

**HENRY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
MINUTES**

**November 25, 2008 – 3:00 pm**

The Henry County Board of Supervisors held its regular meeting on November 25, 2008, at 3:00 pm in the Board Meeting Room of the County Administration Building, King's Mountain Road, Collinsville, Virginia. The following Board members were present: Chairman Jim Adams, Vice Chairman H. G. Vaughn; Debra Buchanan, Paula Burnette, Jim McMillian and Tommy Slaughter.

Staff members present were Benny Summerlin, County Administrator; Tim Hall, Deputy County Administrator; George Lyle, County Attorney; Susan Biege, Administrative Assistant; Jimmie Wright, Director of Finance; and Darrell Jones, Assistant Director of Finance.

Sheriff Lane Perry, Major Steve Eanes, and Sergeant Eric Hairston were present from the Sheriff's Office. Mickey Powell of the Martinsville Bulletin and Ron Morris of B99 Radio Station were present.

**INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

Sergeant Eric Hairston gave the invocation and Tommy Slaughter led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Chairman Adams 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 pm 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 pm 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**

1) October 28, 2008 – 3:00 pm

(Copy included in Board's File).

### **Approval of Accounts Payable**

(Copy included in Board's File).

Mrs. Burnette moved to Approve Items of Consent as presented, second by Mrs. Buchanan and unanimously carried.

## **CONSIDERATION OF 2009 LEGISLATIVE PACKAGE:**

Mr. Summerlin reviewed the proposed 2009 Henry County Legislative Package to the Virginia General Assembly as listed below:

### **Legislative Positions Henry County Board of Supervisors 2009 General Assembly Session**

#### **Positions**

- Henry County favors increased support for public education. The Board supports increases in operating funds, technology funding, and financial assistance in the construction of new school buildings and the improvements and expansion of existing buildings.
- Henry County supports the completion of the "Super 58" project that will make U.S. 58 four lanes from Virginia Beach to the Cumberland Gap. Of critical importance is the completion of the section between Stuart and Hillsville, Virginia.
- Henry County urges the Commonwealth to expedite the financing and construction of Interstate 73 between Roanoke

and the North Carolina line. The Board again emphasizes its request that construction begin in Henry County and proceed south toward the North Carolina line.

- Henry County urges the continued support of the New College Institute and its ultimate conversion into a stand-alone four-year university.
- Henry County supports increased appropriations for the Governor's Opportunity Fund.
- Henry County requests full funding of the offices of local Constitutional officers.
- Henry County supports continued funding of the Virginia Museum of Natural History and its many educational outreach programs.
- Henry County requests "Tax Equity." The Board supports all revisions to the tax code that grant localities additional revenue generating options and authority which can lead to diversifying the local tax revenues. The County opposes the reduction, elimination, or restriction of local funding sources.
- Henry County urges a bipartisan effort to address the issues that arise when an elected official faces criminal prosecution, including a process for appointing a temporary replacement to carry out the duties and responsibilities of the office until the legal process is complete.
- Henry County supports the creation of a statewide anti-litter campaign.
- Henry County supports the maintaining of sovereignty of counties in the Commonwealth.
- Henry County encourages the Commonwealth to develop new economic development incentives that allow the state and localities to be more competitive with neighboring states. In

developing economic development incentives the County urges the Commonwealth to put special emphasis on incentives for communities heavily impacted by federal trade policies.

- Henry County supports changes in the code section that specifies health insurance credit for retirees of local government, constitutional officers, school division employees, and state employees. All classes of retirees should receive the same health insurance credit.
- Henry County supports legislation that would allow any County wanting a referendum on mixed beverages be allowed to place the item on the ballot after a majority vote by the County's Board of Supervisors.
- Henry County requests additional funding to relocate the Henry-Martinsville Department of Social Services and the Henry-Martinsville Health Department to a larger and more adequate facility.
- Henry County supports the placing of the Mayo River State Park on the Commonwealth's list for future capital funding.
- Henry County supports the development of a multiuse trail traversing Southern Virginia from the Blue Ridge Parkway to the Chesapeake Bay in order to stimulate economic growth and promote regional tourism.
- Henry County supports legislation that promotes land conservation and the preservation of open space as a means to protect water quality and preserve wildlife corridors.
- Henry County supports legislation that improves the recruitment and retention of volunteer fire and EMS workers without placing additional burden on localities. Additionally, Henry County asks that the Commonwealth provide matching funds for the *Volunteer Firefighters' and Rescue Squad Workers' Service Award Fund* (VOLSAP), §§ 51.1-1200 through 51.1-1211.

- Henry County requests that the General Assembly leaves intact the fire programs fund and the rescue squad assistance funds and not use these funds as a way to balance the state budget.

Mrs. Burnette discussed Item 1 and 4 on Page 1 which states Henry County favors increased support for public education and the New College Institute. She noted that in the Chamber's legislative package regarding education a request was made for restoration of funding. Mrs. Burnette recommended that on Items 1 and 4 that the Board asks for no reduction in funding, continued support of funding as well as restoration of funding.

Mrs. Burnette discussed Item 1 on page 2 which states Henry County urges a bipartisan effort to address the issues that arise when an elected official faces criminal prosecution, including a process for appointing a temporary replacement to carry out the duties and responsibilities of the office until the legal process is complete. She asked does that mean starting with indictment or should it be more specific.

Mr. Summerlin stated it speaks of a concept and not a particular bill. He stated if a legislator decides to introduce a bill they would work with legislative services to try and craft a bill that would have a chance of passage.

Mrs. Burnette discussed Item 4 on Page 2 which states Henry County encourages the Commonwealth to develop new economic development incentives that allow the state and localities to be more competitive with neighboring states. In developing economic development incentives the County urges the Commonwealth to put special emphasis on incentives for communities heavily impacted by federal trade policies. She asked if high unemployment in Virginia is always due to federal trade policies. If not, she would recommend adding impacted by the federal trade policies or higher than the State average unemployment.

Mr. Vaughn stated he would prefer Item 1 on page 1 and Item 1 on page 2 be left as is. He stated he agreed with the changes on Item 4 on page 1 and Item 4 on page 2.

Following some discussion Mrs. Burnette moved that the Board approve the 2009 Legislative Package with the following amendments, second by Mr. Vaughn and unanimously carried.

Item 4 on Page 1 – Change to: Henry County urges the continued support of the New College institute and its ultimate conversion into a stand-alone four-year university. The Board also supports restoration of funds to NCI and to Patrick Henry Community College.

Item 4 on Page 2 – Change to: Henry County encourages the Commonwealth to develop new economic development incentives that allow the state and localities to be more competitive with neighboring states. In developing economic development incentives the County urges the Commonwealth to put special emphasis on incentives for communities heavily impacted by federal trade policies or that are above the state average unemployment rate.

**CONSIDERATION OF MARTINSVILLE-HENRY COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE’S 2009 LEGISLATIVE AGENDAS:**

Mr. Adams welcomed Ms. Amanda Witt, President and Mr. Richard Eanes, Chairman of the Chamber of Commerce who were present to discuss the Chamber’s State and Federal Legislative Agendas. (Copies included in Board’s File).

Mr. Adams stated he noticed in the Federal Legislative Agenda that the Chamber opposes the Employee Free Choice Act as currently proposed. He stated he agreed with the Chamber’s position.

Mrs. Burnette stated regarding the Workforce Development statement she asked if there was any value in the County at some point adding a letter of support to the Chamber of Commerce or the Workforce Investment Board’s request.

Ms. Witt stated she felt it would be good for the County to support this issue individually as well.

Mrs. Burnette requested Mr. Adams contact the Local Elected Officials Board to request their localities to support the workforce letter individually.

Mrs. Burnette moved that the Board support the Chamber's State and Federal Legislative Packages, second by Mr. Vaughn and unanimously carried.

**CONSIDERATION OF ENDORSEMENT OF VACO RESOLUTION REGARDING ECONOMIC STIMULUS PACKAGE:**

Mr. Summerlin stated at the recent Virginia Association of Counties annual meeting, a resolution was adopted to seek an economic stimulus package from the federal government to include direct financial support to localities for infrastructure and other needs. (A Copy of Resolution is Included in Board's File). Mr. Summerlin read an excerpt from the resolution describing its purpose, which reads: "Now, therefore, be it resolved by the Board of Directors of the Virginia Association of Counties that the President of the United States of America and the U.S. Congress are urged to enact an additional Economic Stabilization Act to include direct assistance to guarantee and protect existing local investments; to include direct assistance for documented and unmet infrastructure needs; to create new jobs; and to meet mandated entitlements and programs."

Mrs. Burnette moved that the Board endorse the Virginia Association of Counties resolution and forward to the President Elect, Transition Team, and all federal representatives of Virginia, second by Mr. Slaughter. The motion carried 5 to 1. Mr. McMillian voted in opposition.

**PRELIMINARY DISCUSSION OF FY 2009-10 COUNTY BUDGET:**

Mr. McMillian asked the County Administrator what he felt the net results of the State funding increase for this year would be.

Mr. Summerlin stated he would be afraid to predict anything on state or local funding at this point. He said the national/state economy is changing rapidly and several months ago no one could guess the economy would be where it is today. He stated in the upcoming budget he wanted to have as much data as possible to try and make the best possible projections. He stated the upcoming

budget will probably be the most difficult ever. Mr. Summerlin stated staff usually includes a budget calendar on the Board's December Agenda. He stated staff typically presents the County Budget the first week in April and the Board is required by law to adopt the School Budget by the first of May.

Mr. Vaughn stated since the tax collection deadline is December 5, he asked if staff could provide the Board with some preliminary figures compared to last year for the December meeting to see how tax revenues from real estate and personal property taxes compare with last year.

Mr. Summerlin stated staff could probably provide the Board with some preliminary figures at its organizational meeting in early January in order to allow staff time to work the mail and get collections posted.

Mr. McMillian asked what the County's uncommitted cash balance is today.

Mr. Summerlin stated he would have to refer to last year's audit and he would provide that information to the Board later in the meeting. He noted that the upcoming audit should be available sometime in January.

Mr. McMillian stated he has received phone calls regarding real estate tax increases and he did not think the people of Henry County want a tax increase. He stated it is his intention to do everything he could to keep the real estate tax where it is or less.

## **FINANCIAL MATTERS:**

### **Award of Contract re: Construction of Access Road to Smith River Sports Complex**

Mr. Summerlin stated bids on the construction of the access road to the Smith River Sports Complex were opened November 20. He stated eight bids were received and the low bid was from Jimmy R. Lynch & Sons of Pilot Mountain, NC in the amount of \$306,775.09. The company currently is serving as the general contractor for the

Sports Complex, and its bid on the access road is within the budget for the project. Mr. Summerlin stated Woolpert, Inc., of Charlotte, NC, the consultant on the project for the Harvest Foundation has reviewed the bids and is recommending that Lynch be awarded the contract.

Mrs. Buchanan moved that the Board award the contract for the Smith River Sports Complex Access Road to Jimmy R. Lynch & Sons, Inc., in the amount of \$306,775.09, second by Mrs. Burnette. The motion carried 5 to 1 with Mr. McMillian voting in opposition.

**Acceptance of Grant and Additional Appropriation re: Smoke Alarm Installations – Public Safety**

Mr. Summerlin stated Henry County was awarded a Grant from the Virginia Department of Health to fund smoke alarm installations. The competitive grant of \$18,972.00 requires no local match. Funds will be used to purchase 800 smoke alarms and associated supplies, advertise the program, and fund compensation for part-time personnel to install the alarms. Mr. Summerlin stated fire prevention continues to be a high priority of the Public Safety Department and this will allow them to offer free smoke detectors to any County resident that needs one.

Mrs. Burnette asked how carbon monoxide detectors fit into this grant.

Mr. Wagoner stated the Public Safety Department was awarded a separate grant for carbon monoxide detectors. He stated it was appropriated by the Board some time ago and is currently in process.

Mrs. Buchanan moved that the Board accept the grant and the additional appropriation as requested, second by Mr. McMillian and unanimously carried.

**Acceptance of Grant and Additional Appropriation re: Pagers – Public**

Mr. Summerlin stated Henry County has been awarded a grant from the Martinsville Area Community Foundation to go toward the

purchase of pagers for the volunteer fire departments. The competitive grant of \$20,000 requires no local match. Public Safety Director Dale Wagoner is asking the Board to accept and appropriate the grant. Mr. Wagoner also intends to spend \$18,000 from contingency funds associated with the emergency communications systems budget to complete the pager purchases for the volunteers. That money has already been appropriated and is in the budget.

Mrs. Burnette stated for the record she would like to note: Item 10-C in the Board's working papers refers to Item 9-D, this should be changed to 10-D, and Item 10-D refers to Item 9-B and should be changed to 10-C.

Mrs. Burnette moved that the Board accept the grant and approve the additional appropriation, second by Mr. McMillian and unanimously carried.

**Award of Contracts re: Emergency Communications System  
– Public Safety**

Mr. Summerlin stated as part of the ongoing implementation of the new emergency communications system in Henry County, Public Safety Director Dale Wagoner is requesting the Board to award contracts for four purchases related to the new system as noted in the following paragraphs with the fourth contract just approved by the Board.

- The first contract is in the amount of \$57,795 to Motorola to purchase portable radio equipment for the City of Martinsville. The funding is 80% grant money and a 20% match from the City.
- The second contract is in the amount of \$75,000 to GCS Electronics to purchase radio equipment for Patrick County. This also is funded by 80% grant money and a 20% match from Patrick County. The Board must approve these expenditures since Henry County is the fiscal agent for the project.
- The third contract is in the amount of \$455,000 to Motorola for the purchase of portable radio equipment for Henry County. This

funding also is 80% grant and requires a local match of 20%, which the Board previously approved.

- Information on the fourth contract under Item 9B regarding the purchase of radio pagers for the volunteer fire departments to accept the grant money in the amount of \$20,000, and the use of \$18,000 from the radio system contingency fund has already been approved by the Board.

Mr. Vaughn moved that the Board award the contracts as outlined, second by Mrs. Buchanan and unanimously carried.

**Award of Contract re: Rehab Specialist Contract for the Riverside Drive Neighborhood Improvement CDBG Project**

Mr. Summerlin stated the County has been awarded \$997,302 in Community Development Block Grant Funding (CDBG) for the Riverside Drive Neighborhood Improvement Project. The goal of this project is to provide housing rehabilitation for twenty-three (23) units as well as to provide some minor infrastructure improvements within the project boundaries.

Mr. Summerlin stated as part of this grant, a housing rehab specialist is to be hired to ensure construction supervision, quality, lead testing, cost control and the implementation of DHCD/HUD Housing Quality Standards (HQS) requirements. Following appropriate procurement procedures staff formed a selection committee to interview and review rehab specialist applicants. The selection committee recommended award of a contract to Southside Outreach Group, Inc of South Boston, VA, which is a non-profit agency. (A Copy of the Southside Outreach Group, Inc. Contract is Included in Board's File).

Mrs. Burnette moved that the Board award a contract in the amount of \$60,150 to Southside Outreach Group, Inc. for housing rehabilitation specialist work as well as \$500 per house for lead base clearance test lab fees as applicable (\$11,500 total), as approved by the Virginia Department of Housing & Community Development, second by Mr. Vaughn and unanimously carried.

**Additional Appropriation re: Overtime Costs - Sheriff's Office**

Mr. Summerlin stated Sheriff Lane Perry is requesting the Board to make an additional appropriation of \$11,230 into the department's "Hot Spots" line item to cover increased overtime costs. The funds as indicated by the Sheriff would come from a refund in the same amount from the department's postal machine provider for an overpayment in postage.

Mr. McMillian moved that the Board approve the additional appropriation as outlined, second by Mr. Slaughter and unanimously carried.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:**

**Comments from October 28, 2008 Public Hearing on Six-Year Secondary Road Plan**

Mr. Summerlin stated that Lisa Price-Hughes of VDOT has provided the comments from the October 28 public hearing on the Six-Year Secondary Road Plan. It has been requested the Board delay action until VDOT has further information on state funding.

Mr. Summerlin stated he would like to recognize Sheriff Perry and the Henry County Jail regarding the Jail Costs Report released by the State. He noted that the Henry County Jail was ranked the second lowest in operating costs in the Commonwealth of Virginia at \$37.60 per inmate per day.

Mr. Summerlin stated Henry County received the final bankruptcy payment from 5B's awarded by the Court in the amount of \$45,000. He stated the County is continuing to negotiate and pursue the personal guarantee.

Mr. Summerlin noted that during the recent audit process it was brought to his attention of several accounts that have been dormant for some time. He stated one account includes funds for a Henry County Disaster Fund created back in 1997. It is staff's recommendation to transfer the remaining balance of \$4,220.50 to

the Social Services Emergency Fund to benefit Henry County residents.

Mr. McMillian moved to transfer \$4,220.50 from the Henry County Disaster Fund to the Social Services Emergency Fund to benefit Henry County residents, second by Mrs. Burnette and unanimously carried.

Mr. Summerlin stated bids are due on the proposed shell building on Tuesday, December 2 and bids were also open on the financing for the shell building. Carter Bank and Trust was the low bidder for a six-year term interest only at a rate of 3.4%. He stated assuming the County gets bids within the budget for the shell building he would try to schedule a meeting with the Industrial Development Authority within the next couple of weeks to consider the contracts.

Mr. Summerlin stated a public informational meeting on the pilot public transportation system for Martinsville and Henry County will be held December 8 from 6:00 to 7:00 pm at the County Administration Building.

Mr. Summerlin stated Board members who plan to attend the VML/VACo Legislative Day should confirm with Tim Hall today. He stated nominee scores for the Jack Dalton Award are also due today.

### **Comments from the Board**

Mr. Slaughter stated after hearing Governor Kaine's comments last week he appreciated the Sheriff in keeping the costs of corrections below the average in Virginia.

Mr. McMillian stated he noticed in last week's newspaper City Council stated they may want to start looking at merging the two school systems. Mr. McMillian stated as a matter of information he is vehemently against merging the city and county school systems.

Mrs. Burnette stated she attended a very productive Neighborhood Watch in Piedmont Estates in the Iriswood District. She also attended the VACo Conference along with Mr. Adams, Mr.

Slaughter and Mr. Summerlin. She stated a break-out session she attended that she found most interesting and informative was the "Green Buildings-The Green Initiative by The Moseley Group."

Mrs. Burnette stated while attending several activities at the Administration Building last month an issue came up regarding the availability of defibrillators in County facilities. She stated after a conversation with Judge Armstrong he informed her one defibrillator is located in the Courthouse and a public access defibrillator was located in the Jail.

Mr. Wagoner stated approximately six months ago Public Safety secured a new defibrillator for the Courthouse. He stated Judge Armstrong and other individuals are trained to use the equipment. A defibrillator is also located in the School Board office on the third floor of the Administration Building as well as the Public Safety Training Center.

Mrs. Burnette inquired about obtaining a defibrillator for use in the Administration Building. She stated after talking with other members of the Board and staff, she would like the Board to authorize Mr. Wagoner to research grant possibilities of purchasing smaller public access defibrillators to equip County facilities that do not currently have access to one.

Mr. Wagoner stated he would be glad to research those opportunities and report back to the Board. He stated he would also work with the School Board to see how the County can better utilize the defibrillator in the School Board Office.

Mrs. Buchanan stated the Fieldale Festival of Lights will begin on November 28 starting at 6pm on Friday and will run through January 1. She stated the Annual Coat Drive is ongoing and anyone wishing to donate a coat should drop them off during evening hours of 6pm to 8pm at the Horsepasture Volunteer Rescue Squad. Mrs. Buchanan stated another issue she would like the Board to consider sometime in the upcoming year is an award similar to the Jack Dalton Award to recognize active veterans in the community once a year.

Mr. Vaughn stated he would like to comment on Mr. McMillian's statement made earlier regarding school merger. He stated as he read the paper the request was to ask the School Board to consult with the Board of Supervisors to look at ways City and County could cooperate to reduce funds. He stated in 1995, County voters decided to have its School Board members elected, which took effect in 1996. He stated there is a different structure in the County because of an elected Board versus the City who still has an appointed School Board. He stated the request for the School Boards to contact the Board of Supervisors would not be the best route to go. It seems to him that the procedure would be for the City School Board to contact the County School Board if there were ways they thought they could cooperate with the County and then from that point, the County School Board could contact the Board of Supervisors if they need to take any action.

Mr. Summerlin stated in terms of cooperation the only role the Board of Supervisors has is appropriate money to operate the schools.

Mr. Vaughn stated he thought some people read the article and thought it meant merger, but with the overall situation most school systems are going to be stressed for money. He stated if the City initiated the request perhaps the City and County could look at ways to save both localities some money in certain programs without an overall merger.

Mr. Adams stated he agreed with Mr. Vaughn and said there is a history of at least working together on some programs. Mr. Adams stated since the last meeting he and Mrs. Buchanan attended a meeting in Richmond and on the way back they attended an announcement in Brosville regarding the Pittsylvania County Phase II Water line along with other members of the Board. Mr. Adams thanked Mr. Vaughn for attending the grand opening of a new Walgreen's in the Ridgeway District. He stated he also attended the Homer Dillard VFW Post Annual Veteran's Day Banquet. Mr. Adams stated he would like to take a moment and congratulate the County Administrator who recently graduated from a seven month program in LEAD Virginia. He stated the intensity of the program that Mr. Summerlin just completed is quite an accomplishment as well a sacrifice of his personal time. The Board congratulated Mr.

Summerlin. Mr. Adams noted he has scheduled an upcoming Blackberry District Community Meeting on December 1 at 6:30 pm at Sanville Ruritan Club.

Mrs. Burnette stated she would like to comment on the article in the newspaper regarding the City School Board and City Council's joint meeting yesterday. She stated she was not aware of the meeting; however, after talking with several people over the weekend regarding fiscal shortcomings the Board would have to face she came up with an idea. The idea was to propose that a letter be written to the Chairman of the School Board from the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors asking for the School Board to take advantage of the opportunity in not just looking for a new superintendent but to step back and look at a bigger picture to consider some of the following issues:

- How the financial cutbacks anticipated will affect the School Board
- How it will affect the County
- Funds that the County will not have to give to the School Board
- What effects there might be on programs
- Continue to monitor the decline of student population

Mrs. Burnette stated that after reading yesterday's report and hearing other comments she would not ask that a letter be written, but to state the County is aware of the joint meetings and the Board of Supervisors are willing to work with the School Board.

Mr. Vaughn stated he felt the School Board was mindful of the situation. He said right now we're all just waiting to see what the effects of the state and federal monies will have on local government.

Mr. McMillian stated when the study was conducted several years ago to consider merging the City and County schools, savings at that point was projected to be less than \$1 million. He stated in light of the recent consolidations the schools now need \$79 million to operate 15 schools versus \$62 million to operate 20 schools. He stated he did not hold out much hope for a whole lot of savings.

## **CLOSED MEETING:**

Mrs. Burnette moved that the Board enter into a closed meeting at 4:06 pm to discuss the following, second by Mrs. Buchanan and unanimously carried.

- 1) §2.2-3711(A)1 for Discussion of Appointees to Anchor Commission, West Piedmont Planning District Commission Technical Advisory Committee, Fieldale Sanitary District Board, Ninth District Development Financing, Inc., Building Code Board of Appeals, Fire Code Board of Appeals, and Public Service Authority.
- 2) §2.2-3711(A)7 for Consultation with the County Attorney re: Pending Legal Matters.
- 3) §2.2-3711(A)3 for Consultation with the County Attorney re: Acquisition/Disposal of Real Estate.
- 4) §2.2-3711(A)5 for Consultation with the County Attorney re: Discussion of As-Yet Unannounced Industries.

## **OPEN MEETING:**

The Board returned to an open meeting at 5:51 pm on a motion by Mr. McMillian, second by Mrs. Buchanan and unanimously carried.

## **CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED MEETING:**

Mr. Hall read the Certification of the Closed Meeting and took a roll call vote affirming that the Board only discussed public business matters lawfully exempted and identified in the motion to enter closed session. Those voting in the affirmative were Mr. Slaughter, Mr. McMillian, Mrs. Burnette, Mrs. Buchanan, Mr. Vaughn and Mr. Adams.

## **APPOINTMENTS:**

### **Anchor Commission**

Mrs. Buchanan moved that the Board reappoint Ms. Debbie Bliss and Bonnie Favero to the Anchor Commission to four-year terms expiring December 31, 2012, second by Mr. McMillian and unanimously carried.

**West Piedmont Planning District Commission Technical Advisory Committee**

Mrs. Burnette moved that the Board reappoint Tim Pace and Randolph Lester to three-year terms to the West Piedmont Planning District Commission Technical Advisory Committee, second by Mr. Slaughter and unanimously carried.

**Ninth District Development Financing, Inc.,**

Mr. Vaughn moved that the Board appoint Barry Jarrett to a two-year term to the Ninth District Developing Financing, Inc., second by Mrs. Burnette and unanimously carried.

**Acquisition and Disposal of Real Estate**

Mr. Vaughn moved the Board direct staff to advertise a public hearing at the Board's December 16, 2008 meeting at 6:00 pm to hear citizens input regarding the disposition of the former Ridgeway Elementary School, second by Mr. McMillian and unanimously carried.

The Board recessed its meeting at 5:53pm and reconvened at 6:00 pm.

Mr. Adams called the 6:00 pm meeting to order and welcomed everyone present.

**MATTERS PRESENTED BY THE PUBLIC:**

Mr. Adams read a brief statement that the Board is here to listen to public comments and not to engage in a question and answer period or a debate. He stated if anyone wishes to address the Board to come to the podium and state your name, subject matter and the

district in which you live. He stated by coming to the podium you have agreed to exhibit respect to the Board and its members and each one will conduct themselves with dignity. He stated everyone would receive the same level of respect from the Board. He asked that those who wish to speak to keep his or her comments between three to five minutes.

There was no one present who wished to speak.

### **PUBLIC HEARINGS – PLANNING:**

#### **Proposed Road Name Change, Welford Drive to Preston Farm Road**

Mr. Lee Clark stated residents of Welford Drive have submitted a request to officially change the name of the road to Preston Farm Road located in the Ridgeway District off Cameron Road. The required advertising has been accomplished and the cost of replacing the sign has been paid.

The public hearing was open at 6:03 pm.

Ms. Ida Draper a property owner on Welford Drive asked if there would be a fee for having to change her deed from Welford Drive to Preston Farm Road.

Mr. Lyle stated there are a lot of deeds and maps at the courthouse that reference road names which have been changed or are out of date. He stated there should be enough property description in someone's deed that you can still find it. He stated what will happen at some point in the future someone will try to do something with the land that requires a survey. When that survey is complete it would be paid for by the purchaser or whoever is doing the work and a notation of the new road name change would then be made. He stated a legal description of property at the courthouse sometimes reference mailing addresses or street names; however it does not need to be changed when a road name is changed only when there is a new survey of property. He stated there is no cost at this time.

There being no one else present who wished to speak the public hearing was closed at 6:06 pm.

Mr. Vaughn moved that the Board approve the road name change, second by Mr. McMillian and unanimously carried.

Mr. Vaughn stated he had reservations about road name changes. He said there is so much tied into changing a road name such as house numbering for postal service, the 911 System, Map Quest for delivery services, etc. He stated if the Board has a policy of changing road names it can complicate the system. He stated the Board should direct staff to look at changing the ordinance to severely limit the freedom to change a road name unless there is a special circumstance.

Mr. Clark stated the services referenced, and there are a lot of others not referenced, are all individual businesses. He stated the County does not notify a business nor could it notify all of them. He stated all in-house databases are changed and no business or map search engines have ever requested the data from the County.

Following some further comments Mr. Vaughn moved that the Board direct staff to research the ordinance and bring it back to the Board for a recommendation in the future, second by Mrs. Burnette and unanimously carried.

### **Rezoning Application R-08-14 – David W. Moore**

Mr. Clark reviewed Application R-08-14 for David W. Moore. (Copy of Application included in Board's File). Mr. Clark stated that following a public hearing both the Planning Commission and staff recommend approval of the request.

The public hearing was open at 6:12 pm. It was noted the applicant was present.

There being no comments the public hearing was closed at 6:12 pm.

Mr. McMillian moved that the Board accept the recommendation of the Planning Commission to approve the rezoning request, second by Mr. Vaughn and unanimously carried.

**Rezoning Application R-08-15 – Ronald Wayne Stanley**

Mr. Clark reviewed Application R-08-15 for Ronald Wayne Stanley. (Copy of Application included in Board's File). Mr. Clark stated that following a public hearing both the Planning Commission and staff recommend approval of the request.

The public hearing was open at 6:13 pm. It was noted the applicant was present.

There being no comments the public hearing was closed at 6:13 pm.

Mr. Vaughn moved that the Board accept the recommendation of the Planning Commission to approve the rezoning request, second by Mr. McMillian and unanimously carried.

**Rezoning Application R-08-16 – Ronald L. and Wanda R. Hairston**

Mr. Clark reviewed Application R-08-16 for Ronald L. and Wanda R. Hairston. (Copy of Application included in Board's File). Mr. Clark stated that following a public hearing both the Planning Commission and staff recommend approval of the request.

The public hearing was open at 6:14 pm. It was noted the applicants were present.

There being no comments the public hearing was closed at 6:14 pm.

Mrs. Burnette moved that the Board accept the recommendation of the Planning Commission to approve the rezoning request, second by Mrs. Buchanan and unanimously carried.

**GENERAL HIGHWAY MATTERS:**

**Request for “Watch for Children” Sign on Ellsworth Court in the Ridgeway District**

Mr. Vaughn moved that the Board request VDOT install a Watch for Children Sign on Ellsworth Court in the Ridgeway District, seconded by Mrs. Burnette. The motion carried 5 to 0. Mr. McMillian abstained due to owning property on Ellsworth Court.

Ms. Lisa Price-Hughes, Residency Administrator, gave an overview of VDOT’s Transportation Budget Update. (Copy included in Board’s File).

Ms. Hughes stated VDOT has posted a willingness to hold public hearings on the turn lanes on Route 174 and the Route 220 Safety Project at Bassett Forks.

There being no further business to discuss Mr. McMillian moved the meeting be adjourned at 6:30 pm, second by Mr. Vaughn and unanimously carried.