

**HENRY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
MINUTES**

**January 28, 2014 – 3:00 p.m.**

The Henry County Board of Supervisors held its regular meeting on January 28, 2014, at 3:00 p.m. in the Summerlin Meeting Room of the County Administration Building, King's Mountain Road, Collinsville, Virginia. The following Board members were present: Chairman H.G. Vaughn, Vice-Chairman Tommy Slaughter, Debra Buchanan, Jim Adams, Milton Kendall, and Joe Bryant.

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

Deputy Mike Hooper of the Sheriff's Office was present. Also present was Ben Williams of the Martinsville Bulletin.

**INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

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

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Chairman Vaughn 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 p.m. 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 p.m. 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**

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- December 17, 2013
- January 2, 2014
- January 13, 2014

**Approval of Accounts Payable**

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**Resolution Supporting Completion of U.S. 58 Four-lane Project**

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Mr. Adams moved the Items of Consent be adopted, seconded by Mr. Bryant. The motion carried 6 to 0.

### **UPDATE BY ERIC DEATON, MARKET CEO FOR LIFEPOINT HOSPITALS**

Eric Deaton, Market Chief Executive Officer for LifePoint Hospitals, was present to update the Board on the recently formed South Central Virginia market, which includes Memorial Hospital and Danville Regional Medical Center. Deaton said that creating this market structure will allow LifePoint to do a lot of things differently and better across that market as well as enable them to be more financially viable going forward in the future. Deaton also discussed the national search for a new CEO of Memorial Hospital after the recent resignation of Skip Philips. Deaton said they feel it is important to have an executive here representing our hospital locally. Additionally, Deaton said LifePoint has spent approximately \$6 million on capital improvements between Memorial Hospital and Danville Regional and noted that Memorial Hospital is either the first or second largest employer in Martinsville-Henry County.

### **PROCLAMATION ESTABLISHING FEBRUARY 2014 AS “TEEN DATING VIOLENCE PREVENTION AND AWARENESS MONTH” IN HENRY COUNTY**

Mr. Slaughter read aloud a proclamation declaring February 2014 as “Teen Dating Violence Prevention and Awareness Month” in Henry County. On a motion by Mr. Slaughter and seconded by Ms. Buchanan, the Board unanimously adopted the proclamation. A representative of Citizens Against Family Violence was unable to attend due to the weather.

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

Mr. Scott Grindstaff reviewed the monthly reports on delinquent tax collection efforts. Mr. Grindstaff noted that 97.36% of 2012 personal property taxes have been collected; 94.53% of 2012 real estate taxes; and since January 1, TACS collected approximately \$595,171. In addition, Mr. Grindstaff said 249 VRW stops were collected in 2013 and eight in January 2014.

### **MONTHLY UPDATE FROM THE MARTINSVILLE-HENRY COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION**

Mr. Mark Heath, President of the Martinsville-Henry County Economic Development Corporation, was unable to attend today’s meeting. Mr. Hall distributed a summary of activities by division (Copy included in Board’s File).

### **ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION RE: ATTORNEY GENERAL’S OFFICE GRANT - SHERIFF’S OFFICE**

Mr. Hall said Sheriff Perry is asking the Board to appropriate a grant of \$205,000 from the Virginia Attorney General’s Office. The grant will be used to help fund a

CBRNE armored personnel carrier, personal protective equipment, tactical bullet proof vests, and upgrades to the mobile command unit.

On a motion by Mr. Adams and seconded by Mr. Slaughter, the Board unanimously approved the appropriation of grant funds as requested.

#### **ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION AND AWARD OF CONTRACT RE: ASSET FORFEITURE FUNDS - SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

Mr. Hall said Sheriff Perry is asking the Board to appropriate state asset forfeiture funds of \$126,178 and federal asset forfeiture funds of \$35,617. Additionally, Sheriff Perry is asking the Board to approve various transfers of \$42,271 in the Sheriff's Office current budget. When combined with the Attorney General's Office grant, the Sheriff's Office will use these funds to purchase the armored personnel carrier and tactical bullet proof vests.

Mr. Hall said Sheriff Perry is also asking the Board to approve purchase contracts to the Virginia State Police for \$242,685 for the purchase of Lenco BearCat armored personnel carrier and to Town Police Supply, Inc. of Collinsville, Virginia for \$44,712 for 23 tactical bullet proof vests.

On a motion by Mr. Bryant and seconded by Ms. Buchanan, the Board voted unanimously to approve the additional appropriations from asset forfeiture funds and award contracts to the Virginia State Police and Town Police Supply as outlined.

#### **ADOPTION AND APPROPRIATION OF THE LINDEN ROAD HOUSING REHAB PROJECT BUDGET (FORMERLY CALLED SOUTH STREET NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT - PHASE 2)**

Mr. Hall said last year, the Board approved a community improvement grant application for the South Street Neighborhood Improvement Project – Phase 2 and Henry County was awarded the grant for this project.

Mr. Hall said staff is currently finishing pre-contract activities which include the need to appropriate and adopt the budget for this project. Per VDHCD's request, the project name has been changed to the Linden Road Housing Rehabilitation Project. DHCD has requested this change in order to simplify their recordkeeping.

On a motion by Ms. Buchanan and seconded by Mr. Slaughter, the Board unanimously approved adoption and appropriation of the Linden Road Housing Rehab Project Budget.

#### **AWARD OF CONTRACT RE: CONTINUATION OF HOUSING REHAB SPECIALIST CONTRACT FOR THE LINDEN ROAD HOUSING REHAB PROJECT**

Mr. Hall said the County has been awarded an additional \$993,020 in Community Development Block Grant Funding (CDBG) for the Linden Road Housing Rehab Project. The goal of this project is to provide housing rehabilitation for up to an additional twenty-two units and demolition and clearance of two blighted structures.

Mr. Hall said as part of the original South Street Neighborhood Improvement grant, a housing rehab specialist was retained to ensure construction supervision, quality, lead testing, cost control and the implementation of DHCD/HUD Housing Quality Standards requirements. Staff recommends an additional contract award, not to exceed \$79,500, as a continuation of contracted services with Howerton Inspection Services.

On a motion by Mr. Slaughter and seconded by Ms. Buchanan, the Board unanimously approved an award of contract not to exceed \$79,500 to Howerton Inspection Services.

## **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

### **Comments from the Board**

There were no comments from the Board or staff.

## **CLOSED MEETING**

Ms. Buchanan moved that the Board go into a closed meeting at 3:20 p.m., seconded by Mr. Adams and unanimously carried to discuss the following.

- 1) §2.2-3711(A)1 for Discussion of Appointees to the Patriot Centre Advisory Board, Industrial Development Authority, and the Dan River Alcohol Safety Action Program Board.
- 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 4:05 p.m. on a motion by Ms. Buchanan, seconded by Mr. Adams and unanimously carried.

## **CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED MEETING:**

Mr. Wagoner read the Certification of the Closed Meeting and took a roll call vote. Those voting in the affirmative were Mr. Bryant, Mr. Kendall, Mr. Adams, Ms. Buchanan, Mr. Slaughter, and Mr. Vaughn.

Patriot Centre Advisory Board – On a motion by Mr. Kendall and seconded by Ms. Buchanan, the Board unanimously appointed Richard Hall to a two-year term expiring December 31, 2015.

There being no further business, Mr. Vaughn recessed at 4:06 p.m. until the 6:00 p.m. evening meeting.

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

### **PRESENTATION OF 2013 JACK DALTON COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD**

Ms. Buchanan said the Jack Dalton Community Service Award is presented annually to the Henry County resident who best exemplifies the standards for community service set by the late Mr. Dalton.

Ms. Buchanan proudly announced that Barry Nelson is the recipient of the 2013 Jack Dalton Community Service Award. Mr. Buchanan listed many of Nelson's philanthropic acts in the community, including supporting area sports, such as American Legion baseball, Patrick Henry Community College (PHCC) baseball and the Henry County Recreation Association; starting the Fellowship of Christian Athletes at PHCC; sponsoring the Teacher of the Year Award; providing automobiles for PHCC's Middle College program for students with transportation difficulties who are attempting to earn GEDs; and supporting numerous other civic organizations, booster clubs, churches and schools in the community.

Members of the Board and Ms. Lois Dalton, wife of the late Jack Dalton, then presented Mr. Nelson with a plaque. Nelson thanked the Board for the honor and said having known Jack Dalton personally, this award "means as much to me as any award I've ever won."

### **GENERAL HIGHWAY MATTERS**

Ms. Lisa Hughes, Resident Engineer for the Virginia Department of Transportation, was unable to attend today's meeting due to the inclement weather.

### **MATTERS PRESENTED BY THE PUBLIC**

There was no one present who wished to speak.

### **PUBLIC HEARING – REZONING APPLICATION R-14-01 – ARTHUR EDWARD AND ESTHER LEA TUSINGER**

Mr. Hall said the property is located on the north east end of Tomahawk Trail in the Ridgeway District and is shown on Tax Map 72.1/3K. The applicant is requesting the rezoning of approximately 15.5-acres from Suburban Residential District S-R to Agricultural District A-1. The rezoning will enable the applicant to keep livestock on the property. Mr. Hall said following a public hearing, both the Planning Commission and staff recommended approval of the rezoning request.

Mr. Vaughn opened the public hearing at 6:08 p.m. There being no one present who wished to speak, the public hearing was closed at 6:08 p.m. On a motion by Mr.

Adams and seconded by Ms. Buchanan, the Board unanimously approved the rezoning request.

**PUBLIC HEARING – PROPOSED BUDGET AMENDMENT CONCERNING APPROPRIATION OF STAFFING FOR ADEQUATE FIRE & EMERGENCY RESPONSE (SAFER) GRANT**

Mr. Hall said Public Safety Director Rodney Howell is requesting the Board to appropriate \$1,355,829 received from the Federal Emergency Management Agency's SAFER grant to fund thirteen emergency responder positions. The grant must be used to cover salaries and benefits of the new positions for two years. In addition, Mr. Howell is requesting an additional appropriation of \$45,000 from the Board's contingency fund to cover the costs of firefighting and personal protective gear for the new positions.

Mr. Hall said since the requested appropriation is greater than 1% of the total County budget, a public hearing is required before the Board can take action on the request.

Mr. Vaughn opened the public hearing at 6:10 p.m.

Darrell Emberson, a 37-year veteran of the Collinsville Volunteer Fire Department, spoke in favor of the SAFER grant and the benefits to the citizens of Henry County.

There being no one else who wished to speak, Mr. Vaughn closed the public hearing at 6:15 p.m. On a motion by Mr. Kendall and seconded by Mr. Slaughter, the Board unanimously approved the additional appropriation as outlined.

There being no further business to discuss, Mr. Adams moved at 6:17 p.m. to continue the meeting until January 31, 2014 at 10:45 am, seconded by Ms. Buchanan and carried 6 to 0.