

# HENRY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MINUTES

**April 7, 2015 – 5:00 p.m.**

The Henry County Board of Supervisors met on April 7, 2015, at 5:00 p.m. in the Fourth Floor Conference Room of the County Administration Building, King's Mountain Road, Collinsville, Virginia. The purpose of the meeting was to present the FY 2015-'16 County Budget. The following Board members were present: Chairman H.G. Vaughn; Vice Chairman Jim Adams; Tommy Slaughter; Debra Buchanan; Joe Bryant; and Milton Kendall.

Staff members present were Tim Hall, County Administrator; Dale Wagoner, Deputy County Administrator; Michelle Via, Administrative Assistant; Darrell Jones, Director of Finance; Richard Stanfield, Assistant Director of Finance; Susan Reynolds, Director of Human Resources; and George Lyle, County Attorney, arrived at 5:27 p.m.

Ben Williams of the Martinsville Bulletin was present. Also present was Sheriff Lane Perry; Superintendent Dr. Jared Cotton and Chief Financial Officer Dawn Lawson of the Henry County School Board.

Chairman Vaughn called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone present. He stated this is a continuation of the Board's March 24 meeting.

## **PRESENTATION OF COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S PROPOSED 2015-2016 BUDGET**

Mr. Hall gave an overview of the Management Discussion and Analysis for Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Proposed Operating Budget for the County of Henry. (Copy of presentation included in Board's file)

Mr. Hall opened by prefacing the pop song "I Can See Clearly Now" by Johnny Nash which hit the top of the charts in 1972. Mr. Hall said part of the lyrics of that song tell us "I can see all of the obstacles in my way/gone are the dark clouds that had me blind." Mr. Hall said the administrative staff does not pretend that our dark clouds are gone, but we are convinced that the clouds are breaking up. We are beginning to see clearly that Henry County is poised to be better than ever.

Mr. Hall highlighted several accomplishments this year and the proposed budget as follows:

### **FY 2014-'15 Highlights**

- Monogram Snacks - \$36.5 million, 200 new jobs
- Hardide Coatings - \$7.25 million, 29 jobs, avg. \$50k
- Net job growth for 2<sup>nd</sup> year in a row
- Grading at CCBC, 57 of 63 workers are local hires
- National Guard Project at Patriot Centre
- Upgrades to Barrows Mill Road
- Philpott Marina Project
- Increase in tourism spending
- Consolidation of Eastman and Commonwealth Laminating

- Advanced Film Manufacturing training program
- Henry County is home to the largest market share of the window film industry
- SAFER Grant – improved response times and ALS availability
- Collaboration with PHCC and NCI
- School successes
- Linden Road Housing Rehabilitation Project
- Rooster Walk Music Festival
- Susan Fulcher, Telecommunicator of the Year
- Outstanding Veteran – Robert Hayzlett, Jr.
- Jack Dalton Award – Smith Chaney

### **FY 2015-'16 Proposed County Budget**

- Proposed FY 15-16 budget of \$129,551,261
  - Increase of 10.5%, or \$12,313,147
  - Self-insurance program is now showing on the books
- Freed-up debt from Courthouse and radio system
- Balanced budget – WITHOUT dipping into reserve funds
- **NO TAX INCREASE**
- 2% pay raise for County employees to match Commonwealth's proposed raise to state employees and Constitutional Officers
- 2% VRS-mandated "raise," offsetting the employees' mandatory contribution to their retirement
- \$125,000 for a jail needs assessment
- No increase in healthcare coverage costs; self-insurance estimated savings of \$840,000 first year

### **School System**

- \$16,952,895 of local funds, an increase of \$300,000, but less than they requested
- Supports construction of a new elementary school to serve the Collinsville school district
- Financing options available that will not result in a tax increase
- Recommend using reserve funds to buy the land
- Current year funding to school system
  - \$225,000 for I-Pad initiative
  - \$1,616,583 in carryover funds
- \$6,784,918 in carryover funds in the past 5 years

Mr. Hall said the budget will be available on the County website and also at all four branches of the Blue Ridge Regional Library. Mr. Hall reminded the Board of the budget work session scheduled on April 9, 2015 at 5:00 p.m. in the Fourth Floor Conference Room. Mr. Hall requested that the Board review the budget and on Thursday, staff will go through each category and answer any questions.

### **Advertise FY '15-'16 Budget**

Following the presentation, Mr. Slaughter moved that the Board advertise the FY 2015-'16 Budget on Sunday, April 12, 2015, for a scheduled public hearing on April 20, 2015, seconded by Mr. Bryant and carried 6 to 0.

### **CLOSED MEETING**

Mr. Adams moved that the Board go into a closed meeting at 5:38 p.m., seconded by Ms. Buchanan and unanimously carried to discuss the following.

- 1) §2.2-3711(A)5 for Discussion of As-Yet Unannounced Industries.

### **OPEN MEETING**

The Board returned to an open meeting at 5:48 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 out of closed meeting and no further business to discuss, Mr. Adams moved at 5:49 pm that the Board continue the meeting to April 9, 2015 at 5:00 p.m., second by Mr. Bryant and unanimously carried.