other local business owners and they all thought a marina would have only a positive impact. Mr. Pilson said he was in agreement and did not want to ask the Board to do anything that would be detrimental to the local economy or businesses. Mr. Pilson said we do not want another Smith Mountain Lake. Mr. Pilson said we want the marina to be publicly controlled, but we do not want it be a tax burden for the citizens.

Ms. Buchanan thanked Mr. Rockwell and asked if the Board had any questions. Mr. Bryant said the economy in Henry County is bad and he personally does not want to see Henry County running a "business" because he did not think the County could afford it. Mr. Bryant said Mr. Rockwell's presentation had given him a different aspect. Mr. Bryant asked if the land would be given to the County. Mr. Rockwell said no, it would be a public lease. Mr. Rockwell stated that public leases are usually non-fee. Mr. Bryant asked how many employees would be needed to operate the marina. Mr. Rockwell said you would probably be looking at 2-3 employees, but that would be largely determined by the feasibility study. Mr. Summerlin said he would anticipate a lot of seasonal employees regardless if it is public or private. Mr. Summerlin said aside from the convenience factor and nice amenities it would provide for local residents, what we should really be thinking about is will it generate more economic activity in the community. Mr. Summerlin said times are tough and activities in general are probably down everywhere. Mr. Summerlin said he attended a meeting hosted by the Corps and one of the things they learned about Smith Mountain is that the price of real estate has

gotten so high, many of the day-use marina operators are closing. Mr. Summerlin said Franklin County and the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries think it will be more pressure on pushing day-use marinas out of Smith Mountain Lake into other lakes because public access is going to be more restricted. Mr. Summerlin said hopefully this would generate more economic activity by bringing day-use to Philpott.

Ms. Buchanan asked Mr. Rockwell if the marina is sustainable only operating seven months a year or will it require additional funding from the County. Mr. Rockwell said he thinks the marina is sustainable but for a private business recapturing investment and trying to make a profit is questionable.

Mr. Adams asked how much of the previous study is applicable now. Mr. Summerlin said some of the study could be used, but one of the constraints with the Corps is that you must proceed with the environmental document that was prepared five years ago or you have to go through the entire environmental process again which you do not want to do. Mr. Summerlin said you are looking at a much smaller operation now than five years ago. Ms. Buchanan asked who would do the study. Mr. Summerlin said the County would have to hire a firm that specializes in state park work.

Mr. Bryant said he understands the marina would be built with grant funds, but asked what the estimated cost would be. Mr. Rockwell said that would depend on the feasibility study but it would probably be \$2-3 million. Mr. Vaughn said the last study was about \$6 million which is why he backed away from the project at the time. Mr. Vaughn said it was "overkill" and you have to look at your investment and return. Mr. Summerlin said since there is public sewer in the Group Camp area now, if you had campsites as Mr. Vaughn suggested, you would have the only campsites on the lake with sewer connection.

Mr. Adams made a motion to proceed with at least an updated feasibility study, seconded by Mr. Vaughn. Mr. Kendall said he does not oppose the marina but he does have concerns with the County building and operating it. Mr. Kendall said he also has concerns about building the marina on someone else's land. Mr. Slaughter said \$500,000 homes are built at Myrtle Beach on someone else's property, it is a similar situation. Mr. Slaughter also stated that when we look at the other parks, trails, etc. in Henry County, we are not looking at return but providing services and activities for the community and what is hopeful to come in the future. Mr. Bryant said he is in agreement with Mr. Kendall but he would like to see what an updated study would provide. Mr. Adams clarified that his motion only endorses an updated study. The motion carried 5 to 1 with Mr. Kendall voting in opposition.

The Board recessed its meeting at 4:05 and reconvened at 4:11.

### **CONSIDERATION OF DATE FOR 2011 ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING**

The Board of Supervisors is required to have an organizational meeting soon after the first of the year to set its meeting dates and elect a chairman and vice chairman for the 2011 calendar year. Mr. Vaughn made a motion to set the date for January 3, 2011 at 3:00 p.m., seconded by Mr. Adams and unanimously carried.

## **CONSIDERATION OF FY 2011-2012 BUDGET CALENDAR**

A proposed calendar for preparation of the FY 2011-12 County Budget was included in the Board's working papers. The calendar provides for preparation, adoption, and appropriation of the budget in accordance with the deadlines provided in the *Code of Virginia*. Mr. Adams made a motion to adopt the calendar as presented, seconded by Mr. Slaughter and approved 6-0.

## **REPORT ON DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTION EFFORTS**

Mr. Scott Grindstaff asked for any questions concerning the monthly reports on delinquent tax collection efforts. Mr. Bryant asked why personal property tax bills and real estate bills are mailed out separately. Mr. Grindstaff said real estate taxes are due October 1 and the Treasurer's office does not receive the personal property book from the Commissioner of the Revenue until after October 1; by law, the bills must be mailed two weeks before the due date.

Mr. John Rife with TACS was also present to update the Board on tax collection efforts. Mr. Rife said the numbers on the Board's report were preliminary since it was generated so early in the month, but to date, approximately \$700,000 has been returned to Henry County in taxes, penalties, and interest on personal property and real estate. Mr. Rife also reported that they had run into a problem with the DMV fees and they needed to be sure the County would be able to recoup the \$20 that the DMV is going to charge. Mr. Rife said they have solved that issue and the DMV stops should start by the end of December. Mr. Rife said that following the advertisement for property sales, collections increased by about 300% on the weekly average. Those properties listed that do not pay or enter into a payment agreement will be referred out for title work and the owners of those parcels will have to pay those fees in order to redeem their property, which is usually about \$250 more. Mr. Rife said the next step after title searches is court and ultimately the sale of the property which they do not want to do. Mr. Rife said they would prefer for the property owners to pay, but if a sale is necessary, you will be looking at July, possibly August. Mr. Rife said they sent out a number of letters to individuals who are on delinquent payment plans informing them that if they do not make their plans current, they will be prohibited from entering into another payment plan for three years. Mr. Rife said it was very effective with a number of people calling in. Mr. Rife said he would be happy to answer any questions. The Board thanked Mr. Rife for coming.

## **CONSIDERATION OF PERFORMANCE AGREEMENT FOR MEGASITE PLANNING GRANT, COMMONWEALTH CROSSING BUSINESS CENTRE**

Mr. Summerlin said the EDC recently was successful in landing a Megasite Planning Grant of \$1.5 million from the Virginia Economic Development Partnership (VEDP). The grant will be used for infrastructure upgrades at Commonwealth Crossing Business Centre. Mr. Summerlin said while this is not enough to really get started, the EDC is also working on some other grant opportunities. Mr. Summerlin said in order to receive the money, a Performance Agreement is required. Since this funding is for

larger projects, there is a condition in the agreement that states the funding is for high-impact regional economic development projects in which a private entity is expected to make a capital investment exceeding \$250 million and create more than 400 new full-time jobs. Mr. Summerlin said it also says the County will hold this property for at least seven years before any conditions of the grant would be taken away should the County fail to locate a project of that size within the time period.

Mr. Bryant made a motion to enter into the Performance Agreement as presented, seconded by Mr. Kendall and unanimously carried.

## **MONTHLY UPDATE FROM THE MARTINSVILLE-HENRY COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION**

Ms. Leigh Cockram, Vice-President of the Martinsville-Henry County Economic Development Corporation, was present to make the monthly update to the Board. Ms. Cockram passed out a summary of activities by division (Copy included in Board's File).

### **SMALL, MINORITY & ENTREPRENEURIAL BUSINESS**

- Provided one-on-one assistance to 14 total clients
- Provided business assistance to 9 new clients
- Provided follow-up assistance for 12 clients
- E-Commerce Workshop was held November 18, 2010: 33 participants
- Enterprise Zone Workshop was held December 7, 2010: 56 participants
- Business Networking and Referral Marketing Workshop will be held January 20, 2011 at the Uptown Southern Bistro
- Social Media Marketing Workshop is scheduled for February 16, 2011 in the New College Institute computer lab

### **RESEARCH**

- Completed the 2010-2011 Wage and Benefit Survey; received responses this year from 53 of 108 companies - our best response rate ever
- Prepared a presentation and packet of information for the following projects: Edgewater, Obelix, Anvil, Craftsman, Chrysalis, and Ball Cap
- Created new brochure for Lot 4 and Lot 6 in the Patriot Centre
- Created an emerging markets employment report for Leanna Blevins at the New College Institute

### **TOURISM**

- Coordinated three clients meetings
- Organized and facilitated fall tourism half-day photo shoot. Locations were Philpott Lake, Binding Time Café, Visitor Center and Artisan Center.
- Decorated Visitor Center for Holidays and won an award from MURA for our Christmas Tree
- Assisted Smith River Sports Complex with the Piedmont Shootout Soccer Tournament
- Developed/distributed new surveys for hotels, campgrounds and B&Bs

- Assisting Smith River Sports Complex in designing an area dining guide
- Planned new ads and placements for 2011
- Feedback from the consumer e-newsletter:  
 “My son lives in Roanoke and when I visit he takes me to all the places I see on your email. The stories I get to read when I’m not there make me feel like I am there.”

–Donna Musche, Massachusetts

“I like all the information, especially of all the activities--theater plays, museum info--that can be enjoyed by the whole family.”

–Jessica Rea

“I liked the breakdown by week of all the events going on in the area, makes it very easy to plan activities!”

–Kari Youngblood, Collinsville (Recently moved from Lexington, VA)

“It really gives me an insight onto what's going on in the southern part of the state.”

-Jason Fiske, Midlothian, VA

- 242 visitors came to the center in November and 103 visitors signed the guest book.
- These visitors signing the guest book represented:
- 15 Virginia Communities (Top 5: Staunton, Lovingston, Fredericksburg, Newport News and Lynchburg)
- 16 American States (Top 5: Virginia, North Carolina, Florida, Alabama and Tennessee)
- 2 Foreign Countries (Canada and Japan)

## **MARKETING/RECRUITING**

- Continue to work our lead list – active and inquiry projects performing necessary follow-up including incentive information
- Finalized Project Oak and coordinated announcement
- Coordinated conference call for Faneuil and training providers for action plan to train future employees
- Attended Tobacco Commission Mega Site meeting in Richmond with Heath and Johnson
- Scheduling consultants trip in January
- Conducted 5 existing industry visits
- Currently working with 23 Total Projects, comprised of 12 Inquiry Projects and 11 Active Projects
  - *An Inquiry Project is defined as a prospect that has not yet visited M-HC but has expressed interest in our area*
  - *An Active Project is defined as a prospect that has actually visited the M-HC area*

## **TRANSFER APPROPRIATION RE: VIDEO SURVEILLANCE UPGRADES – SCHOOL BOARD**

Mr. Summerlin said Dr. Anthony Jackson is asking for Board approval of a transfer appropriation concerning video surveillance upgrades at the Bassett, Carver, Fieldale-Collinsville and Laurel Park facilities. Dr. Jackson is seeking the transfer appropriation of \$40,000 in State Fiscal Stabilization Funds from the Transportation category to the Operations and Maintenance category to help pay for this project.

Mr. Kendall made a motion to approve the appropriation as requested, seconded by Mr. Slaughter and carried 6 to 0.

### **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

#### **Comments from the Board**

Ms. Buchanan and the Board wished everyone a merry Christmas.

### **CLOSED MEETING:**

Mr. Adams moved that the Board go into a closed meeting at 4:29 pm, seconded by Mr. Vaughn and unanimously carried to discuss the following.

- 1) §2.2-3711(A)1 for Discussion of Appointees to the Public Service Authority, Anchor Commission and Redistricting Committee.
- 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 5:46 pm on a motion by Mr. Adams, seconded 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. Bryant, Mr. Kendall, Mr. Vaughn, Mr. Adams, and Ms. Buchanan.

**PUBLIC SERVICE AUTHORITY** – Mr. Kendall moved to reappoint Mr. Stuart Bowman and Mr. Gerald Lawicki to four-year terms beginning January 5, 2011, seconded by Mr. Slaughter and unanimously approved.

Mr. Adams moved, as part of an agreed-upon court order between the County of Henry and Nilit America, that the Board approve a tax refund in the amount of \$822,841 and set the machinery and tools tax values for the properties in question as ordered by Henry County Circuit Court for the tax years 2008 through 2010; and appropriate \$822,841 from the uncommitted fund balance for the purpose of issuing a tax refund to Nilit America for overpayment of machinery and tools taxes from 2008 through 2010, seconded by Mr. Vaughn and approved 6 to 0.

The Board recessed its meeting at 5:48 pm until the 6:00 evening session.

Ms. Buchanan called the meeting back to order at 6:00 pm and welcomed everyone present.

### **MATTERS PRESENTED BY THE PUBLIC**

Mr. Bill Martin was present to address the Board concerning the marina issue. Mr. Martin said he was not present for the 3 o'clock meeting and asked what action the Board took on the marina. Ms. Buchanan stated that the Board only approved to update the feasibility study. Mr. Martin said there was not much to discuss at this point then and he would wait to address his concerns after the study is completed.

Mr. John Staples, Ridgeway District, was also present concerning the marina. Mr. Staples said he was opposed to the County going into "the marina business." Mr. Staples said the County's financial situation is already bad and he feels that the private sector would do a better job with the marina. Mr. Staples said possibly the County could recoup some of the money from building the sewer lines.

Ms. Buchanan recognized and welcomed Lucas Draper who is attending the meeting as part of his Eagle Scout project.

### **GENERAL HIGHWAY MATTERS**

Ms. Lisa Hughes, Residency Administrator for the Virginia Department of Transportation, was present to update the Board on General Highway Matters. Ms. Hughes reported that a traffic camera was being installed at Bassett Forks and there are contracts pending for four more cameras to be installed along the Route 220 and 58 Bypass corridors. The cameras will allow VDOT to monitor traffic, weather, incidents, back-ups, etc. Ms. Hughes said citizens will also be able to go online, [www.trafficland.com](http://www.trafficland.com), and access the same information via the cameras. Lastly, Ms. Hughes said crews are preparing for the winter weather expected Thursday.

Mr. Slaughter expressed a concern about an area on Route 220 North in the vicinity of Dodge Store. Mr. Slaughter said he witnessed a vehicle pull out of the

Dodge Store traveling southbound and the vehicle went to the end of the median and made a u-turn. Mr. Slaughter said he feels there needs to be a sign placed there.

Mr. Adams thanked Ms. Hughes and VDOT for their quick response in re-opening Ms. Turner Road after a complete washout of a culvert.

Ms. Buchanan asked Ms. Hughes for an update on repair of the guardrail that was hit near the Ruritan Building. Ms. Hughes said they are still reviewing the incident and looking at other solutions.

Mr. Summerlin said they are expecting a draft environmental document next month concerning the I-73 alternate route study. Mr. Summerlin said there was an issue before with the route going through Fisher Farm Park and apparently some of the regulations have changed since the various studies have been completed. Mr. Summerlin said there is a provision in the environmental document that deals with what they refer to as a 4F resource that it has a de minimis impact to the resource. Mr. Summerlin said the proposed route goes through land owned by the County, but it is not part of the developed park and does not affect any of the amenities at Fisher Farm Park. Mr. Summerlin said if the Board has no objections, he will be writing a letter to VDOT for inclusion in the environmental study, stating it would have a de minimis effect on Fisher Farm Park.

#### **PUBLIC HEARING – PROPOSED BUDGET AMENDMENT CONCERNING APPROPRIATION OF FEDERAL EDUCATION JOBS FUNDING**

Mr. Summerlin said last month the Board heard details about Henry County Schools being awarded \$1.9 million from the Federal Education Jobs Fund legislation. The purpose of the funding is to save and/or restore teaching positions lost due to funding reduction experienced by school divisions during the 2010-2011 budget cycle. The funds may be used for compensation and benefits only. The proposed uses of the funds are to rehire staff on the recall list, bonus for professional staff, and carry forward a portion of the funding to 2011 to continue supporting positions currently paid using stimulus funding. There is some discussion that Virginia may reduce the FY 2012 school funding to offset the additional funding received under the Federal Education Jobs Fund. The school division is requesting an appropriation of the jobs funding with the understanding that they will not spend the funds until they get clarification from the State concerning FY 2012 state funding. Since \$1.9 million is greater than 1% of the Total County Budget, a public hearing is required before the Board can take action on the request.

Ms. Buchanan opened the public hearing at 6:09 p.m. There being no one present who wished to speak, Ms. Buchanan closed the public hearing at 6:10 p.m. Ms. Buchanan asked how the rehire of staff and bonuses would be determined. Dr. Jackson said the funds may only be used for teachers and building level instructional people; so there are only certain groups of employees who can benefit from the funding. Dr. Jackson said they originally planned to restore teacher positions, but at this point, it would not be beneficial to bring them back in March or April once the budget is determined; so they will look at possibly carrying that forward to next year. Dr. Jackson said they use a stratified formula that equals a one-time 2% bonus for eligible employees. In addition, Dr. Jackson said they would continue to fund 12-13

employees currently being funded with stimulus money. Dr. Jackson said their big concern is that they do not want to expend the funds and then the state come back and reduce the base budget by the same amount.

Mr. Vaughn made a motion to approve the budget amendment and appropriation as requested, seconded by Mr. Slaughter and carried 6 to 0.

### **PRESENTATION OF 2010 JACK DALTON COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD**

Ms. Buchanan said the Board of Supervisors established the Jack Dalton Community Service Award in 2001. The award is presented annually to the Henry County resident who best exemplifies the standards for community service set by the late Mr. Dalton. Nominations were received from members of the community, and the Board was asked to rank all nominees in accordance to preference.

Mrs. Buchanan said she was proud to announce that Pat Ross is the recipient of the 2010 Jack Dalton Community Service Award. Ms. Ross is the branch manager for the Bassett Historical Center which is part of the Blue Ridge Regional Library system.

Members of the Board of Supervisors and Ms. Lois Dalton, wife of the late Jack Dalton, then presented Ms. Ross with a plaque.

Mrs. Ross thanked the Board and said she did not do it by herself; she credited her staff and volunteers for their help.

There being no further business to discuss, Mr. Adams moved at 6:17 pm to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Slaughter and carried 6 to 0.