

**HENRY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
MINUTES**

**November 25, 2014 – 3:00 p.m.**

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

Lt. Troy Easter and Sheriff Lane Perry of the Sheriff's Office were present. Also present was Ben Williams and Tim Cox of the Martinsville Bulletin and Ron Morris of B99.

**INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

Mr. Adams 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

- October 28, 2014

**Approval of Accounts Payable**

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**Resolution in Support of the Beaches to Bluegrass Trail System**

Copy included in Board's File

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

## **CONSIDERATION OF PROJECTS FOR REGIONAL COMPREHENSIVE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY (CEDS)**

Mr. Hall said each year the West Piedmont Regional Economic Development District compiles an updated *Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS)*. Mr. Hall said the document must contain a list of prioritized projects and the WPPDC annually requests that each locality submit its proposed future projects. It is essential that all projects the Board will consider within the next year be included in the CEDS because only projects on the list are eligible for EDA funding. Mr. Hall said it also is recommended that projects that may be funded from other sources be included in order to give the County maximum flexibility in the management of its resources.

Mr. Hall said County and PSA staff developed a proposed list of projects for the Board's consideration. Including a project in the CEDS does not commit the County to undertake the project. It is simply a listing of potential projects from which EDA representatives choose for investment of federal funds in this district. If EDA invites the County to submit an application for a specific project from the list, the Board would then be required to commit the local funds necessary for implementation.

Mr. Bryant moved the Board approve the proposed CEDS list, seconded by Ms. Buchanan 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 97.54% of 2013 personal property taxes have been collected; 93.98% of 2013 real estate taxes; and since January 1, TACS collected approximately \$653,676. In addition, Mr. Grindstaff said seven VRW stops were collected in October and two to date in November.

Mr. Grindstaff also reported that the judge confirmed the sale of 15 parcels of real estate sold at a judicial sale in September. The County collected \$31,045 in taxes, penalties and interest through the sale. Mr. Grindstaff said another sale will be scheduled for the first quarter of 2015.

County Attorney George Lyle added that after questions were raised at last month's meeting regarding the enforcement of business licenses, he set up a meeting in December between several County officials to determine the best way to address the concerns and better enforce existing ordinances.

## **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).

Mr. Hall requested that Mr. Heath inform the Board of Mike Randle's recent visit to Henry County. Mr. Heath said Mike Randle is the publisher of Southern Business and Development Magazine and an expert on the Southern economy. Mr. Heath said Randle visited the area last week, one of many visits he has made to the area over the last 15 years. Mr. Heath said Randle was impressed by Commonwealth Crossing, the new shell building at the Patriot Centre and the manufacturing education partnerships between New College and Patrick Henry Community College. Randle told the EDC

Board he believes Henry County is poised for success and that manufacturing once again is on the rise. Mr. Hall recalled that Randle said Henry County was one of a handful of localities in the southeastern United States that understands economic development. Mr. Hall said to hear someone like Mike Randle, who does this for a living, tell us that we are doing it the right way really made him feel good about the path we are on.

### **CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION TO THE VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION RE: REVENUE SHARING PROGRAM FOR BARROWS MILL ROAD IMPROVEMENTS**

Mr. Hall said in August, the Board appropriated funds from the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) Economic Development Access program to assist with road improvements to Barrows Mill Road. This project will improve a portion of the road from Nautica Way to the entrance of the proposed Kilgour Industries site. As part of the ongoing effort to secure funding for this project, staff is asking the Board to approve a resolution authorizing an application to VDOT's Revenue Sharing Program for the remaining costs of this project. The remaining costs are projected to be \$1,400,000, with VDOT covering \$700,000 of these costs. Henry County will be responsible for the other \$700,000.

On a motion by Ms. Buchanan and seconded by Mr. Slaughter, the Board unanimously approved the resolution.

### **ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION RE: EQUIPMENT ASSISTANCE GRANT – SCHOOL BOARD**

Mr. Hall said Dr. Jared Cotton is asking the Board to approve a grant of \$68,090 from the Virginia Department of Education to purchase updated cafeteria equipment for Magna Vista High School.

Mr. Slaughter moved the Board approve the additional appropriation as requested, seconded by Mr. Kendall and unanimously carried.

### **REQUEST FOR CARRYOVER FY'14 COUNTY FUNDS**

Mr. Hall said the Board is being asked to approve committed carryover funds from the FY'14 budget year to the current FY'15 budget. Staff has prepared the attached list of carryover items by cost center. Items on the carryover list are committed items encumbered or obligated from the prior budget year but the item was not received or the service was not performed prior to June 30. It also includes unexpended grant funds that may have been awarded in the prior fiscal year and other commitments not completed prior to June 30. This year's carryover request totals \$35,902,096.06, including interfund transfers of \$5,288,375.32.

Mr. Adams moved the Board approve the request for carryover funds from the FY'14 budget to the current year, seconded by Ms. Buchanan and unanimously carried.

## **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

### **Comments from the Board**

Mr. Slaughter said he recently attended the annual VACo Conference and it was very informative.

Mr. Hall reminded the Board that County offices would close at noon Wednesday for the Thanksgiving holiday and reopen Monday, December 1. Mr. Hall also reminded the Board that the December meeting is on the 16<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Hall said staff will begin accepting nominations for the annual Jack Dalton award to be given in January. Mr. Hall noted the deadline for financial statements is now December 15 and the filing requirements are now semi-annual.

Additionally, Mr. Hall said staff has learned that the County's reduction in funding from state revenues is \$138,311. Mr. Hall said the money must be cut from the current budget and schools are exempted. Mr. Hall said staff has met with constitutional officers as these cuts will have a significant impact on their departments, particularly the Sheriff's office. Mr. Hall said staff will have recommendations on where to make the cuts at the December meeting.

Lastly, Mr. Hall said HD Web Studio, a local web design company, has placed in the final four in a national competition on the re-design of school report cards. Mr. Hall said HD has worked with Melany Stowe, a former Henry County Public Schools employee on the design, and people may go online at [www.myschoolinfochallenge.com](http://www.myschoolinfochallenge.com) and vote for the design as many times as they wish.

### **CLOSED MEETING**

Ms. Buchanan moved that the Board go into a closed meeting at 3:36 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 Public Service Authority, Anchor Commission, Henry-Martinsville Social Services Board, 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 4:38 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Slaughter, seconded by Mr. Bryant 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.

Anchor Commission – On a motion by Mr. Kendall and second by Mr. Adams, the Board voted unanimously to appoint Linda Burnette Fain to an unexpired term ending December 31, 2014 and an additional four-year term beginning January 1, 2015 and ending December 31, 2018.

Ninth District Development Financing – Mr. Bryant moved the Board reappoint Barry Jarrett to a two-year term ending December 31, 2016, seconded by Ms. Buchanan and unanimously carried.

West Piedmont Planning District Commission Technical Advisory Committee – Ms. Buchanan moved the Board reappoint Tim Pace and Cecil Stone to three-year terms ending December 31, 2017, seconded by Mr. Bryant and unanimously carried.

Mr. Vaughn recessed at 4:41 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 address the Board.

## **GENERAL HIGHWAY MATTERS**

Mr. David Kiser, Assistant Resident Engineer for the Virginia Department of Transportation, reported on several highway matters. Mr. Kiser said the safety project to add turn lanes in both directions at the intersection of Kings Mountain Road and Daniels Creek Road is complete; the Route 58/Carver Road project is still on schedule to proceed in December; and VDOT crews and equipment are ready should there be any winter weather this evening.

There being no further business to discuss, Mr. Slaughter moved to adjourn at 6:02 p.m., seconded by Ms. Buchanan and carried 6 to 0.