

**HENRY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MINUTES**

October 28, 2014 – 3:00 p.m.

The Henry County Board of Supervisors held its regular meeting on October 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; County Attorney George Lyle; and Susan Reynolds, Director of Human Resources.

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. Hall 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

Copy included in Board's File

- September 23, 2014

Approval of Accounts Payable

Copy included in Board's File

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

DESIGNATION OF VOTING REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE 2014 VIRGINIA ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES (VACO) ANNUAL MEETING

Mr. Hall said the 2014 VACo Annual Meeting is scheduled for November 9-11. Each County is asked to designate a member of its elected Board and an alternate to vote on the County's behalf on any issues that may arise. Mr. Hall said Vice-Chairman

Tommy Slaughter and Deputy County Administrator Dale Wagoner are scheduled to attend the annual meeting.

Mr. Adams moved the Board designate Mr. Slaughter as its voting representative at the annual VACo conference and Mr. Wagoner as an alternate, seconded by Ms. Buchanan and unanimously carried.

Mr. Vaughn welcomed Gayle Barts, Field Representative, with Congressman Robert Hurt's office.

UPDATE ON ACTIVITIES AT THE MARTINSVILLE-HENRY COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Ms. Debbie Hall, Executive Director of the Martinsville-Henry County Historical Society, was present to update the Board on activities of the Society and improvements to the historic Henry County Courthouse (Copy included in Board's File). Ms. Hall said the Society has hosted numerous tour groups and exhibits over the past 3 ½ years, including over 9,700 visitors from 39 states, the District of Columbia and eight foreign countries.

CONSIDERATION OF 2015 LEGISLATIVE AGENDA FOR VIRGINIA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Mr. Hall said each year staff and the Board construct a legislative agenda of items we would like for the General Assembly to consider. Mr. Hall said staff prepared a draft list for the 2015 session and welcomes input from the Board for construction of a final list. Mr. Hall said the Virginia Association of Counties (VACo) Legislative Agenda was also included in the Board's working papers.

Ms. Buchanan moved the Board approve the 2015 Legislative Agenda to be forwarded to our representatives in the Virginia General Assembly, seconded by Mr. Slaughter and unanimously carried.

CONSIDERATION OF POLICE SERVICES COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT

Mr. Hall said the Code of Virginia authorizes localities and state-supported institutions to enact cooperative agreements among localities regarding law enforcement coverage. Essentially these agreements formalize such things as mutual responses, emergency assistance, etc. Such an agreement has been in place for several years among the agencies that partner under the Piedmont Regional Criminal Justice Training Academy (PRCJTA), but it has not been updated for many years. Representatives from the localities and agencies who participate in PRCJTA have drafted a Police Services Cooperative Agreement, for the approval of the particular governing bodies. Mr. Hall said Sheriff Perry has indicated he is in favor of executing the document, which has been reviewed by the County Attorney and other County staff.

Mr. Kendall moved the Board approve the Police Services Cooperative Agreement, contingent upon approval of all other affected jurisdictions, and the authorization of the County Administrator to sign and execute the agreement, seconded by Mr. Bryant and unanimously carried.

REPORT ON DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTION EFFORTS

Mr. Scott Grindstaff was unable to attend today's meeting but the monthly reports on delinquent tax collection efforts were included in the Board's working papers. Mr. Hall said staff would forward any questions the Board may have to Mr. Grindstaff.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF A TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM GRANT APPLICATION RE: EXTENSION OF THE DICK AND WILLIE TRAIL

Mr. Hall said in 2013 Henry County applied for a grant from the Virginia's Transportation Alternatives (MAP-21) grant program asking for funding assistance to extend the Dick and Willie Trail. No funding was extended at that time, but staff was encouraged by members of the CTB to submit a scaled-down version of the request for consideration this year. This year's request is for \$228,000 in MAP-21 funding to be augmented by \$57,000 local match for a total project cost of \$285,000. This funding would cover design and engineering, surveying, right-of-way acquisition, and utility relocation from the end of the existing Dick and Willie Trail at Mulberry Creek to Spruce Street. The goal is to ultimately extend the Dick and Willie Trail to the Smith River Sports Complex. Mr. Hall noted funding for the local match would come from reserves and/or in-kind services.

Mr. Bryant moved the Board adopt the resolution in support of the grant application as outlined, seconded by Ms. Buchanan and unanimously carried.

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

Mr. Hall said Rodney Howell is asking the Board to accept and appropriate \$144,363 from the Virginia Department of Fire Programs Aid to Localities Fund. Mr. Howell indicates the money must be used to pay for training, construction of training centers, firefighting equipment and protective clothing. In the past, Henry County has allocated its appropriation equally among the eight volunteer fire departments. That would result in a per-department allocation of \$18,045.37 this year.

Mr. Adams moved the Board accept and appropriate the funds as requested, seconded by Mr. Slaughter and carried 6 to 0.

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

Mr. Hall said Lee Clark is asking the Board to award a contract to B&A Builders of Virgilina in the amount of \$65,764 for substantial reconstruction of 91 Linden Road, Bassett. Mr. Hall said funds for this project were previously appropriated from a Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development grant.

Mr. Slaughter moved the Board award a contract to B&A Builders in the amount of \$65,764, seconded by Mr. Adams and unanimously carried.

ACCEPTANCE AND ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION RE: JAG GRANT - SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Mr. Hall said the Henry County Sheriff's Office has been awarded an Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) in the amount of \$24,139. Sheriff Perry indicates that the grant funds will be used to provide high impact law enforcement activities in areas that are experiencing increases in crime.

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

AWARD OF CONTRACT RE: NETWORK EQUIPMENT – INFORMATION SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Mr. Hall said Christian Youngblood is asking the Board to award a contract in the amount of \$25,734 to CentricsIT for computer network equipment. According to Mr. Youngblood, the Cisco Core Network Switch is necessary to ensure the reliability of the County's data infrastructure. Mr. Hall said funds for this project are included in the FY'15 capital improvements budget.

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

AWARD OF CONTRACT RE: CONSTRUCTION OF BATHHOUSE AT GROUP CAMPGROUND

Mr. Hall said staff is asking the Board to award a contract in the amount of \$75,600 to Kurt Norris Construction, Inc. of Martinsville for construction of a bathhouse at the group campground. The new bathhouse will be an ADA-compliant amenity to the County's group campground at Philpott Lake. Funds for this project are included in the FY'15 capital improvements budget.

Mr. Slaughter moved the Board award a contract to Kurt Norris Construction in the amount of \$75,600, seconded by Mr. Kendall and unanimously carried.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION AND AWARD OF CONTRACT RE: ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE DICK AND WILLIE TRAIL EXTENSION

Mr. Hall said as part of our efforts to expand the Dick and Willie Trail, certain engineering services need to be secured as we move forward. The next step, as discussed earlier in today's meeting, is the so-called Phase 6 which will extend the trail from its current conclusion at the Mulberry Creek down to the Smith River Sports Complex, a length of about 5 miles. Anderson & Associates provided these services with the current trail and has proposed working on the next section at a cost of \$24,995. The Board can award this contract to Anderson & Associates based on the original Request for Proposal (RFP) that stated "the engineering firm selected can be retained for additional phases of this project." Mr. Hall said funding for this portion of the project is being provided by the Dan River Basin Association (\$15,000), The Harvest Foundation (\$5,000), and the Martinsville-Henry County Economic Development Corporation (\$5,000).

Mr. Kendall moved the Board approved the additional appropriation and award of contract as outlined, seconded by Mr. Bryant and unanimously carried.

CONSIDERATION OF AMENDMENT TO FY 2015 APPROPRIATIONS RESOLUTION

Mr. Hall said at its September meeting, the Board approved a change to the County ordinance concerning contract modifications. The ordinance was changed to match the State Code. Additionally, the Board asked to be notified when a substantial contract modification is approved by the County Administrator. Staff has drafted an amendment to the appropriations resolution directing the County Administrator to notify the Board within 72 hours of contract modifications in excess of \$15,000.

Ms. Buchanan moved the Board approve the appropriations resolution as outlined, seconded by Mr. Slaughter and unanimously carried.

MONTHLY UPDATE FROM THE MARTINSVILLE-HENRY COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Mr. Mark Heath, President and CEO 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).

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Comments from the Board

Mr. Vaughn reminded everyone to please go out and vote in the upcoming election.

Mr. Hall said he attended the Commonwealth Transportation Board meeting in Salem last week. Mr. Hall said House Bill 2 was discussed but we still do not know how it will affect funding for road projects locally.

Mr. Hall noted the I-73 Senate Committee will be in town November 9-10. There will be a reception at NCI on November 9 from 6-8 p.m. and the committee will meet on November 10.

Mr. Hall reminded everyone of the community Veterans Day Service on November 9 at 2 p.m. at the National Guard Armory; Ms. Buchanan will attend on behalf of the Board. Additionally, General Dennis Via will be in town and there are several events planned throughout his stay.

Mr. Hall said staff holds an annual health screening for employees and this year's is November 21. Mr. Hall said if any Board members are interested in participating to see Susan Reynolds.

CLOSED MEETING

Mr. Slaughter moved that the Board go into a closed meeting at 3:41 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 Anchor Commission, Ninth District Development Financing, Inc. and West Piedmont Planning District Commission Technical Advisory Committee.
- 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 4:47 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.

Mr. Vaughn recessed at 4:48 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

Mr. Ray Reynolds, Collinsville District, was present to address the Board alleging a number of instances in the County of contractors and photographers who either do not have licenses or have revoked licenses and continue to practice their trades without incident. Mr. Reynolds said everyone should have to abide by the same guidelines.

County Attorney George Lyle said he has met with Commissioner of the Revenue Linda Love concerning the current County ordinance pertaining to business licenses. Mr. Lyle said County Code does not have a penalty clause and therefore no means to prosecute an individual for not having the proper licensure. Mr. Vaughn requested that Mr. Lyle meet with Commonwealth's Attorney Andrew Nester, Ms. Love, Sheriff Lane Perry and Henry County Treasurer Scott Grindstaff to discuss the licensing issue in more depth, and to bring recommendations back for the Board's consideration.

GENERAL HIGHWAY MATTERS

Ms. Lisa Hughes, Resident Engineer for the Virginia Department of Transportation, reported on several highway matters.

Ms. Hughes said APAC was recently awarded a contract for safety improvements on Carver Road. Ms. Hughes said although a notice to proceed will be issued in December, work will not likely begin until March.

Ms. Hughes said the Preston road and Irisburg road projects are expected to be advertised for bids in December.

Lastly, a safety project to add turn lanes in both directions at the intersection of Kings Mountain Road and Daniels Creek Road will begin once a contractor arrives to blast the old lines off of the road, which should be no later than the second week of December.

Ms. Buchanan asked if any safety measures would be taken at the intersection of U.S. 58 and 687. Ms. Hughes said VDOT was reviewing the area in light of a recent fatality at the intersection and may consider additional signs.

There being no further business to discuss, Mr. Slaughter moved to adjourn at 6:18 p.m., seconded by Ms. Buchanan and carried 6 to 0.