

**HENRY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MINUTES**

May 26, 2015 – 3:00 p.m.

The Henry County Board of Supervisors held its regular meeting on May 26, 2015, 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 Jim Adams, Debra Buchanan, Tommy Slaughter, 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; Susan Reynolds, Director of Human Resources; County Attorney George Lyle; and Michelle Via, Administrative Assistant.

Lt. Troy Easter and Deputy Brian Lawson 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. Slaughter gave the invocation and Ms. Buchanan 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

- April 23, 2015
- April 28, 2015

Approval of Accounts Payable

Copy included in Board's File

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

PROCLAMATION ESTABLISHING “PAINT THE TOWN PURPLE WEEK” IN HENRY COUNTY

Ms. Buchanan read aloud a proclamation establishing June 6 – 13, 2015 as “Paint the Town Purple” Week in Henry County to increase cancer awareness and to raise funds for the American Cancer Society Relay for Life event on June 12, 2015. On a motion by Ms. Buchanan and second by Mr. Kendall, the Board voted unanimously to approve the proclamation. Michelle Graham was present to accept the honor.

UPDATE BY THE CHAMBER’S PARTNERSHIP FOR ECONOMIC GROWTH (C-PEG)

Mr. Clay Campbell, President of the Chamber’s Partnership for Economic Growth (C-PEG), was present to discuss C-PEG’s partnership with small business development. Mr. Campbell said he wanted to reassure the Board after a recent decision by Martinsville City Council to cut \$60,000 in funding from the Martinsville-Henry County Economic Development Corp. and give it to Chamber of Commerce to develop small business, that C-PEG will continue to represent Henry County as well as Martinsville.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION RE: VIRGINIA RETIREMENT SYSTEM REQUIREMENT

Mr. Hall said the 2012 General Assembly mandated localities to require employees to contribute five percent toward their retirement, as well as provide an offsetting salary increase to the employees. Mr. Hall said the Board elected a one percent phase in for FY 2013, FY 2014 and FY 2015. For FY 2016, employees will be required to contribute an additional 2% of their salary to VRS and they will receive a corresponding 2% salary increase. Mr. Hall said the Board must certify compliance with this legislation by adopting the proposed resolution.

On a motion by Mr. Adams and second by Mr. Slaughter, the Board unanimously approved the resolution.

REPORT ON DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTION EFFORTS

Mr. Scott Grindstaff reviewed the monthly reports on delinquent tax collection efforts. Mr. Grindstaff noted that 96.01% of 2014 personal property taxes have been collected; 92.08% of 2014 real estate taxes; and since January 1, TACS collected approximately \$312,757. In addition, Mr. Grindstaff said 22 DMV stops were collected in April and 19 in May. Mr. Grindstaff reported that a judicial sale including 24 parcels will be held July 21.

MONTHLY UPDATE FROM THE MARTINSVILLE-HENRY COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Ms. Jennifer Doss, Director of Tourism for the Martinsville-Henry County Economic Development Corporation, was present to make the monthly update to the Board. Ms. Doss reviewed a summary of activities by the tourism division (Copy included in Board’s File).

APPROVAL OF PRE-CONTRACT DOCUMENTS RE: SMITH RIVER SMALL TOWNS COLLABORATIVE BUSINESS DISTRICT REVITALIZATION PROJECT

Mr. Hall said as part of the pre-contract activities required to satisfy the special conditions of the Department of Housing and Community Development planning grant awarded to the County, the Board is asked to approve several documents: Section 3 Business and Employment Plan, Non-Discrimination Policy, Residential Anti-Displacement and Relocation Assistance Plan Certification, Fair Housing Certification, and Section 504 Grievance Procedure.

On a motion by Mr. Bryant and second by Ms. Buchanan, the Board voted unanimously to approve all documents as required by the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) for the Smith River Small Towns Business District Revitalization Project.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION RE: ASSET FORFEITURE – COMMONWEALTH’S ATTORNEY’S OFFICE

Mr. Hall said Andrew Nester is asking the Board to approve an additional appropriation of \$2,067 from his asset forfeiture funds to cover the cost of courtroom audio/visual equipment, office equipment, and travel expenses.

On a motion by Ms. Buchanan and second by Mr. Slaughter, the Board unanimously approved the additional appropriation as requested.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION RE: SUMMER INTERN – COMMONWEALTH’S ATTORNEY’S OFFICE

Mr. Hall said Andrew Nester is asking the Board to appropriate \$3,500 to cover the salary costs of a summer intern through the New College Institute (NCI). Mr. Hall said NCI will contribute \$3,000 toward the intern’s total salary of \$4,000. The Commonwealth Attorney’s Office will share the position with Judge Martin Clark, with both entities splitting the remaining \$1,000 match. Mr. Nester will use funds realized through vacancy savings to cover his \$500 share of the costs.

On a motion by Mr. Slaughter and second by Mr. Bryant, the Board unanimously approved the additional appropriation as outlined.

AWARD OF CONTRACT RE: COMMERCIAL MOWER – PARKS AND RECREATION

Mr. Hall said Roger Adams is asking the Board to award a contract in the amount of \$27,621.83 to Anderson Tractor & Equipment, Inc. for the purchase of a commercial front deck riding mower. Funds for this item were included as part the appropriation approved by the Board last month for various FY ’15 capital projects.

On a motion by Mr. Kendall and second by Mr. Adams, the Board unanimously approved an award of contract to Anderson Tractor in the amount of \$27,621.83.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION RE: DONATED FUNDS – DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

Mr. Hall said Public Safety has received two donations designated for volunteer fire and EMS recognition. Rodney Howell is asking the Board to appropriate the

donations totaling \$750 to offset the costs of the annual fire and rescue volunteer appreciation banquet. Mr. Hall also noted Mr. Howell's retirement effective June 1. Mr. Vaughn thanked Mr. Howell on behalf of the Board for his dedication and service to Henry County and the citizens.

Mr. Kendall moved the Board approve the additional appropriation of \$750, second by Mr. Bryant and unanimously carried.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION AND AWARD OF CONTRACT RE: VOTING MACHINES – GENERAL REGISTRAR

Mr. Hall said in April 2015, the Virginia Board of Elections decertified all WinVote Brand of voting machines in use in the Commonwealth, mandating Henry County replace all of its machines. The Henry County Electoral Board is requesting the Board award a contract to Hart InterCivic, Inc. in the amount of \$259,000 for the purchase of new voting equipment; and an additional appropriation of \$26,000 to cover anticipated costs of printing ballots and any other unanticipated costs that may arise during the deployment of the new machines.

On a motion by Mr. Bryant and second by Mr. Kendall, the Board unanimously approved an appropriation of \$285,000 from the fund balance of the general fund for the purpose of purchasing and deploying new voting equipment and awarding a contract to Hart InterCivic, Inc. in the amount of \$259,000.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION RE: DUAL ENROLLMENT FUNDS – SCHOOL BOARD

Mr. Hall said the School Board is requesting approval of an additional appropriation of funds totaling \$903,636. According to Superintendent Dr. Jared Cotton, the School Board anticipates receiving an additional \$715,300 from Patrick Henry Community College as part of the dual enrollment program and an additional \$188,336 from the Virginia Department of Education as a result of higher than projected student enrollment. Mr. Hall said the funds will be used for corresponding dual enrollment expenditures and for additional renovations at Bassett High School and the Center for Community Learning.

Ms. Buchanan asked Dr. Cotton to provide more information. Dr. Cotton said depending on qualifications and certifications of the teachers, the school system is eligible for reimbursements from PHCC up to 100% if the teacher has a master's degree. Mr. Adams inquired if the dual enrollment program was dependent on receiving the funding and Dr. Cotton said that it was.

On a motion by Mr. Adams and second by Mr. Slaughter, the Board unanimously approved the additional appropriation as outlined.

CONSIDERATION OF REQUIRED COMMENT PERIOD FOR 2015 JAG GRANT – SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Mr. Hall said the Sheriff's Office has been designated to receive \$22,598 for the 2015 JAG grant cycle to pay for overtime for increased enforcement. One requirement of this grant is that the governing body provides a public comment period of 30 days and Sheriff Perry is asking the Board to set the public comment period beginning May 26, 2015, ending on June 25, 2015, and holding a public hearing at the June Board

meeting. Mr. Hall said the grant will be brought to the Board at a future date for acceptance and appropriation.

On a motion by Ms. Buchanan, second by Mr. Slaughter and unanimously carried, the Board set a 30-day public comment period beginning May 26 and set a public hearing for 6:00 p.m. on June 23, 2015 to receive additional input.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Comments from the Board

Mr. Hall reminded the Board of the Chamber's Post-Legislative luncheon at noon on May 27. Mr. Hall also reminded Board members that the semi-annual Statement of Economic Interests is due by June 15. Mr. Hall said the National Guard will return to the Patriot Centre on June 6 to continue a grading project that was begun last year. Mr. Hall also alerted everyone that Blackhawk helicopters will be performing training at the Patriot Centre on June 7. Lastly, Mr. Hall said he attended Rooster Walk 7 over the weekend which was held in Henry County for the first time and described it as phenomenal. Mr. Hall also said the Philpott Marina experienced its busiest weekend yet last weekend.

CLOSED MEETING

Ms. Buchanan moved that the Board go into a closed meeting at 3:33 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 Blue Ridge Regional Library Board, Parks and Recreation Board, Community Policy and Management Team, Patrick Henry Community College Board, Piedmont Regional Community Services Board, and Southside Community Action Board.
- 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 5:46 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.

Blue Ridge Regional Library Board – On a motion by Mr. Bryant and second by Mr. Adams, the Board unanimously reappointed Carol Meyer, Ridgeway District

representative, to a four-year term ending June 30, 2019; and Margaret Caldwell, Collinsville District, to an unexpired term ending June 30, 2017.

Parks and Recreation Board – On a motion by Mr. Adams and second by Ms. Buchanan, the Board unanimously reappointed Mike Smith and Sandra Adams to three-year terms ending June 30, 2018.

Community Policy and Management Team – On a motion by Ms. Buchanan and second by Mr. Adams, the Board voted unanimously to reappoint Hank Daniels, Erin Jenkins, and Darrell Jones to two-year terms ending June 30, 2017.

Patrick Henry Community College Board – On a motion by Mr. Slaughter and second by Mr. Kendall, the Board unanimously reappointed Pam Foley to a four-year term ending June 30, 2019.

Piedmont Regional Community Services Board – On a motion by Mr. Kendall and second by Ms. Buchanan, the Board voted unanimously to reappoint Carol Nelson and appoint Mary Horsley to three-year terms ending June 30, 2018.

Southside Community Action Board – On a motion by Mr. Kendall and second by Mr. Bryant, the Board unanimously reappointed Rev. Thurman Echols to a two-year term ending June 30, 2017.

Agreement re: Interstate 73 Coalition – Mr. Adams moved the Board enter into a contractual agreement with the Interstate 73 Coalition LLC, second by Ms. Buchanan and unanimously carried.

There being no further action, Mr. Vaughn recessed at 5:50 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.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION REGARDING SUPPORT OF INTERSTATE 73

Mr. Hall read aloud a response received from the Virginia Department of Transportation regarding the County's offer to donate county-owned right-of-way in the Patriot Centre as an incentive to the Commonwealth Transportation Board and to prove the County is serious about building I-73. The letter stated that when right-of-way is acquired for any VDOT project, detailed designs requiring extensive environmental investigations and approvals are necessary before gaining both state and federal approval to accept the right-of-way. Until this is accomplished and the appropriate approvals are given, VDOT would not be able to consider the County's offer.

Mr. Adams read aloud a resolution reaffirming the Board's commitment to the I-73 project and reinforcing its preference that construction for the Virginia section begin in Henry County. Mr. Adams moved the Board adopt the resolution, second by Mr. Slaughter and unanimously carried.

Mr. Vaughn welcomed and recognized Boy Scout Troop 167 of Bassett Church of the Brethren; the troop is working on its citizenship badge.

CONSIDERATION OF PROCLAMATION ESTABLISHING JUNE 6, 2015 AS WOODMEN OF THE WORLD DAY IN HENRY COUNTY

Mr. Bryant read aloud a proclamation establishing June 6, 2015 as Woodmen of the World Day in Henry County in recognition of the organization's 125th anniversary. Mr. Bryant moved the Board adopt the resolution as presented, second by Mr. Kendall and unanimously carried. Scott Koebel was present to accept the proclamation.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING CARLISE SCHOOL GOLF TEAM

Mr. Adams read aloud a resolution congratulating the Carlisle School golf team on its win at the Virginia Independent Schools Athletic Association Division II state golf championship. On a motion by Mr. Adams and second by Ms. Buchanan, the Board unanimously adopted the resolution. Coach P.C. Wells and team members were present to accept the honor.

PUBLIC HEARING – PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE HENRY COUNTY PURCHASING ORDINANCE

Mr. Hall said at the April 2015 meeting, Carole Jones requested the Board to consider several changes to the County's purchasing procedures. Ms. Jones indicates the current purchasing procedures and dollar amount thresholds have been in place since 1999 and no longer come close to matching procedures in place in the state's Virginia Public Procurement Act. Mr. Hall said a public hearing has been scheduled for tonight's meeting to receive input regarding the proposed changes to Henry County Code as it relates to the purchasing ordinance.

Mr. Vaughn opened the public hearing at 6:17 p.m. There was no one present who wished to speak. Mr. Vaughn closed the public hearing at 6:17 p.m. On a motion by Mr. Adams and second by Ms. Buchanan, the Board unanimously approved the changes to Code as presented.

APPROPRIATION OF THE FY 2015-16 COUNTY BUDGET

Mr. Hall said the Board, at its April 28, 2015 meeting, adopted the FY 2015-16 Total County Budget; however, no County funds can be expended or obligated until an appropriation has been made.

Mr. Adams moved the Board adopt the Appropriations Resolution as outlined, second by Ms. Buchanan and unanimously carried. Mr. Wagoner took a roll call vote. Those voting in the affirmative were Mr. Kendall, Mr. Bryant, Mr. Slaughter, Ms. Buchanan, Mr. Adams, and Mr. Vaughn.

MATTERS PRESENTED BY THE PUBLIC

Four citizens spoke concerning I-73: Skip Ressel, President of the I-73 Committee of Martinsville-Henry County; Jay Edelen; Martinsville Speedway President Clay Campbell; and Max Kendall. Each thanked the Board for passing the resolution supporting I-73 and Mr. Ressel updated members on a joint meeting between the committee and Commonwealth Transportation Board. Mr. Ressel said some 440

businesses have signed a petition to start I-73 at the Patriot Centre. Mr. Campbell added that I-73 would be a boon to the speedway, while Mr. Kendall said he and his wife plan to donate property to the state that is part of the proposed I-73 right-of-way.

PUBLIC HEARING – SIX-YEAR SECONDARY ROAD PLAN, OPEN FORMAT, 6 P.M. TO 6:30 P.M. (MEETING ROOM #1 – RIGHT SIDE)

Mr. Vaughn said the joint public hearing by VDOT and the Board is in meeting room #1 from 6:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. and citizens can review and discuss the Six-Year Secondary Road Plan with VDOT officials.

Mr. Vaughn said the Board is not required to take any action at this meeting. Lisa Price Hughes will prepare minutes of the hearing, make any recommended changes to the list of projects, and submit the revised document to the Board for approval at its June 23 meeting.

GENERAL HIGHWAY MATTERS

Lisa Hughes, Resident Engineer for the Virginia Department of Transportation, updated the Board on several general highway matters.

- Exit sign on the 58 Bypass has been fabricated and should be installed by the middle of June
- Ms. Hughes noted the traffic pattern has changed on U.S. 58 near the Carver Road intersection and caution is urged while the grading project continues.
- Traffic signal at intersection of Kings Mountain Road and Daniel Creek has been adjusted

There being no further business to discuss, Ms. Buchanan moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:36 p.m., seconded by Mr. Slaughter and carried 6 to 0.