

**HENRY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MINUTES**

February 22, 2022 – 3:00 p.m.

The Henry County Board of Supervisors held its regular meeting on February 22, 2022, 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; Joe Bryant, Vice-Chairman; Debra Buchanan, Garrett Dillard, Tommy Slaughter, 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; Brandon Martin, Public Information Officer; and Jennifer Gregory, Administrative Assistant.

Sheriff Lane Perry, Lt. Col. Steve Eanes, and Deputy Tim Robertson of the Sheriff's Office were present. Also present were Bill Wyatt of the Martinsville Bulletin and Callie Hietala 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.

- January 19, 2022
- January 25, 2022
- February 8, 2022

Approval of Accounts Payable

Copy included in Board's File.

Mr. Bryant made a motion to approve the Items of Consent, and Mr. Zehr seconded it. The motion was approved by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None.

MATTERS PRESENTED BY THE PUBLIC

Doug Stegall from the Collinsville District addressed the Board, expressing his opposition to the City's efforts to revert to a town and his disapproval of the Board of Supervisors and Henry County Public School Board members being eligible to receive health insurance benefits from the County.

REPORT ON DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTION EFFORTS

Mr. Grindstaff noted that 89.71% of 2021 real estate taxes had been collected. Since January 1, 2022, TACS has collected approximately \$46,920.51. There were 35 VRW stops collected in January 2022, and 29 were collected in February 2022.

MONTHLY UPDATE FROM THE MARTINSVILLE-HENRY COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Ms. Sarah Hodges, Director of Tourism and Talent Development of the Martinsville-Henry County Economic Development Corporation, was present to make the monthly update to the Board. In addition, Ms. Hodges reviewed a summary of activities by division.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION RE: ASSET FORFEITURE FUNDS – SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Mr. Hall stated that Sheriff Lane Perry is asking the Board to appropriate \$10,500 received from State Asset Forfeiture funds to purchase investigative software. The Sheriff has indicated that funds will provide access to technology that will assist investigators in solving various incidents.

On a motion by Mr. Zehr and seconded by Ms. Buchanan, the Board approved the additional appropriations of \$10,500 from asset forfeiture funds for software by the following vote:

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

AWARD OF CONTRACT RE: AMBULANCE RE-CHASSIS ---- PUBLIC SAFETY

Mr. Hall said Public Safety Director Matt Tatum is asking the Board to award a contract for \$154,295 to Vest Sales and Service, Inc. of Check, VA, for the re-chassis of an existing 2016 ambulance to a new Dodge RAM 5500. In addition, Mr. Tatum is asking the Board to approve Vest Sales and Services as the sole source vendor for this work. Additional information is outlined in Mr. Tatum's memorandum attached. Funding for this item is included in the FY'22 budget.

On a motion by Mr. Bryant and seconded by Mr. Zehr, the Board approved the sole-source contract for an ambulance re-chassis of \$154,295 to Vest Sales and Service, Inc. by the following vote:

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

DISCUSSION OF NEW STATE AND FEDERAL VOTING DISTRICTS – DAWN STULTZ-VAUGHN, GENERAL REGISTRAR

Ms. Dawn Stultz-Vaughn updated the Board on changes to the state and federal voting districts for 2022.

CONSIDERATION OF WAIVER REQUEST FOR A SPLIT VOTING PRECINCT – GENERAL REGISTRAR

Mr. Hall said the Virginia General Assembly requires each voting precinct to be wholly contained within a single congressional district, Senate District, House of Delegates district, and local districts. However, a locality may request a waiver in specific circumstances. For example, precinct 603 Ridgeway #1 contains the Town of Ridgeway, constituting a split precinct, as some voters reside within the town limits, and others do not. General Registrar Dawn Stultz-Vaughn is asking the Board to approve a split precinct waiver for Precinct 603 Ridgeway #1 and the Town of Ridgeway.

On a motion by Mr. Zehr and seconded by Mr. Dillard, the Board approved the split precinct waiver for Precinct #603 Ridgeway #1 and the Town of Ridgeway, and request the Henry County General Registrar submit this information to the Department of Elections by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS FOR BRIDGE MEMORIALS TO HONOR FALLEN POLICE OFFICERS

Mr. Hall said at the Board's request, Staff worked to identify bridges in the County to name in honor of seven local law enforcement officers who died in the line of duty. Staff has prepared resolutions listing the recommended locations for the Board's consideration. Upon the Board's approval, the resolutions will be forwarded to the Commonwealth Transportation Board for further review and approval in accordance with Section 33.2-213 of the Code of Virginia.

On a motion by Mr. Slaughter and seconded by Ms. Buchanan, the Board approved the resolutions to be forwarded to the Commonwealth Transportation Board (Copies included in Board's file) by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Comments from the Board

Mr. Dillard thanked Deputy Tim Robertson for bringing to his attention an issue in the Iriswood District and helping him resolve the issue. Mr. Dillard wanted to recognize February as Black History Month and to thank the people who paved the way for him and others. He also noted that

March is Women's History Month, and he thanked Debra Buchanan for her leadership on the Board.

Mr. Hall said Senate Bill 173 and House Bill 85 will be voted on in crossover sessions. Budget meetings with department managers will begin on March 1, 2022. Staff will present a proposed County budget to the Board on April 5, 2022, at 5:00 p.m.

CLOSED MEETING

Mr. Slaughter moved that the Board go into a closed meeting at 3:27 p.m. to discuss the following:

- A) §2.2-3711(A)1 for Discussion of Appointees to the Industrial Development Authority and Dan River Alcohol Safety Action Program Board
- 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

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

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

NAYS: None.

OPEN MEETING

The Board returned to open meeting at 4:37 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Slaughter, seconded by Ms. Buchanan, and it carried by the following vote:

AYES: Adams, Bryant, Buchanan, Dillard, Slaughter, 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. Zehr, Mr. Dillard, Mr. Bryant, Ms. Buchanan, Mr. Slaughter, and Mr. Adams.

Dan River Alcohol Safety Action Program Board – On a motion by Ms. Buchanan and second by Mr. Slaughter, the Board unanimously approved the re-appointment of J.R. Powell to a three-year term ending March 31, 2025.

Industrial Development Authority – On a motion by Mr. Bryant and second by Mr. Zehr, the Board unanimously re-appointed Rodney Thacker and Wesley Caviness to four-year terms ending March 31, 2026.

Mr. Adams recessed at 4:40 p.m. until the 5:00 p.m. joint budget meeting with School Board.

JOINT SESSION WITH SCHOOL BOARD

Chairman Adams called the Board of Supervisors meeting back to order at 5:00 p.m. from a brief recess and welcomed everyone.

School Board Chairman Thomas Aucker called the Joint Budget Meeting to order at 5 p.m.

Members of the School Board present were Chairman Thomas Aucker, Vice-Chairman Teddy Martin, Elizabeth Durden, Terri Flanagan, Ben Gravely, Cherie Whitlow, and Francis Zehr.

Ms. Strayer presented the school division's FY 2023 Budget outlook. (Copy of presentation included in the Board's File).

Additional Appropriation Re: Carryover Funds – School Board

Mr. Hall said the School Board is requesting that the Board of Supervisors approve an appropriation to the current year budget in the amount of \$500,000 of unexpected school funds from FY'21. Superintendent Sandy Strayer has indicated that the carryover funds will be used to cover the cost of capital projects, including replacing the boiler at Fieldale-Collinsville Middle School and replacing bleachers at secondary schools. This request is in accordance with the joint resolution approved previously by both Boards regarding carryover funds.

On a motion by Mr. Zehr and seconded by Ms. Buchanan, the Board approved the appropriation of FY'21 Carryover funds of \$500,000 to the FY'21 School Budget for school-related capital projects by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None.

Mr. Adams recessed the meeting at 5:20 p.m. until the 6:00 p.m. evening meeting.

School Board Chairman Aucker adjourned the School Board meeting at 5:20 p.m.

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

CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE HONORABLE JUDGE DAVID WILLIAMS ON HIS RETIREMENT

Ms. Buchanan read aloud a resolution recognizing the Honorable Judge David Williams, who is set to retire from public service at the end of the month. He has served our community for over 42 years, with more than 30 years of that time as the Circuit Court Judge for Henry County. It was seconded by Mr. Slaughter, and the motion was approved by the following vote:

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

Judge Williams thanked the Board and County Administration for everything they have done for the court system and said it was an honor to serve.

GENERAL HIGHWAY MATTERS

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

PUBLIC HEARING – REZONING APPLICATION R-22-04-WAYNE A. WILLARD/TWIN OAK PROPERTIES, LLC

Mr. Clark said the property is located in front of 51 Sandy River Road in the Iriswood District. The Tax Map number is 56.1/8D. The applicant is requesting the rezoning of approximately 1.05-acres from Suburban Residential District S-R to Commercial District B-1. The applicant intends to develop commercial self-storage units on the property.

Mr. Adams opened the public hearing at 6:09 p.m. There being no one present who wished to speak, Mr. Adams closed the public hearing at 6:09 p.m.

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

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

DISCUSSION OF HENRY COUNTY MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT REDISTRICTING

Mr. Hall said Article VII, Section 5 of the Virginia Constitution requires that every 10 years following the release of the decennial Census, reapportionment of the magisterial districts must occur. This process aims to balance the represented population of each district to within 5% of the median. A committee was formed to evaluate the options available to balance the districts. Members of the committee were County Attorney George Lyle, General Registrar Dawn Stultz-Vaughn, Planning, Zoning, and Inspections Director Lee Clark, Public Information Officer Brandon Martin, GIS Manager Jason Gardner, and the County Administrator Tim Hall. Mr. Clark made a presentation to the Board of the committee's recommendations (Copy included in the Board's file).

On a motion by Mr. Slaughter and seconded by Mr. Zehr, the Board set a public hearing for March 22, 2022, at 6 p.m. to consider adopting these changes to the magisterial boundaries by the following vote:

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

MATTERS PRESENTED BY THE PUBLIC

Mr. Paul Rorrer from the Horsepasture District addressed the Board concerning the hazardous intersection of Preston Road and Route 58.

Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, Mr. Bryant moved to adjourn at 6:29 p.m. Mr. Dillard seconded the motion, and it carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None.