

HENRY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MINUTES

April 18, 2016 – 7:00 p.m.

The Henry County Board of Supervisors met on April 18, 2016, at 7:00 p.m. in the Summerlin Meeting Room of the County Administration Building, King's Mountain Road, Collinsville, Virginia. The purpose of the meeting was to hold public hearings on the FY '16-'17 School Budget and Total County Budget. The following Board members were present: Chairman Jim Adams, Vice Chairman Debra Buchanan, Tommy Slaughter, Joe Bryant and Milton Kendall; Ryan Zehr was absent.

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

Ben Williams and Amie Pickeral of the Martinsville Bulletin were present. Also in attendance were Sheriff Lane Perry, Lt. Col. Steve Eanes, and Maj. Eric Winn of the Sheriff's Office.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Bryant gave the invocation and Mr. Kendall led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Adams called the meeting to order. He welcomed everyone present and stated there are two public hearings scheduled; the first public hearing is on the FY '16-'17 School Budget and the second public hearing is on the FY '16-'17 Total County Budget. He stated if anyone wishes to address the Board to come to the podium, state your name and the district in which you live. He stated those who wish to speak will agree to exhibit respect to the Board and they would receive the same level of respect.

PUBLIC HEARING - PROPOSED FY '16-'17 SCHOOL BUDGET

Mr. Adams opened the public hearing at 7:05 p.m.

Dorothy Carter, President of the Henry County Education Association, and School Board members Francis Zehr and Chairman Betsy Mattox thanked the Board for fully funding the school system. Ms. Mattox said they sincerely appreciate the Board's support in the past and in the coming year.

There being no further comments the public hearing was closed at 7:09 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING - PROPOSED FY '16-'17 TOTAL COUNTY BUDGET

Mr. Adams opened the public hearing at 7:11 p.m.

Those speaking at the public hearing included Dr. Mark Crabtree of the Piedmont Virginia Dental Health Foundation, Blue Ridge Regional Library Director Rick Ward, Ricky Walker, Executive Director of the Anchor Commission and S.P.C.A. Director of Development Mary Compson, all of whom thanked the Board for their support. Mr. Ward did note if the Board was able to provide an additional \$4,334 in funding, it would allow the library system to reopen the Ridgeway and Collinsville branches on Wednesdays and Saturdays.

Also speaking were Dr. Jody Hershey, Director of the West Piedmont Health District, and Tim Baker, Environmental Health Manager. Dr. Hershey provided the Board with a supplemental document prior to the meeting outlining the agency's request for additional funding. Dr. Hershey said the health district has used a pool of funds from previous grant-generated revenues to supplement its budget, but those funds have been exhausted. Dr. Hershey said the state agreed to allocate an additional \$110,000 to the health district for the current fiscal year and will continue to do so each year as long as the locality can match their portions of the general fund award. Dr. Hershey said because of the nature of the state/local match (60/40) the \$34,790 local appropriation deficit will cost the health district \$55,664 in matching state funds, for a total loss of \$90,454. Dr. Hershey said the only service it is able to cut is oversight of sewer systems. Mr. Baker said only licensed Virginia Department of Health staff or licensed private sector entities can provide the technical service required in the onsite sewage and wastewater program. If the health department is removed from the program, the private sector will need to fill the void. Mr. Baker said this could have a variety of negative effects, including increased cost and time delays for sewage permits to citizens; increased overall cost to building and development; increased cost to contractors; and delayed service to inspections.

There being no further comments the public hearing was closed at 7:24 p.m.

CONSIDERATION OF ANY PROPOSED BUDGET CHANGES

Mr. Hall said at the conclusion of tonight's meeting, staff will need any changes the Board wishes to make to the proposed FY '17 budget, as it will be included in the Board package for adoption at the April 26 meeting. It is scheduled for appropriation at the May meeting.

Mr. Adams asked Board members for comments and suggestions on the FY '17 Budget.

The Board did not recommend any changes to the proposed budget. There being no further business to discuss, Mr. Slaughter moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Ms. Buchanan and unanimously carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:28 p.m.