

# HENRY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MINUTES

**September 24, 2019 – 3:00 p.m.**

The Henry County Board of Supervisors held its regular meeting on September 24, 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; and Jennifer Gregory, Administrative Assistant.

Sheriff Lane Perry, Lt. Col. Steve Eanes, Deputy Nicole Dunn, and Lt. Steve Raines of the Sheriff's Office were present. Also present was Paul Collins of the Martinsville Bulletin and Kim Meeks of the Henry County Enterprise.

## **INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

Mr. Bryant gave the invocation and Mr. Zehr led the Pledge of Allegiance.

## **CALL TO ORDER:**

Chairman Adams called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. 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 Mr. Slaughter. The motion carried unanimously.

## **REPORT ON DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTION EFFORTS**

Mr. Grindstaff noted that 92.84% of 2018 personal property taxes and 94.60% of 2018 real estate taxes have been collected. Since January 1, 2019 TACS has collected approximately \$982,682.45. There were seventeen VRW stops collected in August 2019 and seven stops collected in September 2019.

## **MONTHLY UPDATE FROM THE MARTINSVILLE-HENRY COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION**

Mr. Mark Heath, President/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 OF CONTRACT RE: PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT – PARKS AND RECREATION**

Mr. Hall said Roger Adams, Director of Parks and Recreation, is asking the Board to award a contract in the amount of \$49,222.91 to Cunningham Recreation of Charlotte, NC for playground equipment at Jordan Creek Park. Pricing is based on the U.S. Communities Government Purchasing Alliance contract. Funding for this project is included in the capital improvements fund.

On a motion by Ms. Buchanan and second by Dr. Martin, the Board unanimously approved awarding the contract for playground equipment to Cunningham Recreation in the amount of \$49,222.91.

### **AWARD OF CONTRACT RE: EMERGENCY VEHICLE EQUIPMENT – SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

Mr. Hall said Sheriff Lane Perry is asking the Board to award a contract for emergency vehicle lights, vehicle security partitions, and push bumper systems to East Coast Emergency Vehicles. The value of the contract is estimated to be \$45,000. East Coast Emergency Vehicles has been recognized by the Purchasing Department as a sole source provider of this equipment. Funding for these items are included in the current year operating budget.

On a motion by Mr. Slaughter and second by Mr. Zehr, the Board unanimously approved awarding the contract for East Coast Emergency Vehicles for the emergency vehicle equipment listed above.

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

Mr. Hall said Superintendent Sandy Strayer is asking the Board to approve an additional appropriation of \$239,864 to the schools' nutrition budget for the fresh fruit and vegetable program for the elementary schools. The funds are provided by the Virginia Department of Education from a United States Department of Agriculture allocation.

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

## **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

### **Comments from the Board**

Ms. Buchanan said the 24<sup>th</sup> Coat Drive for Kids deadline is November 30<sup>th</sup> with drop-off locations at Hollywood Cinema and One-Hour Martinizing on Rives Road.

Mr. Bryant said the Mt. Olivet Ruritan Club will have a pinto bean dinner on September 28<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Mr. Slaughter said there would be a gospel singing on September 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. at the new stage beside the Fieldale Recreation Center to celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Fieldale United Methodist Church.

Mr. Hall reminded the Board of an Economic Development announcement on September 25<sup>th</sup> with a joint Board meeting with the IDA at 11:30 a.m. and the announcement at noon. There will be a United Way Music & Lunch Fundraiser on September 27<sup>th</sup> from 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. at the Administration Building. The repairs to the pipe collapse on the Dick and Willie trail are underway and should be completed in a couple of weeks. Paving has begun on the new section of the Dick and Willie Trail.

### **CLOSED MEETING**

Mr. Slaughter moved that the Board go into a closed meeting at 3:15 p.m., seconded by Mr. Zehr and unanimously carried to discuss the following:

- 1) §2.2-3711(A)7 for Discussion of Pending Legal Matters.
- 2) §2.2-3711(A)3 for Discussion of the Acquisition/Disposal of Real Estate.
- 3) §2.2-3711(A)5 for Discussion of As-Yet Unannounced Industries.
- 4) §2.2-3711(A)30 for Discussion Personnel Matters.

### **OPEN MEETING**

The Board returned to an open meeting at 4:25 p.m. on a motion by Ms. Buchanan, seconded by Mr. Zehr 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. Adams, Mr. Bryant, Ms. Buchanan, Dr. Martin, Mr. Zehr, and Mr. Slaughter.

Mr. Adams recessed at 4:26 p.m. until the 6:00 p.m. evening meeting

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

### **UPDATE ON FINANCING FOR JAIL PROJECT – DAVID ROSE, DAVENPORT & COMPANY**

Mr. Hall said the County has contracted with Davenport & Company, LLC of Richmond to guide Henry County through the process of financing the new Henry County Adult Detention Facility. In 2018, Davenport assisted the County with securing bonds on the open market to cover the majority of the cost of constructing the new facility. David Rose with Davenport presented

recommendations to the Board for financing the remaining funds needed for the cost of constructing the facility and how best to manage the short-term funding needs until the 25% of the cost can be reimbursed from the Commonwealth of Virginia (Copy included in Board's file).

### **AMENDMENT OF AWARD OF CONTRACT – CONSTRUCTION OF THE ADULT DETENTION FACILITY – SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

Mr. Hall said last month, the Board approved contracts with English Construction Company, Inc. in the amount of \$49,074,062 and other suppliers of goods for the jail project totaling \$15,052,795. During discussion with the contractor, it has been determined that it would be best to award the value of the total of all contracts in an amount of \$64,126,857 to English Construction Company, Inc. This will allow better control of inventory of materials and supplies as they are needed at the job site. It will also place any burden of cost escalation on English Construction. The County will still be able to make direct purchases of the materials and supplies in order to realize additional savings. When this occurs, English Construction will issue a deductive change order to reduce the total payment amount due to them.

On a motion by Dr. Martin and second by Mr. Bryant the Board unanimously approved amending the award of contract to English Construction Company, Inc. to the amount of \$64,126,857 less any deductions realized as a result of the County directly purchasing materials and supplies.

### **GENERAL HIGHWAY MATTERS**

Lisa Hughes, Resident Engineer for the Virginia Department of Transportation, updated the Board on general highway matters.

### **CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE MARTINSVILLE SOUTHERN CONNECTOR STUDY**

Mr. Hall said whenever the Commonwealth Transportation Board is asked to consider funding a particular project, an expression of support from the governing body is essential to the success of the request. A draft resolution for the Board's consideration regarding the routing of the Martinsville Southern Connector was presented (Copy included in Boards file).

On a motion by Mr. Zehr and second by Mr. Bryant, the Board unanimously approved the resolution presented. Board members voting in the affirmative were Mr. Adams, Mr. Bryant, Ms. Buchanan, Dr. Martin, Mr. Zehr, and Mr. Slaughter.

### **PUBLIC HEARING – REZONING APPLICATION R-19-08-GD RIDGEWAY, LLC**

Mr. Clark said the property is located at 1580 Phospho Springs Road in the Ridgeway District. The Tax Map number is 62.8(22)/2. The applicant is requesting the rezoning of approximately 2-acres from Agricultural District A-1 to Industrial District I-1. The applicant intends to market this property in conjunction with the adjoining Industrial property.

Mr. Adams opened the public hearing at 6:22 p.m. There being no one present who wished to speak Mr. Adams closed the public hearing at 6:22 p.m.

On a motion by Mr. Zehr and second by Ms. Buchanan, the Board unanimously approved the rezoning request.

### **PUBLIC HEARING – LOCAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT REQUIREMENTS**

Mr. Hall said as part of the grant process for application to the Virginia Department of Housing Community Development, the Board must hold two public hearings to allow citizens the opportunity to comment on past use of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds and suggest ideas for future applications. The first public hearing was held last month. Additionally, the Board must adopt a resolution in support of the grant application. For this application, Henry County is collaborating with the United Way of Henry County and Martinsville. United Way Executive Director Phillip Wenkstern provided information on the proposed project.

Mr. Adams opened the public hearing at 6:28 p.m. There being no one present who wished to speak Mr. Adams closed the public hearing at 6:28 p.m. On a motion by Mr. Slaughter and second by Mr. Zehr, the Board unanimously approved the resolution in support of the CDBG grant application.

### **MATTERS PRESENTED BY THE PUBLIC**

Mr. Lee Cooley, President of the Fire Association addressed the Board on some of their activities and presented the Board with shirts from the Fire Association.

Mr. Hall reminded everyone that nominations are now being accepted for the Outstanding Military Veteran award. Nomination forms are available on Henry County and Martinsville websites.

There being no further business to discuss, Mr. Slaughter moved to adjourn at 6:35 p.m., seconded by Ms. Buchanan and unanimously carried.