

**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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