

**HENRY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MINUTES**

June 28, 2016 – 3:00 p.m.

The Henry County Board of Supervisors held its regular meeting on June 28, 2016, 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: Jim Adams, Chairman, Debra Buchanan, Vice-Chairman, Tommy Slaughter, Milton Kendall, Joe Bryant, and Ryan Zehr.

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; Susan Reynolds, Director of Human Resources; and Michelle Via, Administrative Assistant.

Deputy Mike Hooper and Sheriff Lane Perry of the Sheriff's Office were present. Also present was Ben Williams and Amie Pickeral of the Martinsville Bulletin and Ron Morris of B99.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

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

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Adams 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

- May 24, 2016
- June 14, 2016

Approval of Accounts Payable

Copy included in Board's File

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

UPDATE ON I-73 COALITION ACTIVITIES – ROB CATRON, ALCALDE AND FAY

John Stirrup with Alcalde and Fay provided an update to the Board on activities with Interstate 73. Mr. Stirrup said I-73 is very much alive but funding could be in jeopardy. Mr. Stirrup said the Commonwealth Transportation Board decides how monies are spent and upcoming meetings in July and September will decide the fate of the funding set aside for I-73. Mr. Stirrup said although Senator Bill Stanley created legislation related to I-73, it did not pass the House of Delegates.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION RE: SUMMER INTERN – PARKS AND RECREATION

Mr. Hall said Roger Adams is asking the Board to approve an additional appropriation of \$3,000 received as part of the New College Institute (NCI) Summer Internship Program. The program provides each organization with \$3,000 for a first-year intern, which will cover approximately 75% of their salary for the summer. Mr. Hall said the remaining funds are included in the Parks and Recreation budget.

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

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION RE: EQUIPMENT REFUND – SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Mr. Hall said Sheriff Perry is asking the Board to approve an additional appropriation of \$12,937 received as a refund for defective tactical sights for the SWAT Team. Sheriff Perry wishes to appropriate the funds to the capital improvements account until staff has time to adequately research and develop a plan to replace the equipment.

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

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION RE: HOUSING INMATES – SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Mr. Hall said Sheriff Perry has indicated that the cost of housing inmates in other jail facilities has exceeded the FY 2016 budgeted amount. Staff is asking the Board to appropriate the additional \$50,000 included in the contingency fund designated for housing inmates. Staff anticipates that the

actual cost of housing inmates at other facilities in FY 2016 will exceed both budgeted operating funds and contingency funds established for this purpose.

On a motion by Mr. Zehr and second by Mr. Slaughter, the Board unanimously approved the appropriation of \$50,000 from the contingency fund designated for housing inmates to the Corrections cost center.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION RE: TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENTS – SHERIFF’S OFFICE

Mr. Hall said Sheriff Perry is requesting the Board to approve an additional appropriation of \$16,000 received as travel reimbursements for extradition of wanted suspects. The funds will be used to cover the cost of extraditing wanted suspects back to Henry County.

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

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 \$307 from state asset forfeiture funds to cover the cost of a new DVD copier.

On a motion by Mr. Zehr and second by Mr. Kendall, the Board unanimously approved the additional appropriation of \$307.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION RE: INSURANCE PROCEEDS – SCHOOL BOARD

Mr. Hall said Dr. Jared Cotton is asking the Board to approve an additional appropriation of \$42,776 received from insurance reimbursements. The funds will be used to assist in covering the cost of repairing damaged lights at Bassett High School and bus repairs.

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

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION RE: SUMMER MEALS PROGRAM GRANT – SCHOOL BOARD

Mr. Hall said Dr. Jared Cotton is asking the Board to approve an additional appropriation of \$4,000 to the school nutrition budget received from a Summer Meals Program Grant. The funds will be used to support the summer feeding program.

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

CATEGORICAL TRANSFER OF FUNDS RE: BENGAL TECH – SCHOOL BOARD

Mr. Hall said Dr. Jared Cotton is asking the Board to approve a categorical transfer of funds in the amount of \$275,000 from the Schools' operations and maintenance category to the facilities category. The transfer will provide additional funds needed for the construction of Bengal Tech at Bassett High School.

On a motion by Mr. Slaughter and second by Mr. Bryant, the Board unanimously approved the categorical transfer of \$275,000 as outlined.

AWARD OF CONTRACT RE: PRINTING AND MAILING OF BILLS AND NOTICES – COUNTY TREASURER AND THE COMMISSIONER OF THE REVENUE

Mr. Hall said Treasurer Scott Grindstaff and Commissioner of the Revenue Linda Love are asking the Board to renew a contract with BMS Direct, Inc. for printing and mailing of the County's forms for personal property, real estate and decal bills and tangible property forms. The contract price is calculated based on the actual number of mailings and billed at an approximate cost of \$50,000 annually. Funds are included in the FY'17 budget.

On a motion by Mr. Zehr and second by Mr. Kendall, the Board unanimously approved an award of contract to BMS Direct, Inc.

AWARD OF CONTRACT RE: EMERGENCY SERVICES RADIO SYSTEM MAINTENANCE – PUBLIC SAFETY

Mr. Hall said Matt Tatum is requesting that the Board award a contract in the amount of \$75,017.88 to Motorola Solutions, Inc. for the purchase of a service and warranty agreement on the County's emergency services radio system. Funds for this contract are included in the FY 2017 County Budget.

On a motion by Mr. Bryant and second by Ms. Buchanan, the Board unanimously approved an award of contract to Motorola Solutions in the amount of \$75,017.88.

AWARD OF CONTRACT RE: PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE HVAC – BUILDING AND GROUNDS DEPARTMENT

Mr. Hall said staff is requesting the Board to award a contract in the amount of \$28,922 to Trane, Inc. for providing scheduled maintenance services to heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) systems at County facilities during the upcoming fiscal year. Funds for this contract are included in the FY 2017 County Budget.

On a motion by Mr. Slaughter and second by Mr. Zehr, the Board unanimously approved the award of contract as outlined.

AWARD OF CONTRACT RE: FOOD FOR INMATES AT COUNTY JAIL – SHERIFF’S OFFICE

Mr. Hall said Sheriff Perry is asking the Board to award a contract to Dan Valley Food Service to supply food for the Henry County Jail. According to Sheriff Perry, purchase orders are issued monthly for food, with the amounts needed and the overall price dependent on the number of inmates at a particular time. This contract does not stipulate a total expenditure amount because of the fluctuation in numbers of inmates; however Sheriff Perry estimates that the overall contract will be approximately \$160,000.

On a motion by Mr. Zehr and second by Mr. Kendall, the Board unanimously approved an award of contract to Dan Valley Food Service as requested.

AWARD OF CONTRACT RE: HOUSING REHABILITATION – LINDEN ROAD HOUSING REHABILITATION PROJECT

Mr. Hall said Lee Clark is asking the Board to award two contracts as part of the Linden Road Housing Rehabilitation Project: 1) Fairystone Construction in the amount of \$28,745 for rehabilitation of 35 Linden Road, Bassett; and 2) Kenneth D. Robertson Masonry in the amount of \$64,300 for substantial reconstruction of 4 Highland Road, Bassett. Mr. Hall said funds for this project were previously appropriated from a Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development grant.

On a motion by Mr. Slaughter and second by Ms. Buchanan, the Board unanimously approved both contracts as outlined.

AWARD OF CONTRACT RE: EMPLOYEE BENEFITS BROKER SERVICES – HUMAN RESOURCES

Mr. Hall said staff is asking the Board to award a contract to Mark III Brokerage, Inc. in the amount of \$25,000 for employee benefits brokering services for Henry County and Henry County Public Schools. Mark III Brokerage will work closely with staff to negotiate rates and fees with companies that offer insurance-related benefits, including health insurance, to County and School employees. Mr. Hall said brokering helps ensure the County will receive the best possible rates and services from the vendors.

On a motion by Ms. Buchanan and second by Mr. Bryant, the Board unanimously approved an award of contract to Mark III in the amount of \$25,000.

CONSIDERATION OF REQUIRED COMMENT PERIOD FOR 2016 JAG GRANT – SHERIFF’S OFFICE

Mr. Hall said Sheriff Perry indicates that the Sheriff’s Office has been designated to receive funds in the amount of \$21,741 for the 2016 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 for this grant. Sheriff Perry is asking the Board to set the public comment period beginning June 28, 2016 and ending on July 28, 2016. Mr. Hall said all comments should be directed to Lt. Colonel Steve Eanes at the Sheriff's Office. Mr. Hall said the grant will be brought to the Board at a future date for acceptance and appropriation.

On a motion by Mr. Bryant and second by Ms. Buchanan, the Board unanimously set the public comment period beginning June 28, 2016 and ending on July 28, 2016.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Comments from the Board

Mr. Bryant requested the Board consider allocating the remaining FY '16 Contingency Fund balance equally between each district for the purpose of the removal of unsafe structures. Ms. Buchanan noted that with the removal of each unsafe structure, a lien is placed on the property. On a motion by Mr. Bryant and second by Mr. Slaughter, the Board unanimously approved dividing the remaining Contingency Fund of \$51,496 equally amongst each district.

Mr. Adams reminded everyone of Celebration 2016 at the Martinsville Speedway. Also, as a thank you to Henry County employees, Mr. Adams requested the Board consider authorizing the County Administrator to allow a two-hour early dismissal the Friday before the July 4th holiday and any other major holidays the County Administrator deems appropriate. There was some discussion concerning essential personnel and the Board concurred that if an employee is required to work that they be given the two hours at a later date. Also, the Board discussed how many major holidays the early dismissal would entail. Mr. Hall said this is a pleasant surprise and thanked the Board for its generosity. However, Mr. Hall said he would still bring any future early closings before the Board for its approval. On a motion by Mr. Slaughter and second by Mr. Zehr, the Board unanimously granted a two-hour early dismissal on Friday before the July 4th holiday.

Mr. Hall updated the Board on a \$400,000 grant that Henry County recently received from the Transportation Alternative Program to expand the Dick and Willie Trail. Mr. Hall said with the grant funds and additional monetary assistance, the trail is expected to expand from Mulberry Creek to Spruce Street.

Mr. Hall welcomed Collin Rachner. Mr. Hall said Collin is a Carlisle graduate and currently attends Virginia Tech. Mr. Hall said Collin is interested in a career in local government or public service and will be observing at Board meetings and other official events throughout the summer.

CLOSED MEETING

Mr. Slaughter moved that the Board go into a closed meeting at 3:45 p.m., seconded by Ms. Buchanan and unanimously carried to discuss the following.

- 1) §2.2-3711(A)1 for Discussion of Appointees to the Parks and Recreation Board, Henry-Martinsville Social Services Board, and the Piedmont Regional Community Services 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.
- 5) § 2.2-3711(A)(19): Discussion of reports or plans related to the security of any governmental facility, building or structure, or the safety of persons using such facility, building or structure.

OPEN MEETING

The Board returned to an open meeting at 4:49 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. Zehr, Mr. Bryant, Mr. Kendall, Mr. Adams, Ms. Buchanan, and Mr. Slaughter.

Deed of Easement – Ms. Buchanan moved the Board authorize the execution of a deed of easement with John and Vicki Edens and Timothy and Tonya Montrief for the purpose of expansion of the Dick and Willie Trail known as section 6B, second by Mr. Zehr and unanimously carried.

Parks and Recreation Board – On a motion by Ms. Buchanan and second by Mr. Kendall, the Board unanimously appointed Mark Jamison, Horsepasture District, to a three-year term beginning July 1, 2016 and expiring June 30, 2019.

Henry-Martinsville Social Services Board – On a motion by Mr. Bryant and second by Mr. Kendall, the Board unanimously appointed Bud Sedwick to a four-year term ending May 31, 2020.

Piedmont Regional Community Services Board – On a motion by Mr. Bryant and second by Mr. Slaughter, the Board unanimously appointed Leon Richardson to a three-year term beginning July 1, 2016 and ending June 30, 2019.

There being no further business out of closed session, Mr. Adams recessed at 4:52 p.m. until the 6:00 p.m. evening meeting.

Mr. Adams welcomed everyone to the 6 p.m. meeting.

GENERAL HIGHWAY MATTERS

Lisa Hughes, Resident Engineer for the Virginia Department of Transportation, updated the Board on several general highway matters. Ms. Hughes said the Commonwealth Transportation Board recently adopted the Six-Year Secondary Road Plan and Henry County was approved for funding of several safety projects including US 220 North from Bassett Forks to the Franklin County line, both north and southbound lanes; US 220 South from SR 87 to the NC line, northbound lane; intersection of US 220 and SR 688 Lee Ford Camp Road; and \$1.6 million funding for the HB2 application submitted last year for a deceleration lane at the US 58/220 Interchange. Ms. Hughes reported that the safety project on Irisburg Road will be substantially completed by the end of July and the Preston Road project should be done by fall of the year.

PUBLIC HEARING – REZONING APPLICATION R-16-08 – RONNIE R. DALTON

Lee Clark said the property is located on the northwest side of Soapstone Road, approximately 600' west of Greensboro Road in the Ridgeway District. The applicant is requesting the rezoning of approximately 1-acre from Suburban Residential District S-R to Commercial District B-1. The applicant intends to construct an approximately 40'x40' garage on the property. Mr. Clark said following a public hearing both the Planning Commission and staff recommended approval of the rezoning request.

Mr. Adams opened the public hearing at 6:06 p.m. There was no one present who wished to speak; Mr. Adams closed the public hearing at 6:06 p.m. On a motion by Mr. Zehr and second by Mr. Bryant, the Board unanimously approved the rezoning request.

PUBLIC HEARING – REZONING APPLICATION R-16-09 – SHANNON M. MAYES

Lee Clark said the property is located off the northeast side of Beechdale Road, in the Blackberry District. The applicant is requesting the rezoning of approximately 25,000 sq. ft. from Suburban Residential District S-R to Rural Residential District R-R. The applicant intends to place a manufactured home on the property. Following a public hearing both the Planning Commission and staff recommended approval of the rezoning.

Mr. Adams opened the public hearing at 6:08 p.m. There being no one present who wished to speak Mr. Adams closed the public hearing at 6:08. On a motion by Mr. Slaughter and second by Ms. Buchanan, the Board unanimously approved the rezoning request as outlined.

PUBLIC HEARING – REZONING APPLICATION R-16-10 – JOEL A. WRIGHT

Lee Clark said the property is located on the north side of A.L. Philpott Hwy, approximately 250' west of its intersection with Arrowhead Circle in the Horsepasture District. The request is to rezone an additional 4.67-acres to the previously approved 38.35-acres from Suburban Residential District S-R to Agricultural District A-1. Mr. Clark said the applicant has also applied to the Board of Zoning Appeals for the required Special Use Permit to enable the property to be developed into a commercial, perpetual care cemetery along with related accessory uses. The BZA case will be heard on June 29, 2016 at 1:00 p.m. Mr. Clark said following a public hearing both the Planning Commission and staff recommended approval of the additional rezoning request as outlined.

Mr. Adams opened the public hearing at 6:10 p.m. There was no one present who wished to speak; Mr. Adams closed the public hearing at 6:10. On a motion by Ms. Buchanan and second by Mr. Zehr, the Board unanimously approved the rezoning.

MATTERS PRESENTED BY THE PUBLIC

Doug Stegall asked the Board to clarify the rules set forth pertaining to projects voted down by citizens on the Six-Year Secondary Road Plan. Mr. Stegall said the Preston Road project was voted down in 2011 according to what he had read on the internet yet the project is now almost complete. Ms. Buchanan said she had attended every meeting pertaining to the Preston Road project and there was never a vote on it.

Ann Rogers distributed a flyer inviting the Board and public to a presentation on Access Management by Brad Shelton with VDOT on July 20 at 6:30 p.m. at New College Institute.

Kimberly Reynolds, a resident of the Terrys Mountain Road community, said that her family has lived in the area for approximately 100 years. Ms. Reynolds said while she is in favor of I-73, the proposed route will have an adverse impact on those living near the Patriot Centre. Ms. Reynolds said given the limited funding, the money spent on the project could go towards a road that may never reach completion.

Skip Ressel, President of the I-73 Committee for Martinsville-Henry County, spoke and said time is running out on repurposing the money set aside for I-73. Mr. Ressel suggested the Board consider forming a committee to revise the earmarked funds in order to build a connector route.

Naomi Hodge-Muse with the NAACP also spoke in opposition to the proposed route of I-73. Ms. Hodge-Muse said the route cuts right through Laurel Park and will have a negative impact on members of the community. Additionally, Ms. Hodge-Muse feared the route would affect the drinking water supply that serves Martinsville leading to another Flint, Michigan situation.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 6:22 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Slaughter, seconded by Mr. Zehr, and unanimously carried.