

HENRY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MINUTES

April 9, 2015 – 5:00 p.m.

The Henry County Board of Supervisors met on April 9, 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 hold a work session on the FY '15-'16 Total County Budget. The following Board members were present: Chairman H. G. Vaughn, Vice Chairman Jim Adams, Tommy Slaughter, Debra Buchanan and Joe Bryant. Milton Kendall was absent.

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

Ben Williams of the Martinsville Bulletin was present. Lt. Col. Steve Eanes of the Sheriff's Office and Superintendent Dr. Jared Cotton were also present.

Chairman Vaughn called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone present. He stated the meeting is a continuation of its April 7, 2015 meeting.

WORK SESSION ON FY 2015-2016 PROPOSED HENRY COUNTY BUDGET

Mr. Hall first briefed the Board on pending issues currently being considered by the state Board of Elections concerning voting machines. Mr. Hall said Henry County along with 28 other localities statewide use the WINVote voting machines which contain a wireless feature that has resulted in glitches, including machines crashing and votes being cast for the wrong candidate. Mr. Hall said in 2005, the state Board of Elections told all counties to disconnect that wireless component, which Henry County did. Mr. Hall said the County has not had the first issue with these machines since then. However, some localities did not follow the state's request to disconnect the wireless component, which has caused problems for those localities. Mr. Hall said the Board of Elections is scheduled to vote April 14 on whether to require all localities to replace the WINVote machines. Mr. Hall said if they vote to take these machines out of commission, the County will have to replace a significant number of voting machines at an estimated cost of \$250,000 to \$300,000. Mr. Hall said these funds are not budgeted and will have to come out of the unencumbered reserves. Mr. Hall noted the machines must be in place before the November elections.

Mr. Hall then reviewed the budget by category and asked the Board to intervene if they had any questions.

There was some discussion concerning the jail needs assessment. Lt. Col. Steve Eanes said the state estimates it costs \$48 per day to house an inmate. Lt. Col. Eanes said although the jail is rated to hold only 67 inmates, as of today, it had 186 inmates. Lt. Col. Eanes said the inmates are double-bunked, but even so, there are only 126 beds; the remaining 60 inmates sleep on mattresses on the floor. Lt. Col. Eanes said an

additional 61 inmates have been sent to other jails in Martinsville, Danville, Roanoke, Dillwyn, Patrick County and Southampton County. Mr. Hall said the jail needs assessment will study the current jail situation, population trends, cost estimates and other factors to determine how the overcrowding best can be addressed.

There were some general inquiries about various line items in the revenue and expenditure categories. Mr. Hall discussed the future of the Gateway Streetscape Foundation. Mr. Hall said Mike Amos has been running the program in the absence of an executive director but Mr. Amos already has many responsibilities on his plate. Mr. Hall said while the organization does great work with limited resources, it struggles to raise money and during the next fiscal year, the County needs to determine if they want to continue with Gateway or find a new way to fulfil the organization's goals.

There being no further business to discuss, Ms. Buchanan moved to adjourn at 5:35 p.m., seconded by Mr. Bryant and unanimously carried.