

HENRY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MINUTES

September 22, 2015 – 3:00 p.m.

The Henry County Board of Supervisors held its regular meeting on September 22, 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; County Attorney George Lyle; and Michelle Via, Administrative Assistant.

Deputy Mike Hooper of the Sheriff's Office was present. Also present was Ben Williams of the Martinsville Bulletin, Ron Morris of B99, and Charles Roark of Cable 18.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Mr. Adams gave the invocation and Mr. Slaughter 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. Mr. Vaughn noted several additions to the agenda.

ITEMS OF CONSENT:

Confirmation of Minutes of Meetings

Copy included in Board's File

- August 25, 2015

Approval of Accounts Payable

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Proclamation Endorsing Virginia Artisan Month

Copy included in Board's File

Proclamation Declaring October 11-16, 2015 as “Citizens Awareness Month” in Henry County

Copy included in Board’s File

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

CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE APPALACHIAN REGIONAL COMMISSION FOR THE RESTORATION OF THE HISTORIC BASSETT TRAIN DEPOT

Mr. Hall said staff is asking the Board to adopt a resolution in support of a grant application to the Appalachian Regional Commission for the restoration of the historic Bassett train depot. If approved, the grant may provide up to \$500,000 and the required 30% match will come from private funds. Restoration of the historic Bassett train depot will play a major role in revitalizing the center of downtown Bassett and will help support economic development, tourism, and quality of life among the Smith River Small Towns.

On a motion by Mr. Slaughter and second by Mr. Bryant, the Board unanimously adopted the resolution of support authorizing submittal of the grant application in the amount of \$500,000.

CONSIDERATION OF A PROCLAMATION DECLARING OCTOBER 15, 2015 AS “GARDEN CLUB OF VIRGINIA DAY” IN HENRY COUNTY AND MARTINSVILLE

Ms. Buchanan read aloud a joint proclamation with the City of Martinsville designating October 15, 2015 as “Garden Club of Virginia Day” in Martinsville and Henry County. On a motion by Ms. Buchanan and second by Mr. Slaughter, the Board unanimously adopted the proclamation. Sue Rosser and Becky Farrar were present to accept the honor on behalf of the Garden Club.

RECOGNITION OF THE RE-ACCREDITATION OF THE SHERIFF’S OFFICE

Several representatives from the Virginia Law Enforcement Professional Standards Commission were present to recognize the Sheriff’s Office for recently completing the process for re-accreditation. The Commission has established 215 professional standards by which law enforcement agencies are measured in order to be accredited. Pulaski Chief of Police Gary Roche, who is a member of the Commission, said accreditation is much more than a paper exercise. An agency must first develop the policies and procedures that comply with standards, but most important, it must put those policies into practice over a period of four years and prove compliance. Martinsville Sheriff Steve Draper said there are only 91 law enforcement agencies out of a total of 400 in Virginia that are accredited, adding that all three local law enforcement agencies are among them.

Sheriff Perry and several members of the Sheriff's Office were present to accept the honor. Sheriff Perry said the re-accreditation is a testament to the hard work of his staff and he is very proud because of what it represents to the community. Mr. Vaughn commended the Sheriff's Office for an outstanding job

REPORT ON DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTION EFFORTS

Mr. Scott Grindstaff reviewed the monthly reports on delinquent tax collection efforts. Mr. Grindstaff noted that 97% of 2014 personal property taxes have been collected; 93.83% of 2014 real estate taxes; and since January 1, TACS collected approximately \$631,668; and 15 DMV stops were placed in September. In addition, Mr. Grindstaff said all but one of the judicial sales was confirmed by the Court this month.

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).

AWARD PRESENTATION BY THE VIRGINIA ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES

Erik Johnston, Director of Government Affairs with the Virginia Association of Counties (VACo), attended today's meeting to present the County with the 2015 Achievement Award. Mr. Johnston said the award program is competitive and intended to collect best practices from different counties so they can be shared throughout the state.

Mr. Johnston said the award recognized the County's cost-effective and technologically-innovative system for continuously monitoring the health of the county's emergency services radio system, which was designed in-house. When problems with the radio system are detected, the system immediately notifies appropriate personnel, allowing technicians to resolve the problem. By building and maintaining the system in-house, staff will save the County thousands of dollars each year and improve efficiency of the system and staff.

Mr. Johnston presented the award to Information Technology Director Christian Youngblood, Mark Alley, Chris McCulloch, and J.R. Powell.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION RE: HIGHWAY SAFETY GRANTS – SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Mr. Hall said Sheriff Perry is asking the Board to appropriate grants totaling \$43,032 from the Virginia Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) for selective traffic enforcement. These funds are pass-through from the National Highway

Safety Administration. An in-kind match will be provided by the Sheriff's Office through use of the department's equipment.

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

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION RE: FRESH FRUIT AND VEGETABLE PROGRAM – SCHOOL BOARD

Mr. Hall said Superintendent Dr. Cotton is asking the Board for an additional appropriation of \$95,972 to the schools' nutrition budget for the fresh fruit and vegetable program at Axton, Campbell Court, Carver, Rich Acres, and Sanville elementary schools. The funding for the appropriation is federal money from the Department of Education.

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

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION AND AWARD OF CONTRACT RE: AMBULANCE – PUBLIC SAFETY

Mr. Hall said Henry County has been awarded an Assistance to Firefighters grant (AFG) in the amount of \$136,364 from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for the purchase of a new ambulance for use by the supplemental career staff. The grant requires a 10% local match. Public Safety Director Matt Tatum is asking the Board to approve the necessary appropriation for the grant and match, and to award a contract to Vest Sales & Service in the amount of \$193,455 for the new ambulance. Funds for the required match were not included in the FY'16 budget. Thus, staff recommends appropriating the required match of \$15,152 from the Board's contingency fund. The additional funds in excess of the grant and match needed for this purchase will come from FY'16 budgeted funds.

On a motion by Mr. Kendall and second by Mr. Bryant, the Board unanimously approved the additional appropriation of the grant in the amount of \$136,364, appropriating the match of \$15,152 from the contingency fund and awarding the contract in the amount of \$193,455 to Vest Sales & Services.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION AND AWARD OF CONTRACT RE: AMBULANCE EQUIPMENT – PUBLIC SAFETY

Mr. Hall said Henry County has been awarded a grant in the amount of \$19,668 from the Virginia Office of Emergency Medical Services Rescue Squad Assistance Fund (RSAF). The funds must be used toward 50% of the costs to retrofit a public safety ambulance with a new stretcher and automatic loading device. Public Safety Director Matt Tatum is asking the Board to approve the necessary appropriation for the grant and match, and to award a contract to Vest Sales & Service, Inc. of Floyd, Virginia in the amount of \$34,677.12 for the new stretcher and automatic loading device. The remainder of the grant and match

will be used to cover the installation costs. The required 50% match will come from FY'16 budgeted funds.

On a motion by Mr. Bryant and second by Mr. Slaughter, the Board unanimously approved the appropriation of the grant in the amount of \$19,668 and awarding the contract in the amount of \$34,677.12 to Vest Sales & Services.

ACCEPTANCE OF AND ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION RE: GRANT FUNDS FOR SECTION 6A OF THE DICK AND WILLIE TRAIL

Mr. Hall said in October 2014 the Board authorized an application to Virginia Department of Transportation Alternatives (MAP-21) grant program for \$228,000 in funding to be augmented by \$57,000 local match for a total project cost in this application of \$285,000. This funding would cover design and engineering, surveying, right-of-way acquisition, and utility relocation from the end of the existing Dick and Willie Trail at Mulberry Creek to Spruce Street (Phase 6a 2.5 miles).

Mr. Hall said Henry County recently received word that our request for funding was approved; therefore, the Board must accept the grant and authorize its appropriation, as well as authorize an additional appropriation of \$57,000 from the County's fund balance for the local match.

On a motion by Ms. Buchanan and second by Mr. Slaughter, the Board voted unanimously to accept the grant and approve the additional appropriations as outlined; and authorize the County Administrator to execute any documents related to this item.

AWARD OF CONTRACT RE: REPLACEMENT VEHICLES - SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Mr. Hall said Sheriff Perry is asking the Board to award contracts for replacement vehicles to R K Chevrolet in the amount of \$74,094.60 for the purchase of two Chevrolet Tahoe vehicles with police package; Colonel Ford Truck Sales in the amount of \$31,566.25 for the purchase of one pickup truck; and Haley Ford South in the amount of \$237,259.20 for the purchase of eight Ford Interceptor Utility patrol vehicles. Mr. Hall said funds for these purchases are included in the FY'16 budget.

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

AWARD OF CONTRACT RE: ADMINISTRATION BUILDING PARKING LOT REPAVING – BUILDING AND GROUNDS DEPARTMENT

Mr. Hall said staff is asking the Board to award a contract in the amount of \$191,225 to Dalton Enterprises for phase I improvements to the administration building parking lot. Funding for this project was included in the FY'15 and FY'16 capital improvements plan budgets.

On a motion by Mr. Kendall and second by Mr. Bryant, the Board unanimously approved an award of contract in the amount of \$191,225 to Dalton Enterprises.

AWARD OF CONTRACT RE: SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL SERVICES

Mr. Hall said Henry County's contract with the City of Martinsville for the City to provide solid waste disposal services to the County expires December 31, 2015. City and County staff have negotiated a proposed contract extension, effective January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2020. One significant change from the previous contract is the lowering of tipping fees. The new agreement's fee for industrial and commercial waste drops from \$58.74 a ton to \$56.49 a ton. The rate for household solid waste drops from \$61.65 per ton to \$58.65 per ton. Another change is the use of the Consumer Price Index instead of the Municipal Cost Index for any adjustments within the five-year contract window.

On a motion by Mr. Slaughter and second by Ms. Buchanan, the Board unanimously approved the award of contract with the City of Martinsville.

UPDATE ON COUNTY'S REFUSE AND RECYCLING

Mike Amos, Refuse Manager, provided a general update on the County's refuse and recycling efforts (Copy of presentation included in Board's File). Mr. Amos said that having manned convenience centers has greatly decreased the volume of refuse that the county has to pay to dispose of and saved a tremendous amount of taxpayer money. Mr. Amos said had the county not taken steps to reduce our solid waste stream, we would be paying at least double what we are now.

Mr. Vaughn said prior to the introduction of the manned convenience centers, we were bombarded with complaints about the green box sites, trash was stacked up, the boxes were full, they were overflowing on the ground. However, Mr. Vaughn added that over the past year or two, it has gone from complaints to compliments.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Comments from the Board

Mr. Bryant said he was having an issue with trash pick-up at a particular location in his district and that he and Deputy Hooper had been unable to come up with a resolution. Mr. Hall suggested that Mr. Bryant get with Mike Amos to see if they can resolve the issue.

Mr. Hall said VACo is working on a program with the Governor's office to arrange to have counties design an ornament that will be hung on the Christmas tree at the Governor's Mansion. Mr. Hall said staff worked with the Henry County Public Schools and received entries from several art teachers. The ornament

selected by staff was created and designed by Christina Weldon, an art teacher at Magna Vista High School.

Mr. Hall reminded everyone of the Household Hazardous Waste Day on October 17. Also, Mr. Hall said the joint meeting with the School Board to reveal the new school design is set for October 20 at 5:30 p.m.

CLOSED MEETING

Ms. Buchanan moved that the Board go into a closed meeting at 4:06 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 Southern Area Agency on Aging 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 5:48 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 further action, Mr. Vaughn recessed 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. Mr. Hall informed the Board he had distributed a monthly update on I-73 from The Interstate 73 Coalition, LLC.

GENERAL HIGHWAY MATTERS

Ms. Lisa Hughes, Resident Engineer for the Virginia Department of Transportation, updated the Board on several general highway matters. Ms. Hughes said an HB 2 project application for the US 58/220 interchange at Grassy Creek will be submitted September 30. Ms. Hughes said the project is estimated at \$1.6M. Ms. Hughes also reported that they chose not to submit an application for I-73 for two reasons: there was not yet enough information to prepare an

estimate; and there is only \$500M available statewide for the next six years, and while that is a considerable amount of funding, it would not go very far for construction of an interstate. Lastly, Ms. Hughes said there is a new County Safety and Operational Improvement Fund available for small safety projects and Henry County has \$111,417 available.

**CONSIDERATION OF PROCLAMATION ESTABLISHING OCTOBER 2015 AS
“DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH” IN HENRY COUNTY**

Mr. Adams read aloud a proclamation declaring October 2015 as “Domestic Violence Awareness Month” in Henry County. On a motion by Mr. Adams and second by Ms. Buchanan, the Board unanimously adopted the proclamation. Julia Scales and Warren Rodgers with Citizens Against Family Violence were present to accept the proclamation.

MATTERS PRESENTED BY THE PUBLIC

There was no one present who wished to address the Board.

There being no further business to discuss, Mr. Adams moved to continue the meeting to October 20 at 5:30 p.m., seconded by Mr. Slaughter and carried 6 to 0.