

**HENRY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
MINUTES**

**December 15, 2020 – 3:00 p.m.**

The Henry County Board of Supervisors held its regular meeting on December 15, 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.

Sheriff Lane Perry 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. Bryant 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.

- November 24, 2020

**Approval of Accounts Payable**

Copy included in Board's File.

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

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

NAYS: None.

**PRESENTATION OF FY 2020 AUDIT- CREEDLE, JONES, AND ALGA**

Kim Jackson with Creedle, Jones, and Alga, P.C., presented its audit of County accounts via Zoom for the fiscal year that ended June 30, 2020. Ms.

Jackson said Henry County received an unmodified clean report with no audit findings. The County's total general fund balance at the end of the fiscal year was \$107,957,529, and the unassigned balance was \$33,326,867. On a motion by Mr. Zehr and seconded by Dr. Martin, the Board recommended acceptance of the Audit of County Accounts for the fiscal year that ended June 30, 2020, by the following vote:

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

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

Mr. Grindstaff noted that 94.16% of 2019 personal property taxes and 95.72% of 2019 real estate taxes had been collected. Since January 1, 2020, TACS has collected approximately \$967,590.90. There were five VRW stops collected in November 2020 and one stop collected in December 2020.

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

No one was present to present a report. The Board will receive an update later in the month.

#### **ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION AND AWARD OF CONTRACT RE: COMMONWEALTH CROSSING BUSINESS CENTRE, PHASE II**

Mr. Hall said staff is asking the Board to approve an additional appropriation of \$228,420 received from the Martinsville-Henry County Economic Development Corporation toward Phase II development at Commonwealth Crossing Business Centre (CCBC). Funds will be for an aerial survey and preliminary engineering work. As part of this request, staff is also asking the Board to award a contract to the Timmons Group in the amount of \$187,700 for Preliminary Engineering Services for Phase II development of CCBC. Pricing is based on RFP#08-01253-A15.

On a motion by Mr. Bryant and seconded by Mr. Zehr, the Board approved the additional appropriation of \$228,420 and the award of contract in the amount of \$187,700 to the Timmons Group for engineering services by the following vote:

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

#### **CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION ENDORSING APPLICATION TO THE LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND**

Mr. Hall said Henry County is working with our community partners at The Harvest Foundation and the Martinsville-Henry County Economic Development Corporation to acquire additional land near the Smith River Sports Complex. The additional land would be earmarked for future recreational use. Attached is an

application to the Land and Water Conservation Fund for federal monetary support for this project (Copy included in Board's file).

On a motion by Dr. Martin and seconded by Mr. Zehr, the Board approved awarding the resolution by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None.

### **GENERAL ASSEMBLY INFORMATION – ROB CATRON**

Rob Catron, Henry County's lobbyist for General Assembly matters, informed the Board on potential legislation for the upcoming 2021 General Assembly session that may impact Henry County. He noted that the 2021 session will only be 30 days long.

### **CONSIDERATION OF DATE AND TIME FOR 2021 ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING**

Mr. Hall said the Board of Supervisors must have an organizational meeting at or soon after the first of the year. During this meeting, the Board will select its meeting dates for the 2021 calendar year and elect a chairperson and vice-chairperson. County offices are closed on Friday, January 1, 2021.

On a motion by Dr. Martin and seconded by Mr. Zehr, the Board selected the date and time of Monday, January 4, 2021, at 5:00 p.m. for the 2021 Organizational Meeting by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None.

### **CONSIDERATION OF FY 2021-22 BUDGET CALENDAR**

Mr. Hall said a proposed schedule for the FY 2021-22 County Budget process was included in the Board's working papers. The calendar provides for preparation, adoption, and appropriation of the budget in accordance with the deadlines provided in the *Code of Virginia*.

On a motion by Mr. Bryant and seconded by Mr. Zehr, the Board adopted a revised budget calendar for the FY 2021-22 County Budget (Copy included in Board's file) by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None.

### **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**

Doug Stegall from the Collinsville District addressed the Board concerning the School Board's prior handling of the purchase and disposition of real estate

near John Redd Smith Elementary School. He also questioned the School Board's previous handling of the disposition of mobile units.

### **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

#### **Comments from the Board**

Mr. Adams requested that the Board consider authorizing County offices to close 2 hours early on December 23 for the Christmas holiday and a half-day on December 31 for the New Year holiday.

On a motion by Dr. Martin and seconded by Mr. Bryant, the Board approved 2 hours early dismissal on December 23 and a half-day early dismissal on December 31 by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None.

Mr. Hall thanked the Board for the holiday early dismissal. Mr. Hall urged the Board to remind others to wear masks, watch where they stand, and wash hands to help stop the COVID pandemic. Mr. Hall wished everyone a safe holiday.

### **CLOSED MEETING**

Mr. Slaughter moved that the Board go into a closed meeting at 3:52 p.m. to discuss the following:

- A) §2.2-3711(A)1 for Discussion of Appointees to the Building Code Board of Appeals, and Fire Code Board of Appeals.
- B) §2.2-3711(A)7 for Discussion of Pending Legal Matters.
- C) §2.2-3711(A)3 for Discussion of Pending Legal Acquisition or Disposal of Real Estate.
- D) §2.2-3711(A)5 for Discussion of As-Yet Unannounced Industries.

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 5:04 p.m. on a motion by Ms. Buchanan, seconded by Mr. Zehr, and it carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None.

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

Building Code Board of Appeals – On a motion by Mr. Bryant and seconded by Mr. Slaughter, the Board approved the re-appointment of Charlie Martin, Rodney Clark, Bruce Adkins, Eddie Light, and Larry Wright to four-year terms ending January 31, 2025, by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None.

Fire Code Board of Appeals - On a motion by Ms. Buchanan and seconded by Mr. Slaughter, the Board approved the re-appointments of Daryl Emberson, H. William Martin, Jr., Ken Adkins, Joel Barnes and the appointment of Joseph 'Joe' Scarce to four-year terms ending January 31, 2025, by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None.

## **Adjournment**

There being no further business to discuss, Mr. Slaughter moved to adjourn at 5:06 p.m. Dr. Martin seconded the motion, and it carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None.