

HENRY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MINUTES

July 27, 2021 – 3:00 p.m.

The Henry County Board of Supervisors held its regular meeting on July 27, 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; Richard Stanfield, Deputy Director of Finance; Brandon Martin, Public Information Officer; and Jennifer Gregory, Administrative Assistant.

Sheriff Lane Perry, Lt. Col., Lt. Brian Lawson, and Deputy Jeff Jones of the Sheriff's Office were present. Also present were Bill Wyatt of the Martinsville Bulletin and Hyacinth Fiorenzo of the 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.

Mr. Hall introduced Brandon Martin, Public Information and Community Liaison, to the Board. Mr. Martin gave a summary to the Board of the projects he is working on and ideas for future projects (Copy included in the Board's file).

ITEMS OF CONSENT:

Confirmation of Minutes of Meetings

Copy included in Board's File.

- June 22, 2021

Approval of Accounts Payable

Copy included in Board's File.

Consideration of Proclamation Declaring July as Parks and Recreation Month

Copy included in Board's File.

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

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

REPORT ON DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTION EFFORTS

Mr. Grindstaff noted that 94.02% of 2020 personal property taxes and 95.23% of 2020 real estate taxes had been collected. Since January 1, 2021, TACS has collected approximately \$677,647.85. There were 121 VRW stops collected in June 2021, and 57 stops were collected in July 2021.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION RE: FIRE PROGRAMS FUND – PUBLIC SAFETY

Mr. Hall stated that Public Safety Director Matt Tatum is asking the Board to appropriate funds in the amount of \$203,542 received from the Virginia Department of Fire Programs, Aid to Localities (ATL) Fund. Mr. Tatum and the Emergency Service Advisory Council (ESAC) are recommending the funds be used by Patrick-Henry Voluntary Fire Department to purchase a new fire truck.

On a motion by Dr. Martin and seconded by Mr. Bryant, the Board approved the additional appropriation of Fire Program Funds in the amount of \$203,542 and authorizing the disbursement of the funds to Patrick-Henry Volunteer Fire Department for the purchase of a new fire truck by the following vote:

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

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION RE: PART-TIME CLERICAL POSITION – CLERK OF COURT

Mr. Hall stated that Circuit Court Clerk Jennifer Ashworth is asking the Board to appropriate miscellaneous refunds and revenues in the amount of \$12,367 to cover expenses relating to hiring a temporary part-time employee for her office.

On a motion by Mr. Zehr and seconded by Mr. Slaughter, the Board approved the additional appropriation of \$12,367 as requested by the following vote:

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

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION RE: PUBLIC INFORMATION AND COMMUNITY RELATIONS POSITION - ADMINISTRATION

Mr. Hall stated that during the preparation of the FY'22 budget, the Board authorized the creation of a Public Information and Community Relations Liaison position. The position will be shared with the Public Service Authority. Therefore, staff is asking the Board to appropriate \$36,430 from the contingency fund to cover the position's county share.

On a motion by Mr. Bryant and seconded by Mr. Zehr, the Board approved an additional appropriation of \$36,430 from the Board's contingency fund by the following vote:

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

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION RE: LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND GRANT

Mr. Hall stated staff is asking the Board to appropriate grant funds of \$495,000 from the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation's (DCR) Land and Water Conservation Fund to purchase 56 acres of land adjacent to the Smith River Sports Complex. With an additional 60.8 acres donated by a local foundation, the County will have approximately 117 acres of land for the future development of outdoor recreation space to be known as Riverview Park.

On a motion by Ms. Buchanan and seconded by Mr. Slaughter, the Board approved the additional appropriation of \$495,000 as requested by the following vote:

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

AWARD OF CONTRACT RE: FOOD FOR INMATES AT COUNTY JAIL – SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Mr. Hall stated that Sheriff Perry is asking the Board to award a contract to J.L. Culpepper & Company, Inc. to supply food for the Henry County Jail and the new Adult Detention Center. Though this contract does not stipulate a total expenditure amount because of the fluctuation in numbers of inmates, Sheriff Perry estimates that the overall contract will be over \$300,000. Staff feels that even though there is no set amount to be spent in the contract, it is a good practice for the Board to award the contract because of the size of the potential expenditure. Pricing is based on an existing contract by the Henry County Public Schools that is valid until June 30, 2025.

On a motion by Dr. Martin and seconded by Mr. Zehr, the Board awarded the contract for food services to J.L. Culpepper & Company, Inc. and authorized staff to exercise any subsequent renewals according to the terms of the contract by the following vote:

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

AWARD OF CONTRACT RE: HOUSING INMATES – SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Mr. Hall stated Sheriff Perry is asking the Board to approve monthly expenditures during FY '22 associated with housing inmates at the Blue Ridge Regional Jail, which provides housing for a portion of the overflow inmates from

the Henry County Jail. The FY '22 budget includes \$800,000 for housing out inmates until Henry County's new Adult Detention Center opens on April 1, 2022.

On a motion by Mr. Bryant and seconded by Dr. Martin, the Board approved the monthly expenditures associated with housing inmates at the Blue Ridge Regional Jail by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION AND APPROVAL OF PRE-CONTRACT DOCUMENTS RE: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT CORONAVIRUS (CDBG-CV) FUNDS

Mr. Hall stated in partnership with the West Piedmont Planning District Commission (WPPDC), Henry County has been awarded funding in the amount of \$400,000 from the Virginia Community Development Block Grant Coronavirus (CDBG-CV) program. The WPPDC will use the funds to provide restaurant meals and fresh produce to low-to-moderate income senior citizens and baby and toddler care suppliers to low-to-moderate income families. Therefore, staff is asking the Board to appropriate the \$400,000 received for this purpose and approve pre-contract documents listed below as required by the grant (Copy included in Board's file).

On a motion by Mr. Zehr and seconded by Mr. Slaughter, the Board approved the additional appropriation of \$400,000 received from the CDBG-CV program and adopted the four additional attachments (include in Board file) required as conditions of the grant by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Comments from the Board

Mr. Bryant said he would like the Board and Staff to consider the possibilities of an outdoor amphitheater in the future.

Mr. Hall asked George Lyle, County Attorney to update the Board on the reversion progress. Mr. Lyle stated the Commission on Local Government has scheduled public hearings on September 7-9, 2021. Locations and times will be determined later. Mr. Hall said tickets are available online for the Henry County Fair for unlimited rides and gate admission.

CLOSED MEETING

Ms. Buchanan moved that the Board go into a closed meeting at 3:29 p.m. to discuss the following:

- A) §2.2-3711(A)1 for Discussion of Appointees to 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.

Mr. Slaughter 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 4:40 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Bryant, seconded by Mr. Zehr, 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.

Roanoke River Basin Association – On a motion by Mr. Bryant and second by Ms. Buchanan, the Board unanimously approved the re-appointment of Mike Ward to a one-year term ending August 31, 2021.

Opioid Resolution - On a motion by Mr. Zehr and second by Dr. Martin, the Board unanimously approved a resolution authorizing the Memorandum of Understanding of the Virginia Abatement Fund and Settlement Allocation (Copy included in Board's file).

Mr. Adams recessed the meeting at 4:43 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. Mr. Slaughter asked about the process needed to name bridges in the area after fallen police officers. On a motion by Dr. Martin and seconded by Mr. Zehr, the Board directed

staff to work with VDOT to determine how to appropriate name bridges after the fallen police officers by the following vote:

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

PUBLIC HEARING – REZONING APPLICATION R-21-09-PHILLIPS LOGISTICS/ERIC J. PHILLIPS

Mr. Clark said the property is located on the south side of A.L. Philpott Hwy, just east of Meadowbrook Ln, in the Iriswood District. The Tax Map numbers are 43.6(29)/10-18. The applicant is requesting the rezoning of approximately 1.3-acres from Suburban Residential District S-R to Commercial District B-1. The applicant wishes to construct a building on the property used for offices and the maintenance of company vehicles.

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 Dr. Martin and seconded by Mr. Zehr, the Board approved the rezoning request by the following vote:

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

PUBLIC HEARING – REZONING APPLICATION R-21-10-PRILLAMAN & MEADORS, LLC

Mr. Clark said the property is located on the northwest side of Clyde Prillaman St, at approximately 179 Clyde Prillaman St, in the Horsepasture District. The Tax Map numbers are a portion of 39.3/361 and 39.3/361D. The applicant is requesting the rezoning of approximately 3.762-acres from Limited Industrial District I-2 to Agricultural District A-1. The applicant is selling the property so the new owners may construct a church building.

Mr. Adams opened the public hearing at 6:14 p.m. There being no one present who wished to speak, Mr. Adams closed the public hearing at 6:14 p.m.

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

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

PUBLIC HEARING – RELOCATION OF THE FIELDALE (#201) VOTING PRECINCT

Mr. Hall said on April 27, the Board of Supervisors approved an emergency request to move the Fieldale (#201) voting precinct from Rangeley Ruritan Club to Victory Baptist Church located at 1300 Dillon's Fork Road. The Electoral Board is now requesting that this relocation be made permanent. General Registrar Dawn Stultz-Vaughn attended the meeting to provide additional information to the Board.

Mr. Adams opened the public hearing at 6:15 p.m. There being no one present who wished to speak, Mr. Adams closed the public hearing at 6:15 p.m.

On a motion by Ms. Buchanan and seconded by Mr. Zehr, the Board approved the County ordinance to reflect the precinct changes as requested by the Electoral Board by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None.

MATTERS PRESENTED BY THE PUBLIC

Doug Stegall from the Collinsville District addressed the Board to express his disapproval of the Board of Supervisors and Henry County Public School Board members being eligible to receive health insurance benefits from the County.

Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, Mr. Slaughter moved to adjourn at 6:19 p.m. Mr. Zehr seconded the motion, and it carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None.