

**HENRY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MINUTES**

June 22, 2021 – 3:00 p.m.

The Henry County Board of Supervisors held its regular meeting on June 22, 2021, 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, Ryan Zehr, and David Martin.

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; and Jennifer Gregory, Administrative Assistant.

Sheriff Lane Perry, Lt. Col. Steve Eanes, and Major Eric Hairston of the Sheriff's Office were present. Also present were Bill Wyatt of the Martinsville Bulletin and Brandon Martin of the 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.

- May 25, 2021
- May 26, 2021

Approval of Accounts Payable

Copy included in Board's File.

Mr. Bryant moved to approve the Items of Consent, and Dr. Martin seconded it. The motion was approved by the following vote:

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

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 the Board's File).

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION REGARDING RAISE GRANT REQUEST FOR ROAD IMPROVEMENTS AT COMMONWEALTH CROSSING BUSINESS CENTRE

Mr. Hall stated that Henry County is working with Rockingham County, NC to apply for a "Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity" (RAISE) grant from the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT). Staff briefed the Board on this effort and asked the Board to approve a resolution indicating the County's pursuit of this funding opportunity. (Copy included in the Board's File).

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

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

NAYS: None.

CONSIDERATION OF A PROCLAMATION ENDING THE LOCAL DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY RELATED TO COONAVIRUS/COVID-19 PANDEMIC

Mr. Hall stated that on March 16, 2020, County Administrator Tim Hall declared a local state of emergency in response to the Coronavirus/COVID-19 pandemic. The Board of Supervisors affirmed the declaration at its meeting on March 24, 2020. The Commonwealth of Virginia has indicated it will end the state of emergency on June 30, 2021 and staff recommends that the Board of Supervisors take similar action to rescind the declaration of a local emergency. (Copy included in the Board's File).

On a motion by Mr. Bryant and seconded by Ms. Buchanan, the Board approved the proclamation rescinding the declaration of emergency by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF CHANGES TO THE WEST PIEDMONT PLANNING DISTRICT COMMISSION CHARTER

Mr. Hall stated that the West Piedmont Planning District Commission (WPPDC) Board is asking the governing bodies of its member localities to approve minor changes to its charter. The proposed amendments are not substantive regarding how the Commission has traditionally carried out its business, but rather the changes are to document clarity and consistency. The charter of WPPDC may be amended by concurring resolutions from a majority of the member jurisdictions.

WPPDC serves Henry, Franklin, Patrick, and Pittsylvania Counties, the Cities of Martinsville and Danville, and the Town of Rocky Mount. (Copy included in the Board's File).

On a motion by Mr. Slaughter and seconded by Dr. Martin, the Board approved the proposed resolution in support of the changes to the charter of the West Piedmont Planning District Commission by the following vote:

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

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING GRANT APPLICATIONS FOR
FIELDALE/TEXTILE TRAIL CONNECTOR PROJECT**

Mr. Hall stated staff is asking the Board to approve the attached resolution authorizing applications for federal funding assistance from the Recreational Trail Program (RTP) through the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) for the Fieldale and Textile Trails connector project. The proposed project will connect the existing Fieldale and Textile Trails to the Fieldale Park and commercial area of Fieldale. (Copy included in the Board's File).

On a motion by Ms. Buchanan and seconded by Mr. Bryant, the Board approved the resolution by the following vote:

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

**CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION HONORING MIKE AMOS – REFUSE
DEPARTMENT**

Mr. Hall stated that long-time employee Mike Amos is retiring on June 30, 2021. Mr. Amos began his public service career on May 5, 1981. Staff has prepared a resolution to recognize his service to Henry County and its citizens. (Copy included in the Board's File).

Mr. Slaughter read aloud a resolution recognizing Mike Amos for his service and moved the Board to adopt the resolution. It was seconded by Dr. Martin, and the motion was approved by the following vote:

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

Mr. Amos said he has enjoyed working with everyone.

**CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION HONORING CECIL STONE – PLANNING,
ZONING AND INSPECTIONS DEPARTMENT**

Mr. Hall stated that long-time employee Cecil Stone is retiring on June 30, 2021. Mr. Stone began his public service career on March 16, 1994. Staff has prepared a resolution to recognize his service to Henry County and its citizens. (Copy included in the Board's File).

Ms. Buchanan read aloud a resolution recognizing Cecil Stone for his service and moved the Board to adopt the resolution. It was seconded by Mr. Slaughter, and the motion was approved by the following vote:

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

Mr. Stone said it was an honor to have served the citizens.

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

Mr. Hall stated staff from the Sheriff’s Office and Purchasing Department have completed the Request for Proposal (RFP) process for the inmate medical services at the new Adult Detention Center. Sheriff Lane Perry is asking the Board to award a contract for these services to Wellpath, Inc. of Nashville, Tennessee. 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 prepare to provide the services before the Center opens. The new Adult Detention Facility is anticipated to open in spring 2022.

On a motion by Mr. Bryant and seconded by Dr. Martin, the Board approved awarding the five-year contract for inmate medical services at the new Adult Detention Center to Wellpath, Inc. by the following vote:

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

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION AND AWARD OF CONTRACT RE: REPLACEMENT VEHICLES – SHERIFF’S OFFICE

Mr. Hall stated Sheriff Lane Perry is asking the Board to approve an additional appropriation received from insurance proceeds in the amount of \$78,000 and to award the following contracts for vehicles:

- 1) Hall Automotive in Virginia Beach for four 2021 Dodge Chargers totaling \$136,839. Three of the Chargers will be purchased with funds in the fiscal year 2021 budget and one will be purchased after July 1, 2021 from the fiscal year 2022 budget.
- 2) Sheehy Ford in Richmond for four Ford Police interceptor Utility Vehicles totaling \$147,886. Three of the Fords will be purchased with funds in the fiscal year 2021 budget and one will be purchased after July 1, 2021 from the fiscal year 2022 budget.

Pricing is based on the Virginia Sheriff’s Association vehicle procurement Program and specifications.

On a motion by Mr. Zehr and seconded by Mr. Slaughter, the Board approved appropriating insurance proceeds in the amount of \$78,000 and

awarding contracts to Hall Automotive in the amount of \$136,839 and to Sheehy Ford in the amount of \$147,886, as outlined above by the following vote:

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

AWARD OF CONTRACT RE: MOWING AND LANDSCAPING – COMMONWEALTH CROSSING BUSINESS CENTRE AND PATRIOT CENTRE AT BEAVER CREEK

Mr. Hall stated staff is asking the Board to award a contract to Prillaman Landscape Dimensions, Inc. for turf mowing, landscaping, and other outdoor maintenance at Commonwealth Crossing Business Centre (CCBC) and at the Patriot Centre at Beaver Creek Industrial Park. The approximate value of the contract is \$103,000 annually and it can be renewed for up to five years. Prillaman Landscape Dimensions currently provides these services and is being recommended for the contract after careful evaluation of proposals submitted by three vendors

On a motion by Dr. Martin and seconded by Mr. Zehr, the Board approved awarding the contract to Prillaman Landscape Dimensions, Inc. as outlined above and to authorize staff to exercise any subsequent renewals in accordance with the terms of the contract by the following vote:

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

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION RE: GRANT FUNDS FOR THE REPAIR OF THE FIELDALE TRAIL

Mr. Hall stated staff is asking the Board to appropriate funds of \$88,516 for repairs to the Fieldale Trail damaged from flooding during Hurricane Florence. A grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency is providing 75% of the funds and it is matched with 20% from the State and 5% from Henry County.

On a motion by Ms. Buchanan and seconded by Mr. Bryant, the Board approved the appropriation of \$88,516 as noted above by the following vote:

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

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION RE: SALE OF TIMBER – BRYANT PROPERTY

Mr. Hall stated staff is asking the Board to appropriate \$50,000 of the revenue generated from the sale of timber on the Bryant Property to allow for proper reseeded of the property. The funds will carry forward to FY '22.

On a motion by Mr. Zehr and seconded by Dr. Martin, the Board approved the appropriation of \$50,000 as noted above by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION RE: CONTINGENCY FUNDS

Mr. Hall stated that staff is asking the Board to approve an additional appropriation of \$100,000 from the contingency fund to cover expenditures in the Board of Supervisors operating budget. The expenditures are directly related to legal fees associated with reversion and other professional services associated with the conversion of John Redd Smith Elementary School to apartments.

On a motion by Mr. Bryant and seconded by Mr. Zehr, the Board approved the appropriation of \$100,000 from the contingency fund by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None.

AWARD OF CONTRACT RE: GARBAGE TRUCK – REFUSE DEPARTMENT

Mr. Hall stated that Mike Amos, Refuse Department Manager, is asking the Board to award a contract to Excel Truck Group in the amount of \$263,242 to purchase a 2022 Mack front-loading garbage truck. Excel Truck Group was the lower of the two bids received. Funds for this purchase are included in the current year budget.

On a motion by Dr. Martin and seconded by Mr. Zehr, the Board approved awarding the contract to Excel Truck Group for \$263,242 for the purchase of a 2022 garbage truck by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION RE: COVID EXPENSES – GENERAL FUND

Mr. Hall stated staff is asking the Board to approve an appropriation of \$600,615 from the General Fund to cover costs directly related to the County's response to the Coronavirus/COVID-19 pandemic but was in excess of amounts allocated to the C.A.R.E.S. Act grant funding. This appropriation is primarily an accounting procedure to make closing out the financial records on June 30 smoother. Staff will provide additional information at the meeting.

On a motion by Dr. Martin and seconded by Mr. Slaughter, the Board approved the appropriation of \$600,615 from the General Fund to cover costs directly related to the County's response to the Coronavirus/COVID-19 pandemic by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION RE: TASERS – SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Mr. Hall stated that Sheriff Lane Perry is asking the Board to approve a transfer appropriation of \$26,874 from existing operating funds to facilitate the

purchase of Tasers from Axon Enterprise. According to Sheriff Perry, patrol deputies will be equipped with the devices.

On a motion by Mr. Slaughter and seconded by Mr. Zehr, the Board approved the transfer appropriation totaling \$26,874 by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None.

APPROPRIATION OF THE FY 2021-2022 COUNTY BUDGET

Mr. Hall said the Board of Supervisors, at its May 10, 2021 meeting, adopted the FY 2021-2022 Total County Budget. This included setting of tax codes and adoption of the School Budget. However, no County funds can be expended or obligated until an appropriation has been made. Attached is a draft appropriations resolution with minor differences from current resolution noted in red. The proposed resolution reflects categorical appropriation, based on previous Board decisions regarding appropriations.

Dr. Martin moved that the Board adopt the Appropriations Resolution as outlined, seconded by Mr. Bryant. The motion unanimously carried. Mr. Hall took a roll call vote. Those voting in the affirmative were Mr. Zehr, Dr. Martin, Mr. Bryant, Mr. Slaughter, Ms. Buchanan, and Mr. Adams. (Copy included in Board's file).

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Comments from the Board

Mr. Bryant said he would be having a Town Hall Meeting on June 24, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. in the Summerlin Meeting Room. Guest speakers will be Dale Wagoner, Deputy County Administrator; Sheriff Lane Perry, Lisa Hughes, VDOT Resident Engineer; and George Lyle, County Attorney.

Mr. Hall updated the Board on CARES Act and American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). (Copy included in Board's file). The County has filled the position of PIO, and the person will be announced later. They will start on July 1, 2021. The County and PSA currently have eight departments with full-time positions available. The Marcus Alert is now a state-wide act that will alert individuals living in the area with mental issues. Individuals can sign-up to be listed so law enforcement and fire and rescue will know if someone at an address has mental health issues. The County received a letter last week letting us know we were denied funding for the Fieldale Grant, and staff is inquiring for a breakdown as to why the County was denied the grant. County and PSA offices will be closed on Monday, July 5 in observance of Independence Day.

Mr. Adams asked the Board to approve a 2 hr. early closing on Friday July 2 for Independence Day. On a motion by Mr. Zehr and seconded by Dr. Martin, the Board approved a 2 hr. early closing on Friday July 2 for Independence Day by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None.

CLOSED MEETING

Mr. Zehr moved that the Board go into a closed meeting at 4:04 p.m. to discuss the following:

- A) §2.2-3711(A)1 for Discussion of Appointees to Piedmont Regional Community Services Board and Roanoke River Basin Association.
- 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.

Dr. Martin seconded the motion, and it carried by the following vote:

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

OPEN MEETING

The Board returned to open meeting at 5:23 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Zehr, seconded by Mr. Bryant, and it carried by the following vote:

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

Piedmont Regional Community Services Board – On a motion by Mr. Zehr and second by Mr. Slaughter, the Board unanimously approved the appointment of Crystal Lusk to a three-year term ending June 30, 2024.

Mt. Olivet Ruritan Club - On a motion by Mr. Zehr and second by Mr. Slaughter, the Board unanimously approved a lease agreement with the Parks and Recreation Department and the Mt. Olivet Ruritan Club. Mr. Bryant abstained.

CPEG - On a motion by Mr. Bryant and second by Mr. Zehr, the Board unanimously approved renewing its annual retail development contract with CPEG and Retail Strategies effective July 1, 2021.

Mr. Adams recessed the meeting at 5:28 p.m. until the 6:00 p.m. evening meeting.

Mr. Adams welcomed everyone to the 6:00 p.m. meeting. Board member Tommy Slaughter was not present at the 6:00 p.m. meeting

GENERAL HIGHWAY MATTERS

David Kiser, Assistant Resident Engineer for the Virginia Department of Transportation, updated the Board on general highway matters.

CONFIRMATION OF THE SIX-YEAR SECONDARY ROAD PLAN

Mr. Adams said the Board previously held a public input session with the Virginia Department of Transportation and heard input from Resident Engineer Lisa Hughes regarding possible funding on the attached proposed Secondary Road Plan for Henry County. (Copy Included in Board's file).

On a motion by Mr. Zehr and second by Dr. Martin, the Board approved the plan by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None.

MATTERS PRESENTED BY THE PUBLIC

Doug Stegall from the Collinsville District addressed the Board to express his disapproval of elected Henry County School Board members receiving bonuses. Mr. Stegall also expressed concern about the City of Martinsville's possible reversion causing taxpayers more taxes. Tommy Wyatt from the Collinsville District addressed the Board concerning the need for real estate tax credits for seniors.

Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, Dr. Martin moved to adjourn at 6:09 p.m. Mr. Zehr seconded the motion, and it carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None.