

**HENRY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MINUTES**

August 26, 2014 – 3:00 p.m.

The Henry County Board of Supervisors held its regular meeting on August 26, 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; and Michelle Via, Administrative Assistant.

Lt. Troy Easter and Dep. Mike Hooper 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. Lyle gave the invocation and Mr. Bryant 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

- July 22, 2014

Approval of Accounts Payable

Copy included in Board's File

Consideration of Resolution re: Community Dental Clinic

Copy included in Board's File

Ms. Buchanan noted a spelling correction under "Matters Presented by the Public," (David Mounce), and moved the Items of Consent be adopted, seconded by Mr. Slaughter. The motion carried 6 to 0.

CONSIDERATION OF PROCLAMATION ESTABLISHING SEPTEMBER 2014 AS "BABY SAFETY MONTH" IN HENRY COUNTY

Ms. Buchanan read aloud a proclamation establishing September 2014 as "Baby Safety Month" in Henry County and moved the Board adopt it as presented, seconded by Mr. Bryant and unanimously carried. Nancy Kennett with the Martinsville Exchange Club was present to accept the honor.

REPORT ON DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTION EFFORTS

Mr. Scott Grindstaff reviewed the monthly reports on delinquent tax collection efforts. Mr. Grindstaff noted that 97.01% of 2013 personal property taxes have been collected; 92.92% of 2013 real estate taxes; and since January 1, TACS collected approximately \$418,000. In addition, Mr. Grindstaff said four VRW stops have been collected in August. Mr. Grindstaff said a judicial sale of 22 parcels has been set for September 22, 2014.

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).

UPDATE ON ACTIVITIES AT PATRICK HENRY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Dr. Angeline Godwin, President of Patrick Henry Community College, was present to update the Board on activities at PHCC. Dr. Godwin first recognized the loss of two employees, Cristy Reynolds and Lois Collier. Dr. Godwin said both women began their education at PHCC and went on to obtain their master's degree through Old Dominion University.

Dr. Godwin highlighted a few areas including the rebranding of the motorsports program, now known as the Racing College of Virginia, with current enrollees from nine different states; career-driven programs such as HOPE, High-demand Occupational Programs for Employment; the Center for Advanced Film Manufacturing; and restructuring of the college to include the Workforce Development and Continuing Education Division, another level of focus to support efforts of the EDC and community. Dr. Godwin expressed her appreciation to the Board for its long-term financial support of PHCC and its mission.

AWARD OF CONTRACT RE: HOUSING REHABILITATION – LINDEN ROAD HOUSING REHABILITATION PROJECT

Mr. Hall said Lee Clark is asking the Board to award two contracts as part of the Linden Road Housing Rehabilitation Project: Rodney Wood Construction in the amount of \$24,250 for housing rehabilitation work at 575 Woodland Rd, Bassett; and B&A Builders of Virgilina in the amount of \$33,295 for housing rehabilitation work at 2740 Fairystone Park Hwy, Bassett. Mr. Hall said funds for this project were previously

appropriated from a Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development grant.

On a motion by Mr. Slaughter, seconded by Ms. Buchanan the Board unanimously approved the award of contacts as outlined.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION RE: UNITED WAY GRANT AWARD – PUBLIC SAFETY

Mr. Hall said Rodney Howell is asking the Board to appropriate a grant from the United Way of Henry County and Martinsville in the amount of \$28,660.70. The grant will be used to purchase tele-medicine equipment referred to as CarePoint. Once fully deployed, the CarePoint Project will allow EMS providers in the field to communicate pertinent medical records and diagnostic information directly to the emergency department at the hospital.

On a motion by Mr. Bryant, seconded by Mr. Kendall and unanimously carried, the Board approved the additional appropriation as requested.

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 a grant from the U.S. Department of Justice Bulletproof Vests Partnership Program (BVP) in the amount of \$6,166.66. Sheriff Perry indicates that a required 50% local match would come from his current budget.

Mr. Kendall moved the Board accept and appropriate the grant in the amount of \$6,166.66, seconded by Mr. Slaughter and unanimously carried.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION RE: VIDEO VISITATION PROJECT – SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Mr. Hall said Sheriff Perry is asking the Board to make an additional appropriation of \$45,619.35 into the department's video visitation project line item. According to Sheriff Perry the money was gained from charging inmates \$1.50 per day as allowed by the Virginia Code. The money would be used toward the purchase of a video visitation unit for the inmates' use or other jail related items. The appropriation is applicable for FY '14 budget and will be added to a previous appropriation of \$147,055 for the same project.

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

TRANSFER APPROPRIATION RE: ADDITIONAL DEPUTIES – SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Mr. Hall said the Virginia Compensation Board has approved four additional Sheriff Deputies for the Henry County Jail. Additionally, the Compensation Board has approved another entry level law enforcement position that can be created as the result of two deputies retiring. Mr. Hall said even though the Compensation Board provides the primary funding for these positions, it does not cover all of the costs of salaries and benefits. Sheriff Perry is asking the Board to approve various transfers as outlined in the appropriation sheet to cover the additional costs of these positions.

Mr. Slaughter moved the Board approve the transfer appropriation as presented, seconded by Ms. Buchanan and unanimously carried.

AWARD OF CONTRACT RE: MOBILE DATA TERMINALS – SHERIFF’S OFFICE

Mr. Hall said Sheriff Perry and Information Services Director Christian Youngblood are asking the Board to award a contract in the amount of \$43,681.50 to Daly Computer, Inc. for 18 laptops. The laptops will be used as mobile data terminals (MDT’s) by the Sheriff’s Office and will allow deputies to communicate with the dispatch center, perform criminal database inquiries, and access mapping data. Mr. Hall said funds are included in the FY’15 capital improvements budget.

On a motion by Mr. Kendall and seconded by Mr. Bryant, the Board unanimously approved an award of contract to Daly Computer as outlined.

AWARD OF CONTRACT AND TRANSFER APPROPRIATION RE: ANIMAL SHELTER OPERATIONS – SHERIFF’S OFFICE

Mr. Hall said Sheriff Perry is asking the Board to award a contract to the Martinsville-Henry County SPCA in the amount of \$24,000 for animal shelter operations. Sheriff Perry has indicated that this contract will allow animal control officers to provide more hours in the field instead of having to remain at the animal shelter. Additionally, Sheriff Perry is asking the Board to approve the transfer of funds as outlined in the appropriation sheet to cover the cost of this contract.

Mr. Bryant moved the Board award a contract to the SPCA and approve the appropriation as outlined, seconded by Mr. Kendall and unanimously carried.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION RE: TRAFFIC LAWS ENFORCEMENT GRANT – SHERIFF’S OFFICE

Mr. Hall said Sheriff Perry is asking the Board to accept and appropriate a grant in the amount of \$40,736 from the Virginia Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) for traffic enforcement. These funds are pass-through from the National Highway Safety Administration. Sheriff Perry indicates that the money will be used for overtime pay for deputies working extra traffic law enforcement and radar equipment. An in-kind match will be provided by the Sheriff’s Office through use of the department’s equipment.

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

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION RE: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ACCESS ROAD FUNDS – PATRIOT CENTRE INDUSTRIAL PARK

Mr. Hall said Henry County has been awarded Economic Development Access (EDA) Road funds from the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) to assist with road improvements to Barrows Mill Road. Mr. Hall said the project will improve a portion of the road from Nautica Way to the entrance of the proposed Kilgour Industries site to industrial roadway standards. VDOT will provide \$650,000 from the EDA program toward this project and Henry County is responsible for the match of \$150,000. Mr. Hall said staff recommends that the match be appropriated from the County’s general fund

balance. The total cost of this project is estimated to be \$1.23 million and additional appropriations will be necessary in the future to cover the total costs.

Mr. Kendall moved the Board approve an additional appropriation in the amount of \$150,000 from the County's general fund balance, seconded by Mr. Bryant and unanimously carried.

AWARD OF CONTRACT RE: ENGINEERING AND DESIGN SERVICES – BARROWS MILL ROAD IMPROVEMENTS

Mr. Hall said Tim Pace is asking the Board to award a contract in the amount of \$133,500 to the Timmons Group, Inc. for engineering and design services for the Barrows Mill Road improvement project. Funds for this project are part of the appropriation requested in the previous agenda item.

On a motion by Mr. Bryant and seconded by Mr. Slaughter, the Board unanimously approved an award of contract to Timmons Group.

CONSIDERATION OF CHANGE ORDER RE: LOT #8 SHELL BUILDING PROJECT – PATRIOT CENTRE INDUSTRIAL PARK

Mr. Hall said Tim Pace is asking the Board to approve a change order in the amount of \$25,955 to Blair Construction for several items at the new shell building being constructed on Lot #8 at the Patriot Centre Industrial Park. Funds were included in the contingency allocation appropriated for construction of the building; however, because the change order exceeds \$10,000, Henry County Code requires it to be approved by the Board.

Mr. Hall said Henry County's code regarding contract modifications is much more restrictive than what is allowed by the Code of Virginia. Waiting until the next Board meeting for approval of certain changes has been problematic in the past, and could be even more so with large contracts such as those related to Commonwealth Crossing Business Centre and the Patriot Centre Industrial Park. Mr. Hall said given these scenarios, and the potential project delays, staff is requesting the Board to consider amending the County Code to match the State Code as it relates to contract modifications. Mr. Darrell Jones added no fixed-price contract may be increased by more than 25 percent of the amount of the contract or \$50,000, whichever is greater. Mr. Hall said a public hearing is required in order to amend the County Code.

On a motion by Ms. Buchanan and seconded by Mr. Slaughter, the Board voted unanimously to set a public hearing for the September 23 meeting to consider changes to Code regarding contact modifications. Mr. Kendall moved to approve the change order in the amount of \$25,955, seconded by Mr. Slaughter and unanimously carried.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Comments from the Board

Mr. Bryant said G.T. Tuggle had challenged the Board to the ALS ice bucket challenge.

Ms. Buchanan said she is having a community meeting on September 16 at 7 p.m. at the Horsepasture Ruritan Building.

Mr. Vaughn thanked everyone for the cards, phone calls, thoughts and prayers during his and his wife's recent surgeries.

Mr. Hall noted several upcoming dates/events:

- August 27, 9 a.m. – Memorial Hospital and Patrick Henry Community College announcement
- September 12, 10 a.m. – NCI dedication ceremony
- September 13, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. – Community tours of NCI
- September 17, 2 p.m. – Shell building (Lot 8) dedication at Patriot Centre
- November 9, 2 p.m. – Joint County/City Veteran's Award Service at National Guard Armory

CLOSED MEETING

Mr. Kendall moved that the Board go into a closed meeting at 3:50 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 Roanoke River Basin Association and 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 4:42 p.m. on a motion by Ms. Buchanan, seconded by Mr. Slaughter 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, Mr. Vaughn recessed at 4:42 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

Ms. Dorothy Carter, President of the Henry County Education Association, was present to address the Board concerning school funding over the past several years (copy of Report included in Board's file). Ms. Carter commended the Board for growing and maintaining a healthy fund balance as well as its support of the school system such as providing iPads for students and seeking ways to fund a new elementary school.

However, Ms. Carter expressed concern that the school system did not receive the full amount of funding requested by the school board for the current fiscal year and because of that, several budget categories were cut. Ms. Carter also noted teacher and support personnel salaries are less now than two years ago because of state-mandated VRS changes and social security tax increases. Ms. Carter urged the Board to consider meeting the school system's budget needs next year, even if it means raising property taxes by 10 percent.

PRESENTATION IN HONOR OF WAYNE COCHRAN, BUILDING AND GROUNDS SUPERVISOR

The Board presented Wayne Cochran, retiring Building and Grounds Supervisor, with a plaque recognizing his 24 years of service to Henry County. Mr. Cochran was present to accept the honor.

PUBLIC HEARING – REZONING APPLICATION R-14-05 – FANNIE E. PENN

Mr. Lee Clark said the property is located at 940 Preston Road in the Horsepasture District and is shown on Tax Map 49.6/261. The applicant is requesting the rezoning of approximately 5.5-acres from Suburban Residential District S-R to Agricultural District A-1. Mr. Clark said the applicant intends to demolish the existing home on the property and replace it with a single-wide manufactured home. Following a public hearing, the Planning Commission and staff recommended approval of the rezoning request.

Mr. Vaughn opened the public hearing at 6:16 pm. Ms. Sandra Gentry of the Horsepasture District and also daughter of the applicant, noted the address is listed incorrectly and should be 994 Preston Road. Ms. Gentry said 940 Preston Road is her house.

There being no one else who wished to address the Board, Mr. Vaughn closed the public hearing at 6:17 pm.

Ms. Buchanan moved the Board approve the rezoning request, seconded by Mr. Bryant and unanimously carried.

GENERAL HIGHWAY MATTERS

Mr. David Kiser, Assistant Resident Engineer for the Virginia Department of Transportation, reported on several highway matters.

- VDOT is currently mowing secondary routes and will move on to primary routes once completed.
- On September 8, Route 827 will be closed for two weeks to replace a pipe.
- The grading project at the Route 657/655 intersection has been completed.
- A traffic signal adjustment and lane painting project at the Kings Mountain Road/Daniels Creek Road intersection is on target to be completed by September.
- A proposed safety project on U.S. 220 near the state line has been reduced in scale to just address the northbound lane.

- Safety project on U.S. 220 just north of Bassett is expected to be completed by October 7.

There being no further business to discuss, Mr. Slaughter moved to adjourn at 6:25 p.m., seconded by Ms. Buchanan and carried 6 to 0.