

**HENRY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MINUTES**

July 24, 2012 – 3:00 pm

The Henry County Board of Supervisors held its regular meeting on July 24, 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 Benny Summerlin, County Administrator; Tim Hall, Deputy County Administrator; George Lyle, County Attorney; Richard Stanfield, Deputy Director of Finance; Michelle Via, Administrative Assistant; and Susan Reynolds, Director of Human Resources.

Deputies Mike Hooper and Mark Jamison 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 Ms. Buchanan 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 DEPUTY JOE BINDER

Sheriff Perry introduced Deputy Joe Binder who has been with the Sheriff's Office for about three years. Deputy Binder is in the process of completing his field training which includes learning about the local governing body process and attending a Board meeting.

ITEMS OF CONSENT:

Confirmation of Minutes of Meetings

(Copy included in Board's File).

- June 26, 2012

Approval of Accounts Payable

(Copy included in Board's File).

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

CONSIDERATION OF CHANGES TO THE HENRY COUNTY SOLICITORS ORDINANCE

Mr. George Lyle said last month, Sheriff Perry addressed the Board about concerns with door-to-door solicitation. Sheriff Perry said his office had been inundated with complaints from citizens and requested that the Board consider rescinding the County's current ordinance pertaining to the issuance of solicitor's permits. Mr. Lyle said he has researched the matter and his recommendation is to leave the ordinance as is. Mr. Lyle explained that under the current ordinance, the Sheriff's Office conducts a background check on the applicant; the ordinance also requires written documentation of agreements between the customer and salesperson, thus making it easier to track someone if there are issues. Mr. Lyle said rescinding the ordinance would not prohibit solicitation and would only make it more difficult for customers to track someone down if they did have a problem.

Sheriff Perry said one problem they have encountered is multiple people selling under one permit; he plans to look into possibly amending the application to include all names of sellers so that a background check can be done on each one. The Board also discussed requiring that sellers wear some type of ID. Mr. Lyle said citizens should ask for credentials such as the letter issued by the Sheriff's Office granting permission for door-to-door solicitation as well as their County business license. Lastly, Mr. Lyle said citizens have the right to post a "No Solicitors" sign if they do not want salespeople on their property.

REPORT ON DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTION EFFORTS

Mr. Scott Grindstaff reviewed the monthly reports on delinquent tax collection efforts. Mr. Grindstaff noted that 96.98% of 2011 personal property taxes have been collected; 92.92% of 2011 real estate taxes; and since the first of January, TACS has collected approximately \$309,000. In addition, Mr. Grindstaff said there are 222 in-house accounts and 41 VRW stops collected in the month of July. Mr. Grindstaff provided a year-end comparison as requested last month (Copy included in Board's File).

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 as well as an analysis of commuting

patterns by age and wage (Copy included in Board's File). Mr. Heath said the EDC is working with a total of 20 projects, including 14 active projects.

CONSIDERATION OF AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2012-13 APPROPRIATIONS RESOLUTION

Mr. Summerlin said staff is requesting to add two items to the Appropriations Resolution for FY '13 for the Smith River Fest and for revenue generated through concession sales for the Parks and Recreation Department's PONY League baseball. Mr. Summerlin said by approving these changes, staff will have the authority to appropriate and carry forward these fiscal items without returning to the Board each time action is needed.

Mr. Vaughn moved that the Board approve the appropriations resolution as outlined, seconded by Mr. Bryant and unanimously carried.

ACCEPTANCE OF AND ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION RE: DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY GRANT FOR THE OPEN SPACE & LANDSCAPE MASTER PLAN

Mr. Summerlin said Henry County has obtained a \$5,000 grant from the Department of Forestry to develop an Open Space & Landscape Master Plan. This grant will help develop a master plan to identify and develop landscape enhancement sites and the development of a "sponsor" garden program similar to the programs in Lynchburg, Danville, and Rocky Mount, VA. Mr. Summerlin said the grant requires a local match of \$5,000, which would come from the Board's "professional services" line item.

Mr. Kendall made a motion that the Board accept the grant and approve the additional appropriation as requested, seconded by Mr. Slaughter and carried 6 to 0.

ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT, ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION, AND AWARD OF CONTRACT RE: COUNTY AMBULANCE – PUBLIC SAFETY

Mr. Summerlin said last month the Board approved an additional appropriation of \$38,000 from the County's soft-billing revenue in anticipation of the County receiving a Rescue Squad Assistance Fund grant for the purchase of an ambulance and stretcher to replace an existing ambulance with high mileage. Mr. Wagoner is asking the Board to accept and appropriate the grant in the amount of \$137,972 and to award a contract to Vest Sales and Service in the amount of \$159,999 for the purchase of a new Dodge/Osage ambulance. The previously-approved \$38,000 appropriation will be used to provide the balance, and will be used to purchase the stretcher at a later date.

Ms. Buchanan moved that the Board accept the grant in the amount of \$137,972, approve the additional appropriation and award the contract to Vest Sales in the amount of \$159,999, seconded by Mr. Kendall and unanimously carried.

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

Mr. Summerlin said we received \$20,175 from the Virginia Department of Fire Programs “Aid to Localities” Fund which in the past has been allocated equally among the eight volunteer fire departments. That would result in a per-department allocation of \$2,521.87. Mr. Wagoner said the money must be used to pay for training, construction of training centers, firefighting equipment and protective clothing.

Mr. Slaughter made a motion that the Board approve the additional appropriation and divide it equally among the eight fire departments, seconded by Mr. Bryant and carried 6 to 0.

AWARD OF CONTRACT RE: PRINTING AND MAILING OF BILLS AND NOTICES – COUNTY TREASURER AND THE COMMISSIONER OF THE REVENUE

Mr. Summerlin said the Treasurer’s Office and the Commissioner of the Revenue use Pro Forma Total Print Solutions of High Point, NC for the printing of the County’s forms for personal property, real estate and decal bills. The cost of the mailings and the postage associated with those mailings is \$43,140.

Mr. Bryant moved that the Board award the contract to Pro Forma Total Print Solutions as outlined, seconded by Mr. Kendall and unanimously carried.

AWARD OF CONTRACT RE: PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE FOR HVAC SYSTEMS – PURCHASING DEPARTMENT

Mr. Summerlin said a selection committee evaluated proposals and recommends Trane, Inc. be awarded a contract in the amount of \$28,922 for preventive maintenance on HVAC systems on various County buildings.

Mr. Kendall made a motion that the Board award a contract to Trane in the amount of \$28,922, seconded by Mr. Bryant and carried 6 to 0.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Comments from the Board

Mr. Kendall said that Rev. Tyler Millner had sent him a handout and asked that he distribute it to the Board for their consideration (Copy included in Board’s File).

Ms. Buchanan informed everyone of a Drug Awareness Program that is going to be held at Pleasant Grove Christian Church on July 30. Also, Ms. Buchanan said a Neighborhood Watch has been formed in the Fieldale community and is expanding to the Rangeley community as well. Ms. Buchanan said they will meet on Tuesday, August 14 at 6:30 pm.

CLOSED MEETING

Mr. Slaughter moved that the Board go into a closed meeting at 3:33 p.m., seconded by Ms. Buchanan and unanimously carried to discuss the following.

- 1) §2.2-3711(A)1 for Discussion of Appointee to the Roanoke River Basin Association.
- 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 4:19 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.

Roanoke River Basin Association – Ms. Buchanan moved that the Board reappoint Mike Ward to a one-year term ending August 31, 2013, seconded by Mr. Slaughter and carried 6 to 0.

Mr. Adams recessed at 4:20 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

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 alerted the Board to a change that went into effect July 1, House Bill 914, which allows localities to install "Watch for Children" signs within their borders, but the cost of the signs and installation will be the responsibility of the locality. Ms. Hughes said VDOT would still have to approve placement of the signs and issue a permit and the signs

must meet VDOT criteria. Ms. Hughes said the County can opt for VDOT to install the signs, but the County will still be responsible for expenses.

- Ms. Hughes reported that mowing on primary roads is underway and secondary roads will be done next.
- Virginia 57 East being paved from 58 to Route 720; westbound lane of 58 will be paved from Laurel Park to the Martinsville city limits.
- VDOT Salem District administrator, Richard Caywood, will be moving to the Lynchburg District and Rob Cary, who is currently Lynchburg District administrator, will move to the Salem District effective the first of August.

PUBLIC HEARING RE: VOTING PRECINCT CHANGES IN HENRY COUNTY

Mr. Adams said last month the Henry County Electoral Board came to the Board of Supervisors seeking to move three voting precincts:

- Dyers Store voting precinct from the Dyers Store Ruritan Building to the Dyers Store Fire Department
- Ridgeway #1 precinct from the Ridgeway Ruritan Building to the Ridgeway Library
- Mountain View precinct from the former VFW Building to Woodland Heights Free Will Baptist Church

Mr. Adams said the Board advertised a public hearing for tonight's meeting and opened the floor for public comment at 6:06 p.m.

Andrew Wright, who serves as a trustee of the Dyers Store Ruritan Club, spoke in opposition to moving the Dyers Store voting precinct. Mr. Wright said the Dyers Store Ruritan Club is working to address the electrical problems and other issues cited by the Electoral Board. Mr. Wright also noted that the proposed location at the Dyers Store Fire Department has limited parking and a steep incline which voters will have to walk up. Mr. Wright said there are a number of elderly citizens in the Dyers Store precinct including his wife who will not be able to easily access the building due to the steep drive.

Ronnie Ashby of the Dyers Store precinct also spoke in opposition to moving the voting location from the Ruritan Building. Mr. Ashby said his main complaint is that the Electoral Board did not address their concerns with the Dyers Store Ruritan Club Board so they could try to correct the problems.

Phillip Pigg of the Horsepasture District addressed the Board concerning the Mountain View precinct. Mr. Pigg said he had served as chief election official at the Mountain View precinct for the past three elections. Mr. Pigg said while they have had ongoing issues with Robert King who oversees the VFW Building, he recommends leaving the precinct at its current location and trying to work with Mr. King to resolve their differences. Mr. Pigg also added that the Electoral Board has spent a considerable amount of money at the VFW Building as well as the Dyers Store Ruritan Building to make them handicap accessible.

There being no one else who wished to speak, Mr. Adams closed the public hearing at 6:13 p.m. Mr. Adams requested that the Board address each proposed precinct change separately.

Ridgeway #1 Precinct

Mr. Vaughn said he has received no calls either for or opposed to the move of the Ridgeway #1 precinct from the Ridgeway Ruritan Building to the Ridgeway Library. Mr. Vaughn noted that the library is easily accessible and the Electoral Board has already coordinated the location of the voting machines with the library. Mr. George Lyle added that the Ridgeway Town Council must take similar action as the Board of Supervisors if they choose to make any changes with town elections. Mr. Vaughn moved that the Board follow the recommendation of the Electoral Board and move the Ridgeway #1 precinct from the Ridgeway Ruritan Building to the Ridgeway Library effective with the November 6, 2012 election, seconded by Ms. Buchanan and carried 6 to 0.

Mountain View Precinct

Mr. Bryant said he feels it is best at this time to leave the Mountain View precinct at its current location at the VFW Building. Mr. Bryant said hopefully the Electoral Board and Mr. Robert King can work together to resolve their differences. Ms. Buchanan agreed but informed the Electoral Board that if they continue to have problems, the Board can address the matter again in the future. Mr. Lyle said no motion is necessary if the Board does not wish to move the voting location.

Dyers Store Precinct

Mr. Slaughter said he is opposed to moving the Dyers Store voting precinct from the Dyers Store Ruritan Building to the Dyers Store Fire Department. Mr. Slaughter said he has received numerous calls from citizens and all are opposed to the change. Mr. Slaughter again cited reasons being the steep slope at the Dyers Store Fire Department, the number of elderly in the community and limited parking. The Board concurred to leave the Dyers Store voting precinct at its current location.

Mr. Adams thanked the Electoral Board for their hard work and concern for voters.

There being no further business to discuss, Mr. Bryant moved to adjourn at 6:22 pm, seconded by Mr. Slaughter and carried 6 to 0.