

**HENRY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MINUTES**

July 26, 2016 – 3:00 p.m.

The Henry County Board of Supervisors held its regular meeting on July 26, 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.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Mr. Lyle gave the invocation and Mr. Zehr 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

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- June 28, 2016

Approval of Accounts Payable

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

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION HONORING THE RETIREMENT OF JIM TOBIN

Ms. Buchanan read aloud a resolution recognizing the retirement of Jim Tobin from Piedmont Community Services and his service to Henry County and its citizens. On a motion by Ms. Buchanan and second by Mr. Slaughter, the Board unanimously adopted the resolution. Mr. Tobin was present to accept the honor and thanked the Board for its support over the years.

UPDATE ON MEADOW VIEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FINANCING – DAVID ROSE, DAVENPORT & COMPANY

David Rose with Davenport & Company, LLC updated the Board on the next steps toward securing the remaining funds for the financing of the new Meadow View Elementary School. In December 2015 the Board authorized the first transaction of \$10 million toward the cost of construction, and that work has begun. The School Board awarded a construction contract earlier this month to G&H Construction in the amount of \$19,691,800. Mr. Rose recommended the Board consider a dual track approach to secure financing before the end of the calendar year. Under the dual track approach, the County would simultaneously solicit funding proposals for a direct bank loan while applying to participate in the Fall 2016 Virginia Public School Authority's Pooled Bond Program. Mr. Rose explained that by financing the project in this way, it could save an estimated \$7 to \$10 million in interest. Mr. Rose said banks will require that a current school be used as collateral but that is standard procedure. Mr. Rose said the process will require a public hearing later this year. The Board agreed to issue a request for proposal (RFP) for the remaining financing.

REPORT ON DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTION EFFORTS

Mr. Scott Grindstaff reviewed the monthly reports on delinquent tax collection efforts. Mr. Grindstaff noted that 97.26% of 2015 personal property taxes have been collected; 92.93% of 2015 real estate taxes; and since January 1, TACS collected approximately \$343,340; and 12 DMV stops were placed in June.

MONTHLY UPDATE FROM THE MARTINSVILLE-HENRY COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Ms. Lisa Lyle, Director of Recruiting and Marketing for the Martinsville-Henry County Economic Development Corporation, was present to make the monthly update to the Board. Ms. Lyle reviewed a summary of activities by division and presented a video on the Advanced Film Manufacturing program

offered through a partnership between the EDC, Patrick Henry Community College, and New College Institute. Ms. Lyle invited those interested in film manufacturing to an informational session on August 4.

MATTERS PRESENTED BY THE PUBLIC – SHIRLEY MARSHALL

Shirley Marshall of 686 Church Street, Ridgeway, requested time on the agenda to address the Board regarding County Code *Section 10-306 – Keeping residential property clean*. Ms. Marshall said that individuals in her neighborhood hoard items in their yard which has produced a breeding ground for mosquitoes. Ms. Marshall said she has contacted both the health department and Sheriff's office but has been unable to reach a resolution. Ms. Marshall said she basically cannot enjoy her own property.

MATTERS PRESENTED BY THE PUBLIC – SKIP RESSELL

Skip Ressel of the Iriswood District and President of the I-73 Committee of Martinsville-Henry County requested that the Board consider adopting a resolution that would repurpose approximately \$8.5 million earmarked for I-73 to build a connector road from the Patriot Centre to the Route 58 bypass in Laurel Park. Mr. Ressel said time was critical as the fate of the funding would be decided by the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) at either its July or September meeting. In addition, Mr. Ressel said the project would need to be submitted to VDOT by September in order to be scored and considered this year.

Mr. Kendall said he would like the Board to consider revising a previously adopted resolution pertaining to I-73 to include the following clauses: 1) request the CTB to repurpose the earmark originally set aside for the construction of I-73 to instead be used on a connector road from the Patriot Centre to Route 58 bypass; 2) the Board is willing to give the necessary right of way of County-owned land adjacent to the Patriot Centre that will be needed for the construction of a connector road; 3) the connector road should be constructed in or near the already approved alternate corridor for the future I-73; and lastly 4) the County submit an application for the connector road to VDOT's Smart Scale Program (formerly HB 2) which grades road projects. Mr. Kendall moved that the Board authorize staff to draft the resolution for consideration at the 6 p.m. meeting as outlined, seconded by Ms. Buchanan unanimously carried.

CONSIDERATION OF REQUEST TO SUPPORT POSSIBLE LEGISLATION REGARDING LOTTERY PROCEEDS

Mr. Hall said staff was recently sent information on an effort from the Nottoway County Board of Supervisors to pursue General Assembly legislation creating a "Lottery for Localities" in the Commonwealth. The proposed effort would request that 5% of total lottery sales in the Commonwealth be returned to localities, proportionally with how much lottery revenue is generated in that locality. Mr. Hall said the background information indicates that total lottery

revenue in FY '15 was \$1.844 billion, which would create a locality return of \$92,200,000, based on local sales. In addition, the background information indicates that the proposed legislation would be drafted to ensure that no money would be taken from educational funding to support this new initiative. Most recent numbers posted on the Virginia Lottery website indicate that the Henry County school system received \$6,923,948 in lottery revenue in FY '15.

On a motion by Mr. Slaughter and second by Mr. Zehr, the Board unanimously voted to send a letter of support to Nottoway County and add it to our legislative agenda with the understanding that no reduction in school system funding be made in order to fund this effort.

CONSIDERATION OF IMPLEMENTING COMMUNITY-BASED PRETRIAL AND/OR LOCAL PROBATION SERVICES

Mr. Hall said Henry County and the City of Martinsville are two of fewer than 10 communities in the Commonwealth not providing community-based pretrial and/or local probation services. These services can be used to assist and rehabilitate offenders who may otherwise enter the correctional facilities and remaining there for extended periods. This leads to overcrowded facilities and lessens the chances of education and rehabilitation of the offender. The Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services has made available grant funding of \$1.5 million in FY '17 and \$2 million in FY '18 to initiate these programs in these non-served localities. Staff has met with or discussed these programs and the need of having them locally with the Sheriff's Office, the Commonwealth's Attorney's Office, our local judges, and representatives from similar agencies in the City of Martinsville, and support for pursuing these initiatives has been unanimous.

Mr. Hall said two methods exist to pursue these services – either Martinsville-Henry County can create such organizations from scratch, or we can partner with an adjoining locality that already has these services and the manpower to run them. Staff was contacted by Freda Holiday, who runs these programs in Halifax County, Pittsylvania County, and the City of Danville. Ms. Holiday indicated that she would welcome the opportunity to partner with Martinsville-Henry County to pursue these services for us, and she indicated there would be no direct financial impact on us to do so. Our obligation would be to provide some in-kind services such as office space.

On a motion by Ms. Buchanan and second by Mr. Bryant, the Board unanimously approved authorization of this effort and adopted the proposed Letter of Support as presented. Additionally, the Board recommended authorization be given to the County Administrator or his designee to execute all documents that may be required to apply for and implement this effort.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION RE: FOUR-FOR-LIFE FUNDS – PUBLIC SAFETY

Mr. Hall said Henry County was recently notified that it will receive \$53,672.32 from the Commonwealth's Four-for-Life, return-to-localities fund. This fund is derived from a fee charged on each vehicle registered in Henry County. In the past, the funds were distributed equally between the five county rescue squads and the Department of Public Safety for ambulance operations. As approved by the Board of Supervisors last year, the squads will be required to spend the funds prior to February 1, 2017 to allow staff time to complete the required reports and submit them to the State.

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

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION RE: FIRE PROGRAM FUNDS – PUBLIC SAFETY

Mr. Hall said Matt Tatum is asking the Board to appropriate \$16,927 from the Virginia Department of Fire Programs "Aid to Localities" fund. In the past Henry County has allocated its appropriation equally among the eight volunteer fire departments which would result in an allocation of \$2,115.87 to each department.

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

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION RE: SIGNAGE AND LANDSCAPING – COMMONWEALTH CROSSING BUSINESS CENTRE

Mr. Hall said staff is asking the Board to approve an additional appropriation of \$33,500 received from the Martinsville-Henry County Economic Development Corporation for signage and landscaping at Commonwealth Crossing Business Centre. The funds will be used to improve the curb appeal of the park along the U.S. 220 corridor.

On a motion by Mr. Zehr and second by Mr. Kendall, the Board unanimously approved an additional appropriation in the amount of \$33,500.

AWARD OF CONTRACT RE: ANIMAL SHELTER OPERATIONS – SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Mr. Hall said Sheriff Perry is asking the Board to award a contract to the Martinsville-Henry County SPCA in the amount of \$24,000 for animal shelter operations. The SPCA will provide minor medical services for the animals, cleaning of the animal areas, and rescue and adoption coordination.

On a motion by Mr. Slaughter and second by Ms. Buchanan, the Board unanimously approved an award of contract to the SPCA as outlined.

EXPENDITURE AUTHORIZATION RE: HOUSING INMATES – SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Mr. Hall said Sheriff Perry is asking the Board to authorize monthly emergency expenditures necessary for housing overflow inmates at the City of Roanoke and Patrick County jails. The FY'17 jail budget includes \$75,000 for housing out inmates plus a \$50,000 contingency. In FY'16, expenditures for housing out inmates totaled \$189,520. Expenditures to Roanoke City and to Patrick County are estimated to exceed \$100,000 and \$80,000 respectively. While current agreements with Roanoke City and Patrick County are not a contract, it does exceed the \$20,000 threshold for Board approval of the expenditure. Therefore, the Sheriff is requesting the Board to authorize the monthly emergency expenditure to Roanoke City and Patrick County jails as needed.

On a motion by Mr. Kendall and second by Mr. Zehr, the Board unanimously authorized monthly emergency expenditures to Roanoke City and Patrick County for housing overflow inmates.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Comments from the Board

Mr. Hall reminded the Board that the Administration Building will close at 1 p.m. on Thursday, July 28 for employee training. Mr. Hall said Senator Tim Kaine had scheduled a meeting on August 2 at Eastman to discuss career and technical education; that meeting has since been canceled due to Senator Kaine's recent vice presidential nomination. Lastly, Mr. Hall reminded everyone of the upcoming Smith River Fest on August 13 and encouraged everyone to attend the worthwhile event.

CLOSED MEETING

Ms. Buchanan moved that the Board go into a closed meeting at 4:05 p.m., seconded by Mr. Slaughter and unanimously carried to discuss the following.

- 1) §2.2-3711(A)1 for Discussion of Appointees to the Henry-Martinsville Social Services Board and the Roanoke River Basin Association.
- 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 5:29 p.m. on a motion by Ms. Buchanan, seconded by Mr. Slaughter and unanimously carried.

CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED MEETING

Mr. Hall 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.

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

Roanoke River Basin Association – On a motion by Mr. Zehr and second by Ms. Buchanan, the Board unanimously reappointed Mike Ward to a one-year term ending August 31, 2017.

Deed of Easement – On a motion by Mr. Kendall and second by Mr. Zehr, the Board unanimously approved a deed of easement with Marion Tomlin for ingress and egress from Hardin Road to Ms. Tomlin's property.

There being no further business out of closed session, Mr. Adams recessed at 5:30 p.m. until the 6:00 p.m. evening meeting.

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

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION REPURPOSING I-73 EARMARK FUNDS

Mr. Kendall read aloud the resolution and moved the Board adopt it as presented, second by Mr. Bryant and unanimously carried. (Copy included in Board's File)

GENERAL HIGHWAY MATTERS

Lisa Hughes, Resident Engineer for the Virginia Department of Transportation, was unable to attend today's meeting but provided an update to the Board via email on several general highway matters.

MATTERS PRESENTED BY THE PUBLIC

Naomi Hodge-Muse, Martinsville-Henry County NAACP President, again voiced concerns regarding the proposed connector route. Ms. Hodge said the proposed route would run too close to the reservoir which serves as the main water supply for the City of Martinsville. In addition, it would negatively impact residents in the Laurel Park community.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 6:10 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Bryant, seconded by Mr. Slaughter, and unanimously carried.