

**HENRY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MINUTES**

April 7, 2011 – 5:00 pm

The Henry County Board of Supervisors met on April 7, 2011, 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 '11-'12 Total County Budget. The following Board members were present: Chairman Debra Buchanan, Vice Chairman H. G. Vaughn, Jim Adams, Tommy Slaughter, and Joe Bryant; Milton Kendall was absent.

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

Paul Collins of the Martinsville Bulletin was present. Sheriff Lane Perry and Major Steve Eanes of the Sheriff's Office were also present.

Dr. Anthony Jackson and Ms. Dawn Lawson of the School Board were present.

Chairman Buchanan called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone present. She stated the meeting is a continuation of its April 5, 2011 meeting.

AWARD OF CONTRACT – SOUTH STREET NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT

Mr. Summerlin said bids were received for the substantial reconstruction of property located at 62 South Street. The low bid was received from W.A. Stevens Construction in the amount of \$58,552. Mr. Summerlin said the South Street Housing Rehab Board has not met on this issue yet, but staff requests the Board take action contingent upon the Rehab Board also approving this item at its next meeting.

Mr. Slaughter made a motion to award the contract to W.A. Stevens Construction in the amount of \$58,552, contingent upon approval by the South Street Housing Rehab Board, seconded by Mr. Bryant and carried 5 to 0. Mr. Kendall was absent.

WORK SESSION ON FY 2011-2012 PROPOSED HENRY COUNTY BUDGET

Mr. Summerlin said he will review the budget by category and if the Board has any questions, he will respond. The following categories of the FY '11-'12 Budget were reviewed and discussed:

REVENUES

EXPENDITURES

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

Mr. Slaughter said he would like to see more funds for the demolition of unsafe structures. Mr. Summerlin recommended using remaining contingency funds at the end of the current fiscal year. Mr. Summerlin said the Board took \$30,000 out of the contingency fund last year and each district received \$5,000. Mr. Summerlin said there is about \$90,000 in the contingency fund at this time.

Mr. Bryant asked if the proposed budget includes funding for the five rescue squads. Mr. Summerlin said no, that the soft-billing being done on behalf of the rescue squads should be sufficient. Mr. Summerlin said if the expected soft-billing revenues fall short, the Board could address the issue.

Mr. Adams discussed the need for a long-range assessment of what emergency vehicles are needed. Mr. Summerlin said he certainly thinks an assessment is needed but it will require the cooperation and participation of the various agencies.

Mr. Vaughn said he was expecting the budget to be much worse and he commended staff and the School Board for an excellent job. Mr. Vaughn said the community should be proud of the accomplishments achieved this past year with grant funds, particularly Commonwealth Crossing.

CLOSED MEETING

Mr. Adams moved that the Board go into a closed meeting at 5:20 pm, seconded by Mr. Vaughn and carried 5 to 0 to discuss the following:

§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 5:33 p.m. 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. Vaughn, Mr. Adams, and Ms. Buchanan. Mr. Kendall was absent.

No action was taken. There being no further business to discuss, Mr. Adams moved at 5:35 p.m. that the Board continue the meeting until April 18, 2011 at 7:00 pm for the budget public hearing, seconded by Mr. Slaughter and unanimously carried.