

**HENRY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MINUTES**

September 25, 2012 – 3:00 pm

The Henry County Board of Supervisors held its regular meeting on September 25, 2012, 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 Jim Adams, Vice-Chairman Tommy Slaughter, Debra Buchanan, H.G. Vaughn, Milton Kendall, and Joe Bryant.

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

Deputy Mike Hooper and Lt. Eric Hairston of the Sheriff's Office were present. Also present were Debbie Hall of the Martinsville Bulletin, Ron Morris of B99, and Kip Wallace of WBTW.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Mr. Slaughter gave the invocation and Mr. Kendall led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Adams 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.

INTRODUCTION OF VIRGINIA FIRE SERVICES BOARD MEMBERS

Mr. Dale Wagoner introduced Chief Edwin Smith who serves on the Virginia Fire Services Board. Chief Smith and his team have been in the area the last three days conducting the Fire and EMS Study requested by the Board. Chief Smith thanked the Board and staff as well as members of the rescue squads and fire departments for their support and cooperation. Chief Smith said they anticipate having a report of their findings in the next three months for the Board's review and will come back after the first of the year to discuss those recommendations.

ITEMS OF CONSENT:

Confirmation of Minutes of Meetings
(Copy included in Board's File).

- August 28, 2012

Approval of Accounts Payable

(Copy included in Board's File).

Ms. Buchanan moved that the Items of Consent be adopted, seconded by Mr. Kendall. The motion carried 6 to 0.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION IN HONOR OF PIEDMONT COMMUNITY SERVICES ON ITS 40TH ANNIVERSARY IN HENRY COUNTY

Mr. Bryant read aloud a resolution commemorating Piedmont Community Services' 40 years of assistance to the people of Martinsville and Henry County. Mr. Kendall made a motion that the Board adopt the resolution as presented, seconded by Ms. Buchanan and unanimously carried.

Executive Director Jim Tobin was present to accept the honor. Mr. Tobin thanked the Board for its support and provided a handout of the history of Piedmont Community Services.

DESIGNATION OF VOTING REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE 2012 VIRGINIA ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES (VACO) ANNUAL MEETING

Mr. Hall said the 2012 VACo Annual Meeting is scheduled for November 11-13 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. Hall said Supervisors Adams, Slaughter, and Bryant plan to attend this year's session, and Supervisor Vaughn is on a waiting list for attending as well.

Mr. Bryant volunteered to serve as voting representative. Mr. Adams asked Mr. Slaughter if he would serve as an alternate. Mr. Vaughn moved that the Board designate Mr. Bryant as the County's voting representative and Mr. Slaughter as an alternate, second by Ms. Buchanan and carried 6 to 0.

REPORT ON DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTION EFFORTS

Mr. Scott Grindstaff was unable to attend today's meeting. The monthly reports on delinquent tax collection efforts were included in the Board's working papers. Mr. Adams recommended that the Board contact Mr. Grindstaff should they have any questions.

PRESENTATION BY DR. ANGELINE GODWIN, PRESIDENT OF PATRICK HENRY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Mr. Hall said Dr. Angeline Godwin, the new President of Patrick Henry Community College, requested time on the Board's agenda to formally introduce herself.

Dr. Godwin thanked the Board for allowing her the opportunity to be here. She said she is very excited to be the new president of PHCC and to be in the Henry County community. Dr. Godwin said PHCC recently celebrated its 50th anniversary and she is looking forward to planning the next 50 years. Dr. Godwin shared her vision of the role of a community college and her goals for PHCC. Dr. Godwin said she looks forward to working with everyone.

PRESENTATION BY SHERIFF LANE PERRY REGARDING “LEADSONLINE” INITIATIVE

Mr. Hall said Sheriff Perry requested time to discuss an initiative his department is seeking to implement.

Sheriff Perry said his department received a three-month trial subscription to a company called “LeadsOnline” which offers assistance to local governments in tracking items through pawn shops and metal recycling shops that may actually be stolen property. Sheriff Perry said they have found the program to be beneficial and would like to purchase a subscription through June 30, 2013 for \$3,100. Sheriff Perry said he has no funding in his current year’s budget and requested that the Board consider providing the money from their contingency fund. In addition, Sheriff Perry said that he and County Attorney George Lyle have discussed the option of implementing a change to the Henry County Code requiring local businesses to participate in the “LeadsOnline” initiative.

Mr. Kendall made a motion that the Board appropriate \$3,100 from the contingency fund as requested, seconded by Ms. Buchanan and unanimously carried. Mr. Lyle said he would prepare an ordinance for the Board’s review at next month’s meeting.

ACCEPTANCE OF AND ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION RE: TRAFFIC LAWS ENFORCEMENT GRANTS – SHERIFF’S OFFICE

Mr. Hall said Sheriff Perry is asking the Board to appropriate two grants for traffic enforcement that total \$31,541. The grants come from the Division of Motor Vehicles (\$25,541) and from a regional grant through the Martinsville Police Department (\$6,000). Sheriff Perry indicates that the money would be used for overtime pay for deputies working extra speeding, occupant protection, and alcohol/DUI assignments. An in-kind match will be provided by the Sheriff’s Office through use of the department’s equipment.

Mr. Bryant moved that the Board accept and appropriate the grants as outlined, seconded by Ms. Buchanan and carried 6 to 0.

ACCEPTANCE OF AND ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION RE: JUSTICE DEPARTMENT BULLETPROOF VEST PROGRAM GRANTS – SHERIFF’S OFFICE

Mr. Hall said Sheriff Perry is asking the Board to accept and appropriate two grants from the U.S. Department of Justice Bulletproof Vests Partnership Program

(BVP). The FY 2010-2011 grant is \$28,536 and the FY 2011-2012 grant is \$7,516.99. Mr. Hall said a required 50% local match would come from his current budget.

Mr. Vaughn made a motion that the Board accept and appropriate the grants as requested, seconded by Mr. Slaughter and unanimously carried.

ACCEPTANCE OF AND ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION RE: PLANTING AND MAINTENANCE GRANTS – GATEWAY STREETSCAPE

Mr. Hall said Lizz Stanley, Executive Director of Gateway Streetscape, is asking the Board to accept and appropriate two grants. The first is for \$12,000 from the Virginia Department of Forestry for staffing costs and the second is for \$5,000 from the Lowe's Corporation for planting of pots in Uptown Martinsville. Mr. Hall said Board approval is required because Henry County is the fiscal agent for Gateway Streetscape.

Mr. Kendall moved that the Board accept and appropriate the two grants as outlined, seconded by Ms. Buchanan and carried 6 to 0.

CONSIDERATION OF EMPLOYEE PURCHASE PLAN FOR I-PADS AND LAPTOP COMPUTERS

Mr. Hall said there is an opportunity once again to partner with the Henry County Public Schools for employees to purchase i-Pads or laptop computers through a payroll deduction plan. Employees who participate would have a monthly payment deducted from their paychecks for six months beginning in January 2013. 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.

Ms. Buchanan made a motion to approve the employee purchase plan for i-Pads and laptop computers, seconded by Mr. Bryant and unanimously carried.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION RE: INCREASED FUNDING FROM THE COMMONWEALTH - SCHOOL BOARD

Mr. Hall said Dr. Cotton is asking the Board to make an additional appropriation of \$446,280 from the Commonwealth of Virginia. Dr. Cotton indicates that the extra money is the result of changes in the final state budget that resulted in additional funding for retirement, inflation and preschool costs, and other items. Mr. Hall said County staff has reviewed the 22-page additional appropriation sheet and is comfortable that it meets the requirements for this transaction. Mr. Hall said Ms. Linda Dorr is present should the Board have any questions.

Mr. Kendall moved that the Board approve the additional appropriation as outlined, seconded by Mr. Vaughn and carried 6 to 0.

MONTHLY UPDATE FROM THE MARTINSVILLE-HENRY COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Mr. Mark Heath, President of the Martinsville-Henry County Economic Development Corporation, was present to make the monthly update to the Board. Mr.

Heath reviewed a summary of activities by division (Copy included in Board's File). Mr. Heath said the EDC is working with a total of 19 projects, including 13 active projects.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Comments from the Board

Ms. Buchanan said that she will be having a community meeting on October 2 at 7 pm at the Horsepasture Ruritan Building. Also, Ms. Buchanan said her annual coat drive for gently used children's coats is underway and if anyone wishes to donate items, they may contact her or drop them off at One Hour Martinizing on Rives Road.

Mr. Adams said he was able to participate in welcoming the group for the fishing tournament at Philpott and was present at the weigh-in on Saturday. Mr. Adams said they seemed to be very enthusiastic about the event and what the area has to offer. Mr. Adams said the event was very good for local commerce.

Mr. Hall welcomed Mr. Dale Wagoner in his new position as Deputy County Administrator.

CLOSED MEETING

Ms. Buchanan moved that the Board go into a closed meeting at 3:40 p.m., seconded by Mr. Slaughter and unanimously carried to discuss the following.

- 1) §2.2-3711(A)1 for Discussion of Appointees to the Community Policy and Management Team, Fieldale Sanitary District Board, Southern Area Agency on Aging Board and the Southern Virginia Recreation Facilities Authority.
- 2) §2.2-3711(A)7 for Discussion of Pending Legal Matters.
- 3) §2.2-3711(A)3 for Discussion of the Acquisition/Disposal of Real Estate.
- 4) §2.2-3711(A)5 for Discussion of As-Yet Unannounced Industries.

OPEN MEETING

The Board returned to an open meeting at 5:27 p.m. on a motion by Ms. Buchanan, 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. Bryant, Mr. Kendall, Mr. Vaughn, Ms. Buchanan, Mr. Slaughter, and Mr. Adams.

Community Policy and Management Team – Mr. Bryant made a motion that the Board appoint Dale Wagoner to an open term, seconded by Mr. Slaughter and unanimously carried.

Fieldale Sanitary District Board – Ms. Buchanan moved that the Board appoint R.B. Hundley, seconded by Mr. Bryant and carried 6 to 0.

Southern Virginia Recreation Facilities Authority – Mr. Vaughn made a motion that the Board reappoint Mark Heath and William Kirby to four-year terms ending October 13, 2016, seconded by Ms. Buchanan and unanimously carried.

Mr. Adams recessed at 5:29 p.m. until the 6:00 evening meeting.

Mr. Adams called the meeting back to order at 6:00 p.m. and welcomed everyone present.

MATTERS PRESENTED BY THE PUBLIC

There was no one present who wished to speak.

CONSIDERATION OF ACTION IN HONOR AND MEMORY OF BENNY SUMMERLIN

Mr. Hall said Benny Summerlin served Henry County for 31 years, the last ten as County Administrator, before his death August 15. Mr. Hall said staff has contemplated several ways to honor Benny's memory and his service to our community. The first is to officially rename the Board's first floor meeting room as the "Summerlin Meeting Room." The second is a joint resolution with the City of Martinsville to rename the Henry County Public Safety building on Hooker Street in Martinsville in Benny's memory. That building previously served as the home of the Martinsville-Henry County Rescue Squad, where Benny began his public service career as an eighth-grade student.

Mr. Hall said City Council will also consider the resolution at its meeting tonight. Several staff members and Board members have indicated they will attend that meeting after ours concludes. Robin Summerlin, Benny's wife, is present and also plans to attend the City Council meeting.

Mr. Kendall read aloud the joint resolution and made a motion that the Board adopt it as presented, seconded by Ms. Buchanan and unanimously carried. Mr. Vaughn moved that the Board rename the Board's first floor meeting room as the "Summerlin Meeting Room," seconded by Ms. Buchanan and carried 6 to 0.

The Board presented Mrs. Summerlin with a plaque to be hung in the newly named "Summerlin Meeting Room." Mr. Adams said they will present the joint resolution to Mrs. Summerlin once City Council approves it later this evening.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING MARTINSVILLE SPEEDWAY'S 65TH ANNIVERSARY

Mr. Hall said Martinsville Speedway is celebrating its 65th anniversary this year. Mr. Hall said the track pre-dates NASCAR and has been a NASCAR-affiliated track longer than any other facility in the country.

Mr. Vaughn read the resolution aloud and moved that the Board adopt it as presented, seconded by Ms. Buchanan and unanimously carried.

Speedway President Clay Campbell was present to accept the honor.

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 introduced David Kiser, the new assistant resident engineer.

Ms. Hughes noted the annual fall transportation meeting for primary and interstate road requests is November 7 at the Montgomery County Government Center.

Ms. Hughes said comments can be emailed if you are unable to attend.

There being no further business to discuss, Mr. Slaughter moved to adjourn at 6:15 pm, seconded by Ms. Buchanan and carried 6 to 0.