

**HENRY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MINUTES**

October 27, 2020 – 3:00 p.m.

The Henry County Board of Supervisors held its regular meeting on October 27, 2020, 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, Tommy Slaughter, David Martin, and Ryan Zehr.

Staff members present were Tim Hall, County Administrator; Dale Wagoner, Deputy County Administrator; George Lyle, County Attorney; Darrell Jones, Director of Finance; Michelle Via, Director of Human Resources/Public Information Officer; and Jennifer Gregory, Administrative Assistant.

Steve Eanes, Deputy Nicole Dunn, and Lt. Brian Lawson of the Sheriff's Office were present. Also present were Kim Meeks of the Martinsville Bulletin and Brandon Martin of Henry County Enterprise.

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. 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 the 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.

Dr. Martin moved to approve the Items of Consent, and Mr. Zehr seconded it. Motion approved by the following vote:

AYES: Adams, Buchanan, Slaughter, Bryant, Martin, and Zehr.

NAYS: None.

REPORT ON DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTION EFFORTS

Mr. Grinstaff noted that 93.56% of 2019 personal property taxes and 95.04% of 2019 real estate taxes had been collected. Since January 1, 2020,

TACS has collected approximately \$79,331.04. There were nine VRW stops collected in September 2020 and four stops collected in October 2020.

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).

MATTERS BY THE PUBLIC – MR. LEWIS WALLER

Mr. Lewis Waller, a resident in the Collinsville District, discussed blighted properties in the Villa Heights area. Mr. Waller presented a petition with 156 signatures from Villa Heights residents requesting the apartments on Stultz Road and Erwin Street be removed (Copy included in Board's file).

UPDATE ON THE HENRY COUNTY FAIR

Parks and Recreation Director Roger Adams updated the Board on progress made toward hosting the Henry County Fair in September 2021.

AWARD OF CONTRACT RE: RIDES, GAMES, AND CONCESSIONS VENDOR FOR THE COUNTY FAIR – PARKS AND RECREATION

Mr. Hall said Roger Adams, Director of Parks and Recreation, asks the Board to award a vendor contract for rides, games, and concessions for the 2021 County Fair to Cole Shows Amusement Company, Inc. located in Covington, Virginia.

On a motion by Mr. Bryant and seconded by Ms. Buchanan, the Board approved awarding a contract for rides, games, and concessions for the 2021 County Fair to the Cole Shows Amusement Company, Inc., and authorizing the County Administrator or his designee to sign the appropriate documents by the following vote:

AYES: Adams, Buchanan, Slaughter, Bryant, Martin, and Zehr.

NAYS: None.

AWARD OF CONTRACT RE: INMATE COMMISSARY SERVICES – SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Mr. Hall said staff from the Sheriff's Office and Purchasing Department had completed the Request for Proposal (RFP) process for the inmate commissary services at the new Adult Detention Center. Sheriff Lane Perry asks the Board to award a contract for these services to Oasis Commissary Services headquartered in Cumming, GA, with operations in Salem, VA. The contract is a five-year agreement with three one-year extensions available. The agreement will start when the first inmate is moved into the new facility. By awarding the contract prior to opening the facility, the vendor is able to work closely with the contractor to plan,

schedule, and complete installation of the many components before the Center opens. The new Adult Detention Facility is anticipated to open in February 2022.

On a motion by Dr. Martin and seconded by Mr. Zehr, the Board approved awarding the five-year contract for inmate commissary services at the new Adult Detention Center to Oasis Commissary Services by the following vote:

AYES: Adams, Buchanan, Slaughter, Bryant, Martin, and Zehr.

NAYS: None.

AWARD OF CONTRACT RE: INMATE COMMUNICATION SERVICES – SHERIFF’S OFFICE

Mr. Hall said staff from the Sheriff’s Office and Purchasing Department had completed the Request for Proposal (RFP) process for inmate communication services at the new Adult Detention Center. Services will include inmate telephone, video visitation, inmate tablets, and inmate mail handling. Sheriff Lane Perry asks the Board to award a contract for these services to Pay Tel Communications in Greensboro, North Carolina. The contract is a five-year agreement with three one-year extensions available. The agreement will start when the first inmate is moved into the new facility. By awarding the contract prior to opening the facility, the vendor is able to work closely with the contractor to plan, schedule, and complete installation of the many components before the Center opens. The new Adult Detention Facility is anticipated to open in February 2022.

On a motion by Mr. Zehr and seconded by Dr. Martin, the Board approved awarding the five-year contract for inmate communication services at the new Adult Detention Center to Pay Tel Communications by the following vote:

AYES: Adams, Buchanan, Slaughter, Bryant, Martin, and Zehr.

NAYS: None.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION RE: DMV TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT GRANTS – SHERIFF’S OFFICE

Mr. Hall said Sheriff Lane Perry is asking the Board to appropriate funds from three separate grants from the Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles. The grants are pass-through funds received from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration for FY-'21. The Sheriff’s Office has been awarded the following grants:

- 1) \$26,000 for the enforcement of alcohol-related traffic laws.
- 2) \$2,550 for the enforcement of occupant protection (seat belt) traffic laws.
- 3) \$25,916 for the enforcement of speed-related traffic laws.

The grants will be used for training, equipment, and overtime compensation related to the enforcement of these traffic laws. Additional details are provided in the attached memoranda from Sheriff Perry.

On a motion by Ms. Buchanan and seconded by Mr. Bryant, the Board approved appropriating the DMV grants of \$26,000, \$2,550, and \$25,916 as outlined above by the following vote:

AYES: Adams, Buchanan, Slaughter, Bryant, Martin, and Zehr.
NAYS: None.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION RE: EMERGENCY EDUCATION RELIEF FUNDS – PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Mr. Hall said the School Board asks the Board of Supervisors to approve an additional appropriation of \$269,393 received from the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) Fund and the Governor's Emergency Education Relief (FEER) Fund. The funds are to be used to address the impact that COVID-19 continues to have on schools. The School Board has indicated it will use the funds to support special education services and purchase sanitizing supplies and personal protective equipment.

On a motion by Mr. Zehr and seconded by Dr. Martin, the Board approved the additional appropriation of \$269,393 as noted above by the following vote:

AYES: Adams, Buchanan, Slaughter, Bryant, Martin, and Zehr.
NAYS: None.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION RE: FEDERAL CORONAVIRUS RELIEF FUNDS – PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Mr. Hall said Superintendent Sandy Strayer asks the Board to approve an additional appropriation of \$1,220,590 received from the Federal Coronavirus Relief Funds (CRF). The CRF awards are intended for costs incurred related to COVID-19 in reopening and operating public schools during the first months of the 2020-2021 school year. In accordance with the U.S. Treasury guidance, funds must be expended by December 30, 2020. Mrs. Strayer has indicated that the funds will be used to provide additional pay in the form of a one-time stipend for current employees employed under an employment contract or appointment letter, performing jobs in person at the school building level. Funds will also be used to make improvements to HVAC systems at school facilities. The appropriation should be made contingent upon the School Board approving it at their next meeting.

On a motion by Mr. Bryant and seconded by Mr. Zehr, the Board unanimously approved the rezoning request by the following vote:

AYES: Adams, Buchanan, Slaughter, Bryant, Martin, and Zehr.
NAYS: None.

AWARD OF CONTRACT RE: DETECTION SCANNER – SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Mr. Hall said Sheriff Lane Perry is asking the Board to award a contract in the amount of \$169,000 to purchase an Intercept Contraband Detection Scanner to Tek84, Inc. The price includes the scanner, temperature scanner, installation,

and training. The equipment will improve officer and inmate safety at the jail and lessen an officer's chance of being exposed to the Coronavirus. Pricing is based on a competitive bid by Prince William County, Virginia. CARES Act funds will be used for this purchase.

On a motion by Dr. Martin and seconded by Mr. Zehr, the Board approved awarding the contract to Tek84, Inc. in the amount of \$169,000 for the detection scanner as outlined above by the following vote:

AYES: Adams, Buchanan, Slaughter, Bryant, Martin, and Zehr.

NAYS: None.

DESIGNATION OF VOTING REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE 2020 VIRGINIA ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES (VACo) ANNUAL MEETING

Mr. Hall said the 2020 VACo Annual Meeting would be held virtually on November 9-11, 2020. 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. County Administrator Tim Hall is the only County employee participating in the virtual meeting.

On a motion by Dr. Martin and seconded by Mr. Zehr, the Board selected Tim Hall as the representative for Henry County by the following vote:

AYES: Adams, Buchanan, Slaughter, Bryant, Martin, and Zehr.

NAYS: None.

CONSIDERATION OF 2021 LEGISLATIVE AGENDA FOR THE 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.

On a motion by Mr. Bryant and seconded by Mr. Zehr, the Board approved a 2021 Legislative Agenda that will be forwarded to our representatives in the Virginia General Assembly and to authorize staff to relay a second agenda specific to reversion when it is finalized by the following vote:

AYES: Adams, Buchanan, Slaughter, Bryant, Martin, and Zehr.

NAYS: None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Comments from the Board

Mr. Bryant noted that the Fieldale-Collinsville Rescue Squad had received a Rescue Squad Assistance Fund grant to purchase a new ambulance. The grant requires a 50% match and he was concerned that the Squad did not have enough funds to cover the match. On a motion by

Mr. Bryant and seconded by Ms. Buchanan, the Board approved an additional appropriation from the fund balance of up to \$100,000 to assist Fieldale-Collinsville Rescue Squad with the purchase of a new ambulance by the following vote:

AYES: Adams, Buchanan, Slaughter, Bryant, Martin, and Zehr.
NAYS: None.

On a motion by Ms. Buchanan and seconded by Mr. Zehr, the Board approved authorizing staff to send a letter to VDOT endorsing improving the intersection at Rt. 58W and Preston Road with VDOT Highway Safety and Improvement Funds by the following vote:

AYES: Adams, Buchanan, Slaughter, Bryant, Martin, and Zehr.
NAYS: None.

Mr. Hall said the Veteran Award Ceremony is on November 11 at 5:00 p.m. at EMI in Bassett. The County follows the State Holiday Schedule and will be closed November 3 for Election Day and November 11 for Veterans Day. Early voting has been very well received, and the last date to vote early is October 31. The County received an Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) grant of \$1.5 million to use towards the \$7.5 million costs to bring natural gas to Commonwealth Crossing Business Centre. A Housing Study was recently completed through cooperation with the City of Martinsville, Henry County, Harvest Foundation, and EDC. The study showed the area does not have enough housing or apartments to support the workforce. Race weekend at Martinsville Speedway is October 30 – November 1.

CLOSED MEETING

Mr. Zehr moved that the Board go into a closed meeting at 3:59 p.m. to discuss the following:

- A) §2.2-3711(A)1 for Discussion of Appointees to the Anchor Commission, Ninth District Development Financing, Inc., and West Piedmont Planning District Commission.
- B) §2.2-3711(A)7 for Discussion of Pending Legal Matters.
- C) §2.2-3711(A)3 for Discussion of Acquisition/Disposal of Real Estate
- D) §2.2-3711(A)5 for Discussion of As-Yet Unannounced Industries.
- E) §2.2-3711(A)10 for Discussion of Special Awards

Ms. Buchanan seconded the motion, and it carried by the following vote:

AYES: Adams, Buchanan, Slaughter, Bryant, Martin, and Zehr.
NAYS: None.

OPEN MEETING

The Board returned to open meeting at 5:18 p.m. on a motion by Dr. Martin, seconded by Ms. Buchanan, and it carried by the following vote:

AYES: Adams, Buchanan, Slaughter, Bryant, Martin, and Zehr.
NAYS: None.

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, Mr. Zehr, Dr. Martin, and Mr. Slaughter.

Anchor Commission - On a motion by Mr. Zehr and seconded by Ms. Buchanan, the Board unanimously approved the appointment of Jeanette Hurd to an unexpired term ending December 31, 2020 by the following vote:

AYES: Adams, Buchanan, Slaughter, Bryant, Martin, and Zehr.
NAYS: None.

Mr. Adams recessed at 5:21 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.

PUBLIC HEARING – REZONING APPLICATION R-20-07 – HENRY COUNTY/JOHN REDD SMITH SCHOOL

Mr. Clark said the property is located at 40 School Drive in the Collinsville District. The Tax Map number is 29.7/52A. The applicant is requesting the rezoning of approximately 5.631-acres from Government and Special use District G-S to Suburban Residential District S-R. County staff is working with a developer who plans to convert the building into 32-33 apartment units. Once rezoned, an approved Special Use Permit is also required for this use.

Mr. Adams opened the public hearing at 6:04 p.m. There being no one present who wished to speak, Mr. Adams closed the public hearing at 6:04 p.m.

On a motion by Mr. Bryant and seconded by Mr. Zehr, the Board approved the rezoning request #R-20-07 by the following vote:

AYES: Adams, Buchanan, Slaughter, Bryant, Martin, and Zehr.
NAYS: None.

MATTERS PRESENTED BY THE PUBLIC

Ms. Susan Rose, a resident in the Iriswood District, discussed her concerns about the frequent firing of guns in her neighborhood. She noted that it was often late at night and felt it was often not done safely. Ms. Rose presented a petition with 12 signatures from concerned residents and businesses in the surrounding area (Copy included in the Board's file).

Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, Mr. Bryant moved to adjourn at 6:12 p.m. Ms. Buchanan seconded the motion, and it carried by the following vote:

AYES: Adams, Buchanan, Slaughter, Bryant, Martin, and Zehr.
NAYS: None.