

**HENRY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MINUTES**

October 22, 2019 – 3:00 p.m.

The Henry County Board of Supervisors held its regular meeting on October 22, 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 Steven Doyle of the Martinsville Bulletin and Kim Meeks of the Henry County Enterprise.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Mr. Adams gave the invocation and Mr. Slaughter 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.

- September 24, 2019
- September 25, 2019

Approval of Accounts Payable

Copy included in Board's File.

Mr. Bryant moved the Items of Consent be approved, seconded by Ms. Buchanan. The motion carried unanimously.

DESIGNATION OF VOTING REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE 2019 VIRGINIA ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES (VACo) ANNUAL MEETING

The 2019 VACo Annual Meeting is scheduled for November 10-12, 2019. Each County is asked to designate a member of its elected Board and an alternate to vote on the County's behalf on any issues that may arise. If no members of the Board are attending, the Board may designate a non-elected official to serve as the voting representative. Supervisor Tommy Slaughter and County Administrator Tim Hall are scheduled to attend the annual meeting.

Mr. Bryant moved the Board designate Mr. Slaughter as its voting representative at the annual VACo conference and Tim Hall as an alternate, seconded by Mr. Zehr and unanimously carried.

RECOGNITION OF THE RE-ACCREDITATION OF THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Representatives from the Virginia Law Enforcement Professional Standards Commission were present to recognize the Sheriff's Office for recently completing the process for re-accreditation. The Virginia Law Enforcement Professional Standards Commission consists of representatives of the Virginia Sheriff's Association, Virginia Association of Chiefs of Police, and the Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services. It has established 215 professional standards by which law enforcement agencies are measured. Pulaski Chief of Police Gary Roche and Martinsville Police Chief Steve Draper presented a plaque for certification. Martinsville Sheriff Steve Draper said the audit was 100% with zero returns.

Sheriff Perry and several members of the Sheriff's Office were present to accept the honor. Sheriff Perry said the re-accreditation means the sheriff's office has met the standards for best practices for law enforcement.

REPORT ON DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTION EFFORTS

Mr. Grindstaff noted that 93.00% of 2018 personal property taxes and 94.85% of 2018 real estate taxes have been collected. Since January 1, 2019 TACS has collected approximately \$1,078,716.28. There were twenty VRW stops collected in September 2019 and fifteen stops collected in October 2019.

UPDATE FROM THE CHAMBER'S PARTNERSHIP FOR ECONOMIC GROWTH (CEG)

Lisa Watkins, Executive Director of the Chamber's Partnership for Economic Growth (CEG), provided an update to the Board on small business and retail development efforts (Copy included in Board's File).

MONTHLY UPDATE FROM THE MARTINSVILLE-HENRY COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Ms. Beth Stinnett, Assistant Director of Tourism & Film Coordinator, was present to make the monthly update to the Board. Ms. Stinnett reviewed a summary of activities by division and introduced Kelly Rowland, Tourism Marketing & Client Relations Manager (Copy included in Board's File).

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION RE: JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT – SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Mr. Hall said Sheriff Perry is asking the Board to appropriate grant funds in the amount of \$14,970 received from the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG). The grant funds will be used for overtime hours to provide high impact law enforcement activities in areas that are experiencing increases in crime.

On a motion by Dr. Martin and second by Mr. Bryant, the Board unanimously approved appropriating the grant funds of \$14,970 received from the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG).

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION RE: JUSTICE DEPARTMENT BULLETPROOF VEST PROGRAM GRANTS – SHERIFF’S OFFICE

Mr. Hall said Sheriff Lane Perry is asking the Board to appropriate a grant from the U.S. Department of Justice Bulletproof Vests Partnership Program (BVP) in the amount of \$14,200.73. Sheriff Perry indicated a required 50% local match would come from his current budget.

On a motion by Mr. Slaughter and second by Dr. Martin, the Board unanimously approved the appropriation of the BVP grant in the amount of \$14,200.73.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION RE: HIGHWAY SAFETY GRANTS – SHERIFF’S OFFICE

Mr. Hall said Sheriff Lane Perry is asking the Board to appropriate grants of \$43,960 from the Virginia Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) for selective traffic enforcement. These funds are pass-through from the National Highway Safety Administration. Sheriff Perry indicates that the money will be used for overtime pay for deputies working traffic enforcement, equipment and grant administration. An in-kind match will be provided by the Sheriff’s Office through use of the department’s equipment.

On a motion by Mr. Slaughter and second by Ms. Buchanan, the Board unanimously approved acceptance and appropriation of the grants as requested.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION RE: JUSTICE DEPARTMENT SCAAP GRANT – SHERIFF’S OFFICE

Mr. Hall said Sheriff Lane Perry is asking the Board to accept and appropriate a grant from the U.S. Department of Justice 2018 State Criminal Alien Assistance Program (SCAAP) in the amount of \$9,331. Sheriff Perry indicates that the funds are to be used for deputy overtime to cover staff shortages, special operations, and off site security of inmates during medical procedures.

On a motion by Mr. Bryant and second by Mr. Zehr, the Board unanimously approved acceptance and approval of the grant as requested.

AWARD OF CONTRACT RE: UNDERGROUND ELECTRICAL SERVICES – COMMONWEALTH CROSSING BUSINESS CENTRE

Mr. Hall said Tim Pace, Director of the Engineering and Mapping Department, is asking the Board to award a contract in the amount of \$322,727.15 to Appalachian Power for installation of underground electrical services at

Commonwealth Crossing Business Centre (CCBC). Funding for this project is included in the CCBC budget.

On a motion by Mr. Zehr and second by Mr. Bryant, the Board unanimously approved award of contract to Appalachian Power in the amount of \$322,727.15 for installation of underground electrical services.

AWARD OF CONTRACT RE: CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS – ADULT DETENTION CENTER

Mr. Hall said as part of the on-going cost saving measures for construction of the Adult Detention Center, staff has recommended that the County purchase many of the materials and supplies needed for construction directly from the vendor. In addition to the vendors previously approved by the Board, it has been determined that there is only one source practically available for each of the materials and supplies contracts noted below relative to the construction of the Henry County Adult Detention Center (ADC) pursuant to Section 2.2-43-3 (E) of the Code of Virginia:

- Rebar Solutions, LLC – Steel
- Trane, Inc. – HVAC and Building Automation
- Boxley Materials Company – Concrete

The values of these contracts are part of the original contracts approved by the Board and do not alter the total cost of construction of the facility.

On a motion by Ms. Buchanan and second by Dr. Martin, the Board unanimously approved awarding sole-source contracts to the vendors noted above that will be providing materials and supplies needed in the construction of the Henry County Adult Detention Center.

AWARD OF CONTRACT RE: TESTING AND SPECIAL INSPECTIONS SERVICES – ADULT DETENTION CENTER

Mr. Hall said staff is asking the Board to award a contract to ECS Mid-Atlantic, LLC for construction materials testing and special inspection services as it relates to construction of the Henry County Adult Detention Center. ECS will provide all inspections and testing as required by the project specifications and drawings, construction activity, and the building code. Pricing is based on actual unit rates for the various tasks to be performed. It is estimated that the total value of the contract will be \$160,000. ECS performed testing and inspections for the site demolition portion of this project and it is in the best interest of the County for ECS to continue to provide these services during construction.

On a motion by Mr. Bryant and second by Dr. Martin, the Board unanimously approved awarding a contract to ECS Mid-Atlantic, LLC as outlined above.

AWARD OF CONTRACT RE: ELECTRICAL SERVICES – DICK AND WILLIE PASSAGE TRAIL, SECTION 6B

Mr. Hall said staff is asking the Board to award a contract to Appalachian Power Company for the installation of underground electrical service to the Dick

and Willie Passage Trail Section 6B restroom facilities at the Smith River Sports Complex. Funding for this item is included in the project budget.

On a motion by Mr. Zehr and second by Ms. Buchanan, the Board unanimously approved awarding a contract to Appalachian Power Company as outlined above.

CONSIDERATION OF 2020 LEGISLATIVE AGENDA FOR VIRGINIA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Mr. Hall said each year staff and the Board of Supervisors construct a legislative agenda of items we would like for the General Assembly to consider. It is up to the Board of Supervisors to approve the final list for submission to our General Assembly delegates. In the past, we have sent the Legislative Agenda via email to our state representatives, or presented it in person during a roundtable discussion of the issues. Staff requests the Board give some consideration as to how it wants to distribute the Agenda list year.

On a motion by Ms. Buchanan and second by Dr. Martin, the Board unanimously approved a 2020 Legislative Agenda that will be forwarded to our representatives in the Virginia General Assembly (Copy included in Board's File).

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Comments from the Board

Mr. Bryant said the Mt. Olivet Ruritan Club will sell Brunswick stew on October 26th.

Ms. Buchanan said the Horsepasture District Community Meeting will be November 19th from 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. at the Horsepasture Ruritan Building.

Mr. Hall gave several dates of upcoming events, including Economic Development announcement on October 23rd at 2:00 p.m. at the Commonwealth Crossing Centre for Advanced Training and at 3:00 p.m. the ribbon cutting and tour of the Commonwealth Crossing Centre for Advanced Training. The County burn ban will hopefully be lifted by end of the week. The new County video which focuses on tourism debuted at the late model stock race at Martinsville Speedway a couple of weeks ago. There is a possibility of a special meeting on November 13th in regards to jail financing. VDOT Commonwealth Transportation Board Fall Transportation Meeting October 30th at 4:00 p.m. at Holiday Inn Valley View. Appalachian Power Open House Meeting on renovation of poles and lines October 30th at 5:30 p.m. at Magna Vista High School. Race Week-end October 25-27 at Martinsville Speedway.

CLOSED MEETING

Mr. Zehr moved that the Board go into a closed meeting at 3:51 p.m., seconded by Mr. Slaughter 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 5:05 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Slaughter, seconded by Mr. Bryant and unanimously carried.

CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED MEETING

Mr. Hall 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.

Local Performance Agreement – On a motion by Dr. Martin and second by Mr. Zehr, the Board unanimously approved a Local Performance Agreement between The Harvest Foundation, County of Henry, and DRP Performance, Inc. (Copy included in Board's File).

Dragonfly Consulting, LLC – On a motion by Mr. Slaughter and second by Mr. Zehr, the Board unanimously approved a contract with Dragonfly Consulting LLC for legislative liaison services (Copy included in Board's File).

Mr. Adams recessed at 5:07 p.m. until the 6:00 p.m. evening meeting

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

GENERAL HIGHWAY MATTERS

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

MATTERS PRESENTED BY THE PUBLIC

Ms. Dorothy Carter, Reed Creek District and President of the Henry County Education Association addressed the Board concerning insufficient salaries for Henry County School employees

PUBLIC HEARING – REZONING APPLICATION R-19-09 – MELVIN B. LUSK, JR.

Mr. Clark said the property is located at the end of Whalen Rd., and can also be accessed from Westwood Ave., in the Blackberry District. The Tax Map number is 25.2/139B. The applicant is requesting the rezoning of approximately 2.735 acres from Suburban Residential District S-R to Rural Residential District R-R. The applicant wishes to place a single wide manufactured home on the property.

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 Mr. Zehr and second by Dr. Martin, the Board unanimously approved the rezoning request.

PUBLIC HEARING – REZONING APPLICATION R-19-10 – MWM & SCM, LLC/MATT MCKINNEY

Mr. Clark said the property is located at 241 River Rd. in the Horsepasture District. The Tax Map number is 28.4(119)/1. The applicant is requesting the rezoning of approximately 0.576-acres from Commercial District B-1 to Suburban Residential District S-R. The applicant has also applied to the Board of Zoning Appeals for the required Special Use Permit to convert the existing building, which contains three apartments and commercial spaces, to six apartments. Pending the result of this rezoning request, the Special Use Permit will be heard on October 30, 2019.

Mr. Adams opened the public hearing at 6:12 p.m. There being no one present who wished to speak Mr. Adams closed the public hearing at 6:12 p.m. On a motion by Ms. Buchanan and second by Mr. Bryant, the Board unanimously approved the rezoning request.

There being no further business to discuss, Ms. Buchanan moved to adjourn at 6:13 p.m., seconded by Mr. Bryant and unanimously carried.