

HENRY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MINUTES

March 26, 2019 – 3:00 p.m.

The Henry County Board of Supervisors held its regular meeting on March 26, 2019, 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, Joe Bryant, David Martin, Tommy Slaughter, 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; George Lyle, County Attorney; Michelle Via, Director of Human Resources/Public Information Officer; Scott Grindstaff, Treasurer; and Jennifer Gregory, Administrative Assistant.

Sheriff Lane Perry, Deputy Mitchell Turner, and Lt. Steve Raines of the Sheriff's Office were present. Also present was Paul Collins of the Martinsville Bulletin, and Charles Roark from Star News.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Mr. Adams gave the invocation and Mr. Zehr led 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.

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Approval of Accounts Payable

Copy included in Board's File. Mr. Bryant moved the Items of Consent be approved, seconded by Dr. Martin. The motion carried 6 to 0.

Proclamation Establishing March 2019 as "American Red Cross Month" in Henry County

Officials with the regional chapter of the American Red Cross requested the Board declare March 2019 as "American Red Cross Month" in Henry County by approving the attached proclamation. (Copy included in Board's File).

Resolution Recognizing Fontaine Ruritan Club's 65th Anniversary

Fontaine Ruritan Club is celebrating its 65th anniversary this year. Over the past sixty-five years, club members have devoted thousands of hours to help make Henry County a better place to live. Staff has prepared a resolution honoring the Ruritan Club on its 65th anniversary. Ridgeway District Supervisor Ryan Zehr is to present it to the Club on April 27 at its 65th anniversary celebration. (Copy included in Board's File).

REPORT ON DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTION EFFORTS

Mr. Grindstaff noted that 87.01% of 2018 personal property taxes and 89.58% of 2018 real estate taxes have been collected. Since January 1, 2019 TACS has collected approximately \$156,515.43. There were nineteen VRW stops collected in February 2019 and fourteen stops collected in March 2019.

MONTHLY UPDATE FROM THE MARTINSVILLE-HENRY COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Ms. Sarah Hodges, Director of Tourism and Talent Development of the Martinsville-Henry County Economic Development Corporation, was present to make the monthly update to the Board. Ms. Hodges reviewed a summary of activities by division (Copy included in Board's File).

AWARD OF CONTRACT RE: FINANCIAL AUDITING SERVICES – FINANCE DEPARTMENT

Mr. Hall said Creedle, Jones, & Alga, P.C. has served as independent auditors for both the County of Henry and the Public Service Authority since 2007. The current contract ended with the most recent audit and staff is requesting the Board to award another contract to the firm extending their services through FY'22. The fee for FY'19 and FY'20 will be \$60,000 annually and it will increase to \$61,200 in FY'21 and FY'22.

On a motion by Mr. Zehr and second by Ms. Buchanan, the Board unanimously approved a contract to Creedle, Jones and Alga, P.C. as outlined above for financial auditing services.

PRESENTATION OF THE MARTINSVILLE-HENRY COUNTY RIVERS AND TRAILS RECREATIONAL USE PLAN – BRIAN WILLIAMS, DAN RIVER BASIN ASSOCIATION

Mr. Hall said that recently employees and volunteers of the Dan River Basin Association led an effort to update the Martinsville-Henry County Rivers and Trails Recreational Use Plan. The plan is a citizen envisioned roadmap for a network of trails and river access points on the Smith River that connect people, places, and events in our region. Mr. Brian Williams presented the updated plan to the Board. (Copy included in Board's File).

On a motion by Dr. Martin and second by Ms. Buchanan, the Board unanimously endorsed the Martinsville-Henry County Rivers and Trails Recreational Use Plan.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Comments from the Board

Ms. Buchanan wanted to remind everyone of the Horsepasture District Community Meeting on Tuesday, April 16, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.

Mr. Slaughter wanted to remind everyone of the Bassett Historical Center Fundraiser on March 30, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. The Church Sisters will be performing.

Mr. Hall gave several dates of upcoming events: Budget Presentation, April 2nd; Budget Work Session, April 4th; Budget Public Hearing, April 15th; Employee Service Awards, April 11th; Household Hazardous Waste Day, April 6th; Chamber's Post Legislative Luncheon, April 18th; and Martinsville Speedway Celebratory Event tonight at 7:30 p.m.

CLOSED MEETING

Mr. Slaughter moved that the Board go into a closed meeting at 3:23 p.m., seconded by Ms. Buchanan and unanimously carried to discuss the following:

- 1) §2.2-3711(A)1 for Discussion of Appointees to Henry-Martinsville Social 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.

OPEN MEETING

The Board returned to an open meeting at 4:25 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.

Board members voting in the affirmative were Mr. Bryant, Mr. Adams, Ms. Buchanan, Dr. Martin, Mr. Zehr, and Mr. Slaughter.

Monogram Snacks Martinsville Tax Refund – On a motion by Mr. Bryant and second by Mr. Zehr, the Board unanimously approved to refund \$12,616.29 to Monogram Snacks Martinsville in overpaid real estate tax for 2016, 2017, and 2018.

Pittsylvania County Contract – On a motion by Ms. Buchanan and second by Mr. Zehr, the Board unanimously approved a contract with Pittsylvania County and authorized Mr. Hall to execute the contract for disposing of electronics.

Mr. Adams recessed at 4:28 p.m. until the 6:00 p.m. evening meeting.

Mr. Adams welcomed everyone to the 6:00 p.m. meeting.

Proclamation Establishing March 2019 as “Multiple Sclerosis Education and Awareness Month” in Henry County

Ms. Buchanan read aloud a proclamation declaring March 2019 as Muscular Sclerosis Education and Awareness Month in Henry County. On a motion by Ms. Buchanan and second by Mr. Bryant, the Board unanimously adopted the proclamation. Angie Feazelle was present to accept the proclamation and provided information about her struggles living with the disease.

PUBLIC HEARING – SIX-YEAR SECONDARY ROAD PLAN, OPEN FORMAT, 6:00 P.M. TO 6:30 P.M. (MEETING ROOM #1 – RIGHT SIDE)

Due to advertising issues this item will be considered at the April 23, 2019 Board Meeting.

PUBLIC HEARING – PROPOSED ORDINANCE PROHIBITING SOLICITATION OF MOTORISTS

Mr. Lyle said at the last meeting, he provided information regarding a possible ordinance prohibiting solicitation of motorists. The Board set a public hearing for today to consider public input on the proposed changes to the ordinance. Following the public hearing, the Board may vote to enact the ordinance if it wishes.

Mr. Adams opened the public hearing at 6:10 p.m. There being no one present who wished to speak Mr. Adams closed the public hearing at 6:10 p.m. On a motion by Ms. Buchanan and second by Mr. Bryant, the Board unanimously approved the ordinance prohibiting solicitation of motorists. (Copy included in Board's File).

MATTERS PRESENTED BY THE PUBLIC

Ridgeway District citizen Tim Bowen addressed the Board on Judge's policy at the Henry County Courthouse not allowing cell phones in the building.

GENERAL HIGHWAY MATTERS

Lisa Hughes, Resident Engineer for the Virginia Department of Transportation, updated the Board on general highway matters. Ms. Hughes said VDOT wants to schedule their six-year secondary plan hearing for April 23, 2019. The Commonwealth Transportation Board Spring Public Hearing will be in Roanoke on April 18, 2019.

There being no further business to discuss, Mr. Bryant moved to adjourn at 6:15 p.m., seconded by Dr. Martin and unanimously carried.