

**HENRY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MINUTES**

March 25, 2014 – 3:00 p.m.

The Henry County Board of Supervisors held its regular meeting on March 25, 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; George Lyle, County Attorney; Michelle Via, Administrative Assistant; Susan Reynolds, Director of Human Resources.

Deputies Mike Hooper and Mark Jamison of the Sheriff's Office were present. Also present was Ben Williams of the Martinsville Bulletin and Ron Morris of B99.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Mr. Bryant gave the invocation and Mr. Kendall 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

Copy included in Board's File

- February 25, 2014

Approval of Accounts Payable

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Day of Recognition for National Service Proclamation

Copy included in Board's File

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

CONSIDERATION OF PROCLAMATION ESTABLISHING APRIL 2014 AS “CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH” IN HENRY COUNTY

Mr. Adams read aloud a proclamation establishing April 2014 as “Child Abuse Prevention Month” in Henry County. On a motion by Mr. Adams and seconded by Mr. Bryant, the Board unanimously adopted the proclamation. Teresa Prillaman of the Martinsville-Henry County Exchange Club was present to accept the honor. Ms. Prillaman thanked the Board for its support of the Exchange Club and their community initiatives.

MATTERS PRESENTED BY THE PUBLIC – WANDA KOSTERLYTZKY

Wanda Kosterlytzky requested time to discuss issues related to Milhorn Drive, a private road that connects with Deer Trail Road in the Reed Creek District. Ms. Kosterlytzky urged the Board to consider adding Milhorn Drive to the Virginia Department of Transportation’s (VDOT) secondary road system so it could become state maintained. Ms. Kosterlytzky said the condition of the road has seriously deteriorated and the residents, many of whom are disabled, do not have the financial means to maintain the road. Ms. Kosterlytzky outlined several concerns including that the steep dirt road is nearly impassable in inclement weather; it is not easily accessible for emergency vehicles; there is no outlet for escape in the event of a fire; and it is not consistent with GPS units or online maps, which incorrectly claim that it connects with Oak Level Road.

Lee Clark, Director of Planning, Zoning and Inspections, was asked to address Ms. Kosterlytzky’s request. Mr. Clark said adding a road to the VDOT secondary road system is a long, drawn-out process and the Board cannot do it alone. Mr. Clark estimated paving the road could cost between \$60,000 and \$100,000 and that does not include the necessary survey and design work. Mr. Clark also responded to Ms. Kosterlytzky’s inquiry about the Rural Rustic Road and Rural Addition programs. Mr. Clark said the Rural Rustic Road Program is intended for roads already in the state system and the Rural Addition Program has not been funded for 14 years. Mr. Clark explained the Rural Addition Program is a partnership between both the county and the state where you can take 5 percent of your state secondary road allocations and put it toward rural additions; Henry County’s allocation this year was only \$150,000.

Mr. Clark said the most viable option for the road would be to develop it as a private road, paid for by the residents and then VDOT can accept it into the state system at their discretion. Mr. Clark noted the road long built way before the county had any ordinances dealing with subdivisions and zoning.

Mr. Slaughter asked how many other roads were in similar condition throughout the County. Mr. Clark estimated that there were 12 to 18, several of them likely in worse condition than Milhorn Drive.

PRESENTATION REGARDING ACCREDITATION OF THE MARTINSVILLE-HENRY COUNTY 9-1-1 CENTER

Mr. Hall said the Martinsville-Henry County 9-1-1 Center, under the direction of J.R. Powell, has worked diligently the past few years toward public safety answering point (PSAP) accreditation from the Virginia Department of Health, Office of Emergency Medical Services. Mr. Hall said accreditation indicates a high level of professionalism

and achievement within a department and demonstrates a commitment to providing emergency medical dispatch and pre-arrival instruction to callers. The State's Emergency Medical Services Advisory Board recently endorsed accreditation for the local center. Mr. Hall noted there are only thirty-one other accredited 9-1-1 centers in Virginia.

Ken Crumpler of the Virginia Department of Health, Office of Emergency Medical Services, formally presented accreditation to Mr. Powell and the Martinsville-Henry County 9-1-1 center staff. Mr. Crumpler added that providing emergency medical dispatch information to the caller is not mandated by the state, it is a voluntary effort by the locality to do so. Mr. Powell said it took a lot of work and training and our staff deserves all the credit for this tremendous accomplishment.

REPORT ON DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTION EFFORTS

Mr. Scott Grindstaff reviewed the monthly reports on delinquent tax collection efforts. Mr. Grindstaff noted that 90.94% of 2013 personal property taxes have been collected; 89.57% of 2013 real estate taxes; and since January 1, TACS collected approximately \$91.647. In addition, Mr. Grindstaff said four VRW stops were collected in March.

Mr. Grindstaff said he met with John Rife last week and delinquent accounts for 2011 real estate and 2012 personal property have been turned over to TACS. Mr. Rife at that time reported there are 23 real estate litigation suits currently filed in circuit court valued at \$134,000; 36 suits pending notification of interested parties valued at \$153,000; and 19 properties in title review valued at \$155,000.

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).

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION RE: ASSET FORFEITURE – COMMONWEALTH'S ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

Mr. Hall said Andrew Nester is asking the Board to approve an additional appropriation of \$1,279 from his asset forfeiture fund for the purchase of computer hardware and software. Mr. Nester indicates the equipment and software is necessary because of new requirements by the Virginia State Police for running criminal histories and driver record inquiries by the office.

On a motion by Mr. Kendall and seconded by Ms. Buchanan, the Board unanimously approved the additional appropriation as outlined.

AWARD OF CONTRACT RE: MITIGATION CREDITS – COMMONWEALTH CROSSING BUSINESS CENTRE

Mr. Hall said the initial development at Commonwealth Crossing Business Centre will require the purchase of mitigation bank credits to compensate for impacts to streams and wetlands. Mr. Hall said bids were received and staff recommends the

Board award contracts contingent upon receiving the necessary permits to Roanoke River Wetlands & Stream Mitigation Bank, LLC in the amount of \$1,136,640.75 for 4,137 stream credits; Banister Bend Mitigation Bank in the amount of \$106,258 for 251 stream credits and .43 wetland credits; and North Carolina Ecosystem Enhancement Program in the amount of \$81,281.50 for 253 stream credits and .10 wetland credits in North Carolina; contracts total \$1,324,180.25.

Mr. Adams moved the Board award the contracts for mitigation bank credits as outlined, seconded by Ms. Buchanan and unanimously carried.

AWARD OF CONTRACT RE: ASPHALT PAVING – PHILPOTT MARINA

Mr. Hall said staff is asking the Board to award a contract to Adams Construction, Inc. of Danville, Virginia in the amount of \$51,876 for asphalt paving work at the Philpott Marina. Mr. Hall said funding for this project is included in the marina fund.

On a motion by Ms. Buchanan and seconded by Mr. Slaughter, the Board voted unanimously to award a contract to Adams Construction in the amount of \$51,876 for paving at Philpott Marina.

AWARD OF CONTRACT RE: FIREFIGHTING GEAR – DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

Mr. Hall said Rodney Howell is asking the Board to award a contract to Municipal Emergency Services, Inc. of Chesapeake, Virginia in the amount of \$29,474.53 for firefighting gear for use by Public Safety supplemental staff. Mr. Hall said the Board appropriated funds for this purpose at its regular meeting in January.

Mr. Bryant moved the Board award a contract to Municipal Emergency Services in the amount of \$29,474.53, seconded by Mr. Kendall and unanimously carried.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION RE: GRANT FOR GENERATORS – PUBLIC SERVICE AUTHORITY

Mr. Hall said Henry County has been awarded a competitive grant of \$366,246 from the Virginia Department of Emergency Management, Hazard Mitigation Grant Program for the purchase and installation of generators at three Public Service Authority booster pumping stations. Mr. Hall said this will help ensure a reliable water supply even during electrical outages. The Public Service Authority will reimburse Henry County for the required 25% grant match.

On a motion by Mr. Kendall and seconded by Mr. Slaughter, the Board unanimously approved the additional appropriation as outlined.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Comments from the Board

Ms. Buchanan said she will be having a community meeting on April 29 at 7 p.m. at the Horsepasture Ruritan Club.

Mr. Vaughn reminded everyone of the upcoming race weekend.

Mr. Hall noted several deputies present as part of their training requirements: Bruce Young, Matt Duffy, Joe Knight, Everett Harper, and Ed Clark. Mr. Hall reminded

the Board of the upcoming budget meetings on April 2 and April 3 and the public hearing on April 14.

Mr. Hall said the official ribbon cutting for Philpott Marina is scheduled April 29 at 2 p.m. Mr. Hall said operations at the marina will commence Monday, including the store/gas pumps and added that all boat slips have been rented.

CLOSED MEETING

Ms. Buchanan moved that the Board go into a closed meeting at 3:59 p.m., seconded by Mr. Kendall and unanimously carried to discuss the following.

- 1) §2.2-3711(A)1 for Discussion of Appointees to the Patrick Henry Community College Board and the Henry-Martinsville Social Services 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 4:56 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Adams, seconded by Ms. Buchanan 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.

There being no action taken out of closed meeting, Mr. Vaughn recessed at 4:56 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.

MATTERS PRESENTED BY THE PUBLIC

There was no one present who wished to speak.

GENERAL HIGHWAY MATTERS

Ms. Lisa Hughes, Resident Engineer for the Virginia Department of Transportation, was present to update the Board on General Highway Matters.

Ms. Hughes reminded the Board that the public hearing on the Six-Year Secondary Road Plan is scheduled for the April 22 meeting and she distributed a draft plan for the Board's consideration. Ms. Hughes said last year, legislation recently had

passed which she had hoped would give VDOT a funding increase beginning in fiscal year 2017; however, that increase has not materialized. Therefore, Ms. Hughes did not recommend adding any new projects. Ms. Hughes noted estimates for two of the projects, Routes 650 and 687, continue to rise but she is still hopeful they will be advertised by the end of the year.

Mr. Hall inquired about the Board's request to the CTB for industrial access funds pertaining to Kilgour Industries. Ms. Hughes said that request would go before the CTB in April.

There being no further business to discuss, Ms. Buchanan moved at 6:03 p.m. to continue the meeting until April 2, 2014 at 5 p.m., seconded by Mr. Slaughter and carried 6 to 0.