

**HENRY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
MINUTES**

**August 28, 2012 – 3:00 pm**

The Henry County Board of Supervisors held its regular meeting on August 28, 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; 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.

Deputies Mike Hooper and Eric Hairston of the Sheriff's Office were present. Also present were Debbie Hall and Sam Jackson of the Martinsville Bulletin, Ron Morris of B99, and Charles Roark of Cable 18.

**INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

Rev. Mike Hatfield of Chatham Heights Baptist Church gave the invocation and Mr. Slaughter 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.

**ITEMS OF CONSENT:**

**Confirmation of Minutes of Meetings**

(Copy included in Board's File).

- July 24, 2012
- August 15, 2012 – Joint BOS/IDA
- August 20, 2012 – Special Meeting

**Approval of Accounts Payable**

(Copy included in Board's File).

Mr. George Lyle, County Attorney, requested an amendment to the August 15, 2012 minutes pertaining to the conveyance of Lot 10 to Commonwealth Laminating by

the Henry County Industrial Development Authority. Ms. Buchanan moved that the Items of Consent be adopted with the recommended change by Mr. Lyle, seconded by Mr. Slaughter. The motion carried 6 to 0.

#### **PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTION IN HONOR OF ARMY LT. GENERAL DENNIS L. VIA**

Mr. Hall said Lt. General Dennis L. Via was recently promoted to four-star general in the United States Army. Lt. Gen. Via is one of only 10 four-star generals in the Army. Mr. Hall said Lt. Gen. Via is a graduate of Carver High School and Virginia State University. His accomplishments reflect well on his work ethic, character, leadership, and his heritage here in Henry County.

Ms. Buchanan read the resolution aloud and moved that the Board adopt it as presented, seconded by Mr. Slaughter and unanimously carried. Lt. Gen. Via addressed the Board and thanked them for this honor. Lt. Gen. Via also thanked Dr. Max Wingett for his accomplishments to the community.

#### **PRESENTATION OF PLAQUE TO DR. MAX WINGETT, RETIRED PRESIDENT OF PATRICK HENRY COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

Mr. Hall said Dr. Max Wingett recently retired as President of Patrick Henry Community College after 34 years of service in that position. During his tenure, Dr. Wingett helped lead PHCC through many milestones, including increasing enrollment to more than 3,500 students and becoming the first community college in Virginia to provide National Junior College Athletic Association sports programs.

Mr. Vaughn presented a plaque to Dr. Wingett to commemorate his service at PHCC and thank him for all he has done for the people of Henry County. Dr. Wingett said he was honored and thanked the Board for its support of the college over the years.

#### **CONSIDERATION OF PROCLAMATION ESTABLISHING SEPTEMBER 2012 AS "BABY SAFETY MONTH" IN HENRY COUNTY**

Mr. Hall said the Martinsville Exchange Club requested that the Board adopt a resolution establishing September 2012 as "Baby Safety Month" in Henry County. The Exchange Club's national project is child abuse prevention.

Mr. Kendall read the proclamation aloud and moved that the Board adopt it as presented, seconded Mr. Bryant and carried 6 to 0. Nancy Kennett was present to accept the proclamation.

#### **CONSIDERATION OF APPOINTMENTS TO THE SOUTH STREET REHABILITATION BOARD – OFFICE OF PLANNING, ZONING, AND INSPECTIONS**

Mr. Hall said in July, Pastor Isaac McDuffie, a member serving on the South Street Housing Rehab Board, retired as Pastor of Tabernacle Baptist Church, and as the project's "community representative" for the project. The new pastor of Tabernacle

Baptist, Pastor David Towler, has agreed to serve on the Housing Rehab Board, as well as the Management Team for the South Street project. In addition, Mr. Hall said the Board will need to formally appoint him to the Board as the County Administrator.

Mr. Slaughter moved that the Board appoint Pastor David Towler and Tim Hall to the South Street Housing Rehab Board, seconded by Ms. Buchanan and unanimously carried.

### **CONSIDERATION OF MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT WITH STOKES COUNTY, NC – PUBLIC SAFETY**

Mr. Hall said Dale Wagoner is asking the Board to consider a Mutual Aid Agreement with Stokes County, NC. Mr. Hall said the mutual aid agreement would be part of the County's efforts to have up-to-date agreements with all of our surrounding jurisdictions. Mr. Wagoner indicates that the Stokes County Board of Commissioners will consider adoption of this agreement at its next regularly scheduled meeting.

Mr. Bryant moved that the Board approve the Mutual Aid Agreement contingent on approval by the Stokes County Board of Commissioners, seconded by Mr. Slaughter and carried 6 to 0.

### **REPORT ON DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTION EFFORTS**

Mr. Scott Grindstaff reviewed the monthly reports on delinquent tax collection efforts. Mr. Grindstaff noted that 97.18% of 2011 personal property taxes have been collected; 93.18% of 2011 real estate taxes; and since the first of January, TACS has collected approximately \$357,117. In addition, Mr. Grindstaff said there are 270 in-house accounts and 41 VRW stops collected in the month of August.

### **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 18 projects, including 12 active projects.

### **AWARD OF CONTRACT RE: MOBILE LICENSE PLATE READER – SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

Mr. Hall said in January 2012 the Board accepted and appropriated a grant from the Department of Emergency Management for the Sheriff's Office in the amount of \$16,040 for the purchase of a mobile license plate reader. Sheriff Perry is asking the Board now to award a contract in the amount of \$16,040 to PIPS Technology Federal Signal, based in Knoxville, TN, for the unit.

Mr. Slaughter made a motion that the Board award a contract to PIPS Technology Federal Signal in the amount of \$16,040, seconded by Mr. Bryant and unanimously carried.

### **AWARD OF CONTRACT RE: PROTECTIVE VESTS – SHERIFF’S OFFICE**

Mr. Hall said the Sheriff’s Office issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) for protective vests and four vendors submitted proposals. A committee evaluated the proposals and recommended that the contract be awarded to Town Police Supply of Collinsville. Mr. Hall said the contract has the option to be negotiated annually for the next four years during which time the Sheriff’s Office is expecting to order approximately 130 different vests as it becomes necessary to replace them. It is expected that this contract will average approximately \$40,000 each year.

Mr. Bryant moved that the Board award the contract to Town Police Supply with the option to negotiate it annually for the next four years, seconded by Mr. Slaughter and carried 6 to 0.

### **AWARD OF CONTRACT RE: REPLACEMENT VEHICLES - SHERIFF’S OFFICE**

Mr. Hall said as part of the annual budget process, staff works with the Sheriff’s Office to determine needs and funds to use for the replacement of patrol cars for the Sheriff’s Office. Sheriff Perry indicates that bids were received from seven vendors and after review of the bids, the Sheriff’s Office is requesting the awarding of a contract to Haley Ford – South in Richmond in the amount of \$241,443 for eight patrol cars and one animal control truck. Mr. Hall said funding for these vehicles is in the FY 2012-13 County budget.

Mr. Slaughter made a motion that the Board award a contract to Haley Ford South in the amount of \$241,443 for the purchase of eight patrol cars and one animal control truck, seconded by Ms. Buchanan and unanimously carried.

### **ACCEPTANCE AND ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION RE: JAG GRANT - SHERIFF’S OFFICE**

Mr. Hall said the Sheriff’s Office has been awarded an Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) in the amount of \$19,296 which will be used to provide high impact law enforcement activities in areas that experience a significant increase in crime. The funds are to provide overtime for additional personnel to work these directed enforcement areas.

Mr. Kendall moved that the Board accept and appropriate the JAG grant as outlined, seconded by Mr. Bryant and carried 6 to 0.

### **ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION RE: VIDEO VISITATION PROJECT – SHERIFF’S OFFICE**

Mr. Hall said Sheriff Perry is requesting the Board to make an additional appropriation of \$33,919.82 into the department’s video visitation project line item. Sheriff Perry said the money was gained from charging inmates \$1.50 a day as allowed by Virginia Code and will be used toward the purchase of a video visitation unit for the

inmates' use. Mr. Hall said the appropriation is applicable for the FY '12 Budget and will be added to a previous appropriation of \$71,754 for the same project.

Ms. Buchanan made a motion that the Board approve the additional appropriation as requested, seconded by Mr. Kendall and unanimously carried.

#### **PERMISSION TO SELL TRASH TRUCK AT COUNTY SURPLUS AUCTION – PURCHASING DEPARTMENT**

Mr. Hall said Carole Jones, Chief Purchasing Agent, is asking the Board to give her office permission to sell a 1998 Volvo trash truck at the County's Surplus Auction on October 13. Mr. Hall said Board permission normally would not be needed to sell an item at the auction because prices generally do not meet the threshold for Board approval. However, it is anticipated that a minimum bid of \$8,000 will be placed on the truck, and Section 2-503 of the County Code requires Board approval and public notice if the amount of the sale is estimated to exceed \$5,000.

Mr. Vaughn moved that the Board authorize the Purchasing Department to sell the 1998 Volvo trash truck at the County's Surplus Auction for a minimum of \$8,000, seconded by Mr. Slaughter and carried 6 to 0.

#### **ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION RE: SCHOOL NUTRITION PROGRAM – SCHOOL BOARD**

Mr. Hall said Dr. Jared Cotton is asking the Board to approve an additional appropriation of \$172,396 from the Virginia Department of Education for Axton, Campbell Court, Carver, Collinsville Primary, Rich Acres, Sanville and Stanleytown elementary schools. The money would be used for the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program.

Mr. Kendall made a motion that the Board approve the additional appropriation as requested, seconded by Ms. Buchanan and unanimously carried.

#### **AWARD OF CONTRACT RE: INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT, SOUTH STREET NEIGHBORHOOD – DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING, ZONING AND INSPECTIONS**

Mr. Hall said as part of the ongoing South Street Rehabilitation Project, major infrastructure improvements are required. These include replacement of water and sewer lines, installation and improvement of the storm water drainage system, and the paving of South Street and a portion of Pleasant Ridge to bring those roads into the Virginia Department of Transportation's road system. Road improvements will also be made to South Street Extension, Pleasant Ridge and Elm Street.

Mr. Hall said the low bid was received from C W Cauley & Son, Inc., of Patrick Springs in the amount of \$892,907.90 for the base bid and \$206,300.70 for the additive bid, for a total of \$1,099,208.60. Mr. Hall said the total bid was approved by the South Street Housing Rehab Board at its August meeting.

Mr. Slaughter moved that the Board award the contract to C W Cauley & Son, Inc. in the amount of \$892,907.90 for the base bid and \$206,300.70 for the additive bid, for a total of \$1,099,208.60, seconded by Mr. Bryant and carried 6 to 0.

## **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

### **Comments from the Board**

Mr. Hall reminded the Board of the blood drive on August 31 in honor and memory of Benny Summerlin. Mr. Hall also reported that representatives working with the Fire/EMS study will conduct a site visit September 24-25 and possibly may contact Board members for input.

Mr. Adams recognized members of the media and welcomed Sam Jackson, the new managing editor for the Martinsville Bulletin.

## **CLOSED MEETING**

Mr. Slaughter moved that the Board go into a closed meeting at 4:00 p.m., seconded by Ms. Buchanan and unanimously carried to discuss the following.

- 1) §2.2-3711(A)1 for Discussion of Appointees to the Fieldale Sanitary District 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 5:09 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.

There was no action taken during closed session. Mr. Adams recessed at 5:09 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.

## **CONSIDERATION OF PROCLAMATION ESTABLISHING SEPTEMBER 2012 AS “NATIONAL RECOVERY MONTH” IN HENRY COUNTY**

Mr. Hall said Drug Free M-HC (formerly the Drug Task Force) requested the Board's consideration of a proclamation establishing September 2012 as "National Recovery Month" in Henry County.

Mr. Slaughter read the proclamation aloud and moved that the Board adopt it as presented, seconded by Mr. Kendall and carried 6 to 0. Ms. Valerie Blevins was present to accept the proclamation. Ms. Blevins thanked the Board for its support and encouraged everyone to attend a Recovery Day celebration on September 8 at Patrick Henry Community College.

## **MATTERS PRESENTED BY THE PUBLIC**

Mr. Curtis Millner, Iriswood District, was present to address the Board on behalf of the Fayette Area Historical Initiative (FAHI). Mr. Millner spoke on the organization's mission and presented Chairman Adams with a book recently published by FAHI, *African American Firsts and Other Prominent People of Martinsville-Henry County*. Mr. Millner said The Harvest Foundation has purchased numerous copies of the book for distribution to schools, libraries, and community organizations; additional copies may be purchased at the art museum for \$42. Mr. Millner also noted that FAHI has recently acquired the former Imperial Savings and Loan building on Fayette Street which will be the future home of an African American museum.

## **PUBLIC HEARING – REZONING APPLICATION R-12-03 – PAR 5 DEVELOPMENT GROUP, L.L.C.**

Mr. Clark said the property is located in the southwest corner of the intersection of Fairystone Park Highway and T.B. Stanley Highway in the Reed Creek District and is shown as part of Tax Map 27.3/171. The applicant is requesting the rezoning of approximately 1.59-acres from Industrial District I-1 to Limited Industrial District I-2. The applicant wishes to establish a free standing retail use on this property. Following a public hearing, both the Planning Commission and staff approved the rezoning request.

Mr. Adams opened the public hearing at 6:11 pm. There being no one present who wished to speak, Mr. Adams closed the hearing at 6:11 pm.

Mr. Slaughter moved that the Board follow the recommendation of the Planning Commission and approve the rezoning request as outlined, seconded by Ms. Buchanan and unanimously carried.

## **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 reported on routine maintenance activities including mowing and paving. Ms. Hughes said VDOT has posted a willingness to hold a public hearing on a safety project

on US 220 in Oak Level near Henry Memorial Park due to numerous accidents. The estimated cost of the project is \$2 million with construction to begin in 2014.

Ms. Buchanan said she had received several requests to reduce the speed limit on River Road in Fieldale due to the increased number of people using the canoe access and walking trail. Ms. Hughes said the overall usage of the road and roadside development does not permit reducing the speed limit at this time but she has talked with Roger Adams they plan to mark a crosswalk and post "Recreational Area" signs.

There being no further business to discuss, Mr. Slaughter moved to adjourn at 6:17 pm, seconded by Ms. Buchanan and carried 6 to 0.