

**HENRY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MINUTES**

January 25, 2011 – 3:00 pm

The Henry County Board of Supervisors held its regular meeting on January 25, 2011, 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, Sgt. Ronnie Minter, and Deputy Michael Hooper from the Sheriff's office were present. 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. 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).

- December 14, 2010
- January 3, 2011 – Organizational 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. Bryant. The motion carried 6 to 0.

CONSIDERATION OF PROJECTS FOR REGIONAL COMPREHENSIVE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY (CEDS)

Mr. Summerlin said 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 (CEDS)*. The plan will be forwarded to the U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA) to maintain the eligibility of the 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 CEDS 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.

County and PSA staff developed the attached proposed list of projects. Including a project 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 the 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.

Mr. Bryant made a motion to approve the list of projects for submission in the regional CEDS, second by Mr. Vaughn and unanimously carried.

CONSIDERATION OF APPOINTMENT FOR THE HOUSING REHABILITATION BOARD (HRB) AND RIVERSIDE DRIVE IMPROVEMENT GRANT PROJECTS

Mr. Summerlin said the two active grants on these projects are for the rehabilitation of owner-occupied family units and investor properties and for infrastructure improvements in both projects as part of funding received from the State of Virginia through the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD). These projects require the establishment of a Housing Rehab Board to oversee the projects and implement the guidelines of DHCD. In December, 2010, Randolph Lester, a member serving on these boards, retired and a replacement is needed. Staff recommends appointing William "Dub" Bennett, Henry County Building Inspector, to serve on the Housing Rehab Board and Management Team for both grant projects.

Mr. Adams moved to appoint Mr. Bennett to the Housing Rehab Board for the Riverside Drive project, seconded by Mr. Slaughter and approved 6 to 0.

REPORT ON DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTION EFFORTS

Mr. Scott Grindstaff reviewed the monthly reports on delinquent tax collection efforts. Mr. Grindstaff said they periodically review the in-house accounts (currently

329) and send out reminders to those who are two months in arrears. If the taxpayer does not respond, then the account is turned over to TACS. Mr. Grindstaff said they are about three-quarters of the way through and have already pulled about 20 files to send reminders and referred six or so to TACS. Mr. Grindstaff said he will begin showing a calendar year comparison with the January collection reports. Mr. Grindstaff said Mr. Rife will be coming in this week to finish some training on the motor vehicle stops. Mr. Grindstaff said since TACS began collecting personal property taxes in September, they have collected approximately \$90,000 and another \$100,000 has been taken care of through abatements. Mr. Grindstaff said the December collection report shows receiving \$185,000 from TACS. Although we did have the money, we had not applied the payments because we were working on receiving the payments electronically and were not able to get that done until the first week of January; therefore, the January report will show a large collection but some of the money was actually received prior to December 30. Mr. Grindstaff said the electronic transfer of payments/funds is expediting the process for both his office and TACS.

Mr. Grindstaff also reported that a letter was distributed to department managers, including Social Services and the schools, in October concerning employees who are delinquent on their taxes. Mr. Grindstaff said the employees were to contact the Treasurer's office by December 1 to arrange payment. Mr. Grindstaff said fortunately there are not that many and some have brought their account current; liens will be placed on the January 31 payroll for those employees who aren't current on their taxes. Mr. Grindstaff said there are probably 10-12 employees county-wide but his office has not gone through the school system yet.

Mr. Grindstaff said there were four new delinquent alarm fees and the parties involved were notified by 9-1-1 Communications the first of January. If those parties do not respond, the Treasurer's office will follow-up and try to collect.

Mr. Grindstaff said they are making good progress on the unpaid meals taxes and are scheduled to go to court this Thursday to collect on the two turned over to the Commonwealth's Attorney in November; the third individual is paying. Mr. Grindstaff said there may one or two more that will need to be turned over to the CA's office.

Mr. Adams asked when the decal applications would be mailed. Mr. Grindstaff said due to the volume of work and staff reduction, he plans to mail them in mid-February in order to allow more time for processing. Mr. Grindstaff said the Commissioner of the Revenue's tangible personal property forms should also be mailed at this time.

Ms. Buchanan asked Mr. Grindstaff when he foresees completing the delinquent school employees list. Mr. Grindstaff said it should be finished by mid-February. Mr. Grindstaff said the County employees would be ready for the January payroll. Ms. Buchanan asked how often delinquent real estate and personal property accounts are reviewed. Mr. Grindstaff said they try to go through the files monthly; however, due to current collections, staff was not able to review in November and December. Ms. Buchanan asked if the Treasurer's office had procedures in place so that if a business is two months behind on meals taxes that it would receive a letter. Mr. Grindstaff said they pull the reports monthly, send out letters, and work closely with the Commissioner's office. If the businesses have not paid within two months they are turned over to the Commonwealth's Attorney.

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).

TOURISM

- Held five client meetings
- Developed looping slideshow on area venues and events for the Visitor Center television
- Provided 15 informative welcome totes to teachers and chaperones from Franklin County while on a field trip to VMNH
- Prepared small market meeting packets for Reston Bible Church (Dulles, Va.), Church of Christ (Fayetteville, NC), The Navigators (Colorado Springs, CO), Student Leadership University (Orlando, FL), Virginia State Council Apostolic, Inc. (Sandston, VA), and Kingdom Journey Enterprises (Atlanta, GA). Leads were provided by VTC's presence at the Rejuvenate Marketplace Conference in Louisville, KY
- Meetings for lodging providers and FAM tours were planned out for 2011 along with rotating displays for the Visitor Center
- Distributed Industry and Consumer e-newsletters
- Feedback from the consumer e-newsletter question: "What is your favorite area attraction and why?"
 - "I really enjoy the Dick & Willie Passage, as I'm a runner and it's nice to do longer runs on a paved path that is truly beautiful!" - Kari Y. (Collinsville, formerly of Lexington, KY)
 - "Museum of Natural History - my kids love the fossils and I love the events they host." - Deborah C. (Radford, VA)
 - "The reason I love the Dick & Willie is because it allows me to have a nice walk or workout on a bicycle without having to leave town." - Bill M. (Martinsville)
 - "The Martinsville Race because it brings in so much revenue for our community and puts Henry County on the map with something positive." - Cindy S. (Fieldale, formerly of Stuart, VA)
 - "We did the Motorcycle Grand Tour of Virginia and enjoyed the Speedway." (Richmond, VA)
- 306 visitors came to the center in December and 46 visitors signed the guest book. This is a 69% increase over visitation in December 2009
 - Visitors were from 12 Virginia communities (Top 5: Bristol, Lexington, Petersburg, Locust Grove, and Falls Church)
 - Visitors were from 7 states (Top 5: Virginia, North Carolina, Texas, Colorado, and Maryland)
- 33 information packets were prepared for individuals and groups requesting information
 - 1,124 brochures were distributed in December

- Out of this total, 50 were distributed to area libraries, 300 to the Martinsville YMCA for a swim meet, 50 to the Blue Ridge Airport, 225 to area businesses and 250 to visitors centers in Wytheville and Petersburg

RESEARCH

- Updated the Case for the EDC document to include the most current data (January 2010 through December 2010)
- Updated all building brochures to reflect the new format; including new pictures and updating the individual listings on the yesmartinsville.com website
- Created a presentation on CCBC
- Created a presentation and packet of information for Project Ball Cap and Project Ellie
- Handled seven third-party requests for information
- Created drive time maps for five small business clients of Lisa Fultz
- Created a new brochure for Tract 8 in the Patriot Centre Industrial Park

SMALL, MINORITY & ENTREPRENEURIAL BUSINESS

- Provided one-on-one assistance to eight total clients
- Provided business assistance to two new clients
- Completed three existing business site visits
- Website Co-op Grant Program - program closes March 11, 2011; \$3,435 remaining in the fund
- Small Business Investment Forum - business plan competition launched; deadline is March 25, 2011
- Met with Carrie Denny from Spencer Penn Center Community Kitchen to continue work on promoting kitchen incubator
- 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
- Matchmaking for Prime/Subcontractors is scheduled for February 23, 2011 at the West Piedmont Business Development Center
- Marketing Series Workshops are scheduled for March 24, June 22, and August 17 at the Uptown Southern Bistro
- Federal Procurement Workshop is scheduled for May 5, 2011 at the West Piedmont Business Development Center

MARKETING/RECRUITING

- Conducted consultant mission meeting with six separate firms
- Hosted Project Ellie and Project Ball Cap
- Working with Martinsville Speedway on upcoming year's marketing efforts
- Met with former J&J Tire owner for building brochure to market property
- Met with Kimball Hospitality to coordinate a sales meeting in M-HC
- Worked on SVRA - budget, job description, invoicing, etc.
- Conducted 6 existing industry visits

- Completed funding process for the Commonwealth Crossing Business Centre, securing a total of \$16.5 million from the Tobacco Commission, Henry County, The City of Martinsville, and The Harvest Foundation
- Currently working with 22 Total Projects, comprised of 9 Inquiry Projects and 13 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: INSURANCE REIMBURSEMENT FOR REPAIR EXPENSES AT THE CHESTNUT KNOB TOWER SITE – PUBLIC SAFETY

Mr. Summerlin said Dale Wagoner is asking the Board to accept and appropriate insurance reimbursement in the amount of \$5,617.98 for the Chestnut Knob tower site. That site was damaged by a lightning strike. Mr. Wagoner is asking for the money to be placed in the tower maintenance line item.

Mr. Bryant made a motion to appropriate funds as requested, seconded by Mr. Kendall and approved 6 to 0.

CONSIDERATION OF REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR THE WEST PIEDMONT PLANNING DISTRICT COMMISSION

Mr. Summerlin said that Mr. Adams asked that this item be placed on the agenda but noted a correction on the cover page, the amount is \$1,513. For years the West Piedmont Planning District Commission (WPPDC) has used a per-capita rate of 55 cents for funding from its member localities. In light of the budget constraints felt by localities heading into the current fiscal year, WPPDC reduced its request by 5 cents, down to 50 cents per-capita funding. However, in determining the Henry County allocation, staff also reduced it by five percent. In effect that meant that Henry County was paying less on a per-capita basis than other WPPDC funding partners. The WPPDC is asking the County to reinstate its 5-cent reduction, which would result in Henry County contributing an extra \$1,513 in the current fiscal year.

Mr. Adams moved to appropriate an additional \$1,513 from the Contingency Fund to the WPPDC, seconded by Mr. Vaughn and unanimously carried.

CONSIDERATION OF REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR THE VIRGINIA ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES (VACO)

Mr. Summerlin said the Virginia Association of Counties (VACo) works on behalf of Henry County and other localities on issues of importance to County governments, including during the General Assembly session. One item facing the 2011 General Assembly is an attempt to shift the burden of proof in real estate and property assessment appeals from the individual to the locality. VACo believes this would be detrimental to local governments and has teamed with the Virginia Municipal League (VML) to hire consultants to fight this legislation. VACo is asking localities to contribute

at least \$3,000 to this effort. This would be in addition to the \$11,835 that the County is paying this year for membership to VACo.

Mr. Vaughn said he has some concerns with this request. First, it appears VACo is requesting a set amount from each locality which does not seem equitable when you have a locality like Fairfax who contributes much more to the association because they can afford it. Second, \$3,000 is 25% of our total annual contribution. Mr. Vaughn said he has calls in to delegates Armstrong and Marshall to see if the bill is even being reintroduced. Mr. Vaughn said he would like some questions answered before he commits the money. Additionally, Mr. Vaughn said there is some type of bill almost every session that can be detrimental to the locality and we cannot start contributing money every time. The Board was in agreement. Mr. Summerlin said they just received the letter and he has not talked to anyone. Mr. Adams asked what the anticipated cost of an appeal to the County would be. Mr. Lyle said this is a significant issue but he does not know how close this bill is to being passed. Mr. Lyle said it would be a dramatic change in the legal burden. Currently, the presumption is that the governing body's discretionary decisions are correct and when someone challenges those decisions, they have certain burdens they must prove. This bill says the burden of proof lies with the government. Mr. Lyle said this bill has come up multiple years.

Mr. Adams made a motion to draft a letter of opposition to each legislator including the governor, seconded by Mr. Vaughn and carried 6 to 0.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION RE: DEPARTMENT OF MINES, MINERALS, AND ENERGY GRANT – SCHOOL BOARD

Mr. Summerlin said Dr. Jackson is asking the Board to appropriate a grant from the Virginia Department of Mines, Minerals and Energy in the amount of \$130,162. The grant would be used to pay for a solar energy project at the Laurel Park greenhouse.

Mr. Kendall moved to approve the appropriation as requested, seconded by Mr. Bryant and unanimously carried.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION RE: SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER POSITION – SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Mr. Summerlin said Sheriff Perry is asking the Board to appropriate \$25,000 from the Henry County School Board into the Sheriff Office's budget to help pay for the School Resource Officer at Fieldale-Collinsville Middle School. According to Sheriff Perry, the School Board eliminated this position in the FY 2011 Budget but has chosen to continue with the position effective January 3, 2011.

Mr. Vaughn made a motion to approve the appropriation as requested, seconded by Mr. Kendall and carried 5 to 1. Mr. Slaughter abstained.

AWARD OF CONTRACT RE: DATA BASE MAINTENANCE – SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Mr. Summerlin said Sheriff Perry is asking the Board to award a contract in the amount of \$16,150 to Southern Software for maintenance on data bases used by the Sheriff's Office on its mobile data terminals. Southern Software was previously

approved as a sole-source vendor for the Sheriff's Office and funding is already included in the current budget.

Mr. Bryant moved to approve the award of contract to Southern Software in the amount of \$16,150, seconded by Mr. Slaughter and carried 6 to 0.

Mr. Hall provided an update on the VACo item from earlier in the meeting. Mr. Hall stated it is House Bill 1588 and it has been referred to a Finance Committee which referred it to a sub-committee of Finance; one of the members of the sub-committee is Delegate Armstrong.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Comments from the Board

Mr. Summerlin reported that water infiltration from failed old caulking has caused some damage in the Sheriff's office conference room. Mr. Summerlin said the Sheriff's Office is preparing for accreditation the first of March so we need to move quickly with repairs. Mr. Summerlin said staff met with contractors today and it will cost \$4,986 to tear out the drywall in the conference room and replace it. Replacing caulking on the outside of the building will be an additional expense. Mr. Summerlin said we will need to transfer some funds within the existing County budget to help cover the cost. Mr. Slaughter asked if they had looked at any alternatives to the caulking like covering with aluminum. Mr. Summerlin said there is a company in Greensboro that specializes in this type of work and they did a really nice job on the new evidence room addition.

Mr. Summerlin said at the direction of the Board, he had contacted The Lane Group concerning an updated feasibility study on the marina and the cost will be approximately \$5,200. Mr. Summerlin said staff will need an appropriation from the Contingency Fund if the Board wishes to proceed. Mr. Adams made a motion to move forward with the feasibility study and appropriate \$5,200 from the Contingency Fund, seconded by Mr. Slaughter and approved 5 to 1. Mr. Kendall voted in opposition.

Mr. Summerlin said budget letters to managers and outside agencies will go out January 28.

Mr. Summerlin said the Board approved the \$1.5 million Major Employment Investment Grant from VEDP for Commonwealth Crossing in December. Since this is more than 1% of the Total County Budget, we need to hold a public hearing in order to appropriate funds. Mr. Summerlin said if the Board has no objections, staff will schedule the public hearing for the February meeting. The remainder of the money from the Tobacco Commission, Harvest, and other funding groups can be identified in next year's budget and will be a part of the overall budget public hearing. Mr. Vaughn made a motion to advertise a public hearing for the February meeting, seconded by Mr. Bryant and unanimously carried.

Mr. Summerlin said the Board will need to approve the FY 2010 County Audit at the Planning Session. Staff did not receive the audits in time for today's meeting. Mr. Summerlin said the auditors will be present to highlight key points of the audit.

CLOSED MEETING

Mr. Adams moved that the Board go into a closed meeting at 3:40 pm, seconded by Mr. Vaughn and unanimously carried to discuss the following.

- 1) §2.2-3711(A)1 for Discussion of Appointees to the Industrial Development Authority, Redistricting Committee, Anchor Commission, Dan River Alcohol Safety Action Program Board, Fieldale Sanitary District 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.
- 5) §2.2-3711(A)19 for Discussion of Plans Related to Security of Governmental Facilities.

OPEN MEETING:

The Board returned to an open meeting at 4:59 pm on a motion by Mr. Slaughter, seconded 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.

ANCHOR COMMISSION – Mr. Adams moved to appoint Peggie Powell to a four-year term beginning January 1, 2011, seconded by Mr. Vaughn and approved 5 to 0. Ms. Buchanan abstained.

Mr. Adams moved that the Board authorize the Chairman to accept an easement agreement from Donald Trantham for the purpose of a trail easement in Fieldale, seconded by Mr. Slaughter and carried 6 to 0.

The Board recessed its meeting at 5:00 pm until the 6:00 evening session.

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

Ms. Buchanan recognized two young men, Christian Keeler and David Shelor, Troop 167, who are working on their merit badge.

MATTERS PRESENTED BY THE PUBLIC

Mr. Paul Roark, Horsepasture District, was present to address the Board concerning numerous break-ins in the Horsepasture, Ridgeway, and Bassett areas. Mr. Roark requested that the Board and media make the public aware of what is going on. Mr. Roark said most of the break-ins are homes and cars left unlocked. Mr. Roark said he feels it is drug-related and something needs to be done. Mr. Roark said his community is doing neighbor watch patrols and it has really helped. Mr. Roark said crimes have escalated over the last six months but if we all work together, we can try to address the problems. The Board thanked Mr. Roark.

SHERIFF'S OFFICE PRESENTATION OF "LIFE SAVE" AWARDS TO EIGHT EMPLOYEES

Sheriff Lane Perry thanked the Board for their support and allowing this opportunity. Sheriff Perry said all of the men and women at the Sheriff's office are hard workers and very dedicated to their jobs. But on occasion, you have employees who go above and beyond the call of duty and sometimes face dangerous situations without regard for their own safety. So we have instituted a "Life Save Award" program to recognize employees who performed their duties in an exemplary manner. Major Steve Eanes and Tim Hall recognized the employees by reading a brief summary of their heroic acts and Sheriff Perry and Chairman Buchanan presented them with commendation bars.

Deputy James Ayers - On December 12, 2009, Deputy Ayers responded to a structure fire call on Colonial Drive in Collinsville. Upon arrival, Deputy Ayers was informed that the resident, Mrs. Wanda Conner, was still inside. Deputy Ayers, along with fire personnel that had arrived on the scene, tried beating on the door without a response. The smoke detector could be heard outside and smoke was seen coming out of the residence around the door. Deputy Ayers forced the door open, entered the apartment, and located Mrs. Conner lying in the hallway. She was disoriented and confused and was obviously severely affected by the smoke inhaled. Deputy Ayers assisted and escorted her out of the apartment. Rescue members on the scene treating Mrs. Conner stated that if Mrs. Conner had been inside the apartment under those conditions, within another minute or two, her prognosis would not have been a favorable one.

Deputy Michael William Hudson - On May 5, 2010 Deputy Hudson was in the parking lot of the Food Lion store in Bassett Forks area on Route 220. Deputy Hudson was approached by a very anxious lady that had been driving around looking for her distraught husband and had located him sitting in his vehicle in the parking lot. Deputy Hudson found him unresponsive with an IV and syringe in his hand. Deputy Hudson

requested EMS to respond and then administered first aid by removing the IV and performing CPR for approximately seven minutes before rescue arrived on the scene. The medical staff at Memorial Hospital of Martinsville-Henry County stated to the investigators that if it was not for the quick thinking and heroic actions of Deputy Hudson, this suicide attempt would have been successful.

Deputy Stephanie Felicia Clark - On June 14, 2010, Deputy Clark responded to a vehicle crash near 5478 Appalachian Drive with a person pinned inside the vehicle. Deputy Clark arrived within three minutes and found Ms. Donetta Davis trapped inside the overturned truck which was leaking gasoline from the fuel tank. Deputy Clark quickly evaluated the situation to determine the back glass was the only way to get out of the vehicle. Deputy Clark then assisted Ms. Davis in getting out of the vehicle. Three days later, Ms. Davis called the 9-1-1 center to thank Deputy Clark for getting her out of the vehicle and saving her life.

Sergeant James David Whitlow - On July 3, 2010, Sergeant Whitlow responded to a report of a possible jumper on the Route 220 south overpass bridge near Wendy's. Upon arrival, Sgt. Whitlow found deputies talking with an individual that was over the rail on the bridge. As talks were being unsuccessful and the person appeared to be saying an ending prayer, Sgt. Whitlow crept up behind the man and rapidly jerked him back onto the bridge and restrained him. Review of this incident shows that it was apparent that the individual did appear to be reading himself to jump to his death to the 220 bypass below. Had Sgt. Whitlow not acted in a swift and forceful manner, the person would have jumped to his death.

Corporal Steven Richard Ball - On, July 21, 2010, Ms. Ruth Thompson was at Fort Trial Baptist Church in Stanleytown when she collapsed unexpectedly. Cpl. Ball was on routine patrol when he heard the call come over the radio at 7:24 pm. Cpl. Ball is a trained EMS responder and was in the area so he responded. Two minutes later he arrived on the scene and determined she was in cardiac arrest. Cpl. Ball initiated CPR and helped in the ambulance en route to the emergency room. She was resuscitated several times during the transport to the ER. Ms. Thompson walked out of the hospital several weeks later.

Deputy Michael Paul Blevins and Rosie - On Thanksgiving Day, November 25, 2010, the Sheriff's Office was notified at 9:27 am that Ms. Gudrun Dodrill had been missing from her home at 54 Spencer-Preston Road since approximately 10:00 pm the previous evening. A search of the neighborhood and surrounding area did not produce any favorable results. Deputy Blevins with his tracking K-9 Rosie was called out to assist with the search. Upon arrival, Deputy Blevins obtained items with Ms. Dodrill's scent on them. Deputy Blevins and Rosie tracked from the home to an area approximately half a mile away to the edge of an embankment where some personal items of Ms. Dodrill was found. Deputy Blevins looked down the embankment and notice her clothing approximately 75 yards down the embankment in a thorn thicket. Ms. Dodrill was brought up the hill to rescue personnel. Rescue personnel on the evaluated her condition and found her to be extremely hypothermic from the cold temperatures and her blood sugar level was dangerously low. Due to these conditions and the forecasts for the temperatures to continue to drop throughout the afternoon, Ms. Dodrill could not have survived in those conditions much longer.

Major Steven Dale Eanes and Deputy Brian Keith Lawson - On October 14, 2010, an explosion occurred at approximately 6:30 pm on Hobson Road in Axton. Deputy Lawson, Cpl. Keen, and Major Eanes responded to the scene. Upon arrival, Deputy Lawson found a burning structure with additional explosions with flying debris. Deputy Lawson located a man down with multiple trauma injuries and unresponsive approximately 25 feet from the burning structure. He requested EMS response and initiated CPR. Major Eanes arrived on the scene and relieved Deputy Lawson with chest compressions. CPR was continued until EMS arrived and was ready to transfer Mr. Michael Venable from the ground to a stretcher. Mr. Venable was resuscitated while at Memorial Hospital of Martinsville- Henry County's ER and later flown to Roanoke. Unfortunately, Mr. Venable died as a result of his injuries from the explosion, but Mr. Venable was an organ donor and other lives were saved as a result.

GENERAL HIGHWAY MATTERS

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

- Three signal projects are scheduled to be completed this fall, two in Collinsville, Koehler Road and Wheeler Avenue, and the intersection of 57A and Blackberry Road; the new signals will include OPTICON devices. Upgrade at Koehler Road will include left turn
- Route 220 South Safety Improvement Project will go to advertisement this month; plans are to enclose the open ditch at Wayside Manor Apartments with a storm sewer and widen the shoulder for approximately 800-1,000 feet to give adequate recovery area for vehicles that run off the road
- Route 58/684 Safety Improvement Project – started design on Phase 1 improvements which will include detectors on Carver Road (684) alerting vehicles on 58 that a vehicle may be entering the intersection; long-term improvements (two years) are to improve sight distance by grading on 58 West
- Route 609/683 Intersection in Rangeley – submitted as a candidate for safety improvement funds; selection process will take a few months
- Preston Road – public hearing still on schedule for later spring
- Line painting projects on hold until warmer weather; did not get to the Patriot Centre but still plan to

There being no further business to discuss, Mr. Adams moved at 6:25 pm to continue the meeting until February 8 at 3 p.m. for the Board's annual Planning Session at the Public Safety Center, seconded by Mr. Vaughn and carried 6 to 0.