

**HENRY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MINUTES**

May 24, 2022 – 3:00 P.M.

The Henry County Board of Supervisors held its regular meeting on May 24, 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 Perry, Major Eric Hairston, and Deputy Tim Robertson of the Sheriff's Office were present. Also present were Bill Wyatt of the Martinsville Bulletin, Callie Hietala of the Henry County Enterprise, and Luis Romero of BTW21.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Mr. Adams gave the invocation and Mr. Slaughter 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 at 3:00 P.M. must contact the County Administrator's Office seven days before 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.

- April 19, 2022
- April 21, 2022
- April 26, 2022
- May 9, 2022

Approval of Accounts Payable

Copy included in Board's File.

Proclamation Declaring June 11, 2022 as Fire/Rescue Appreciation Day in Henry County

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

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

REPORT ON DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTION EFFORTS

Mr. Grindstaff noted that 93.51% of 2021 real estate taxes and 90.81% of personal property taxes had been collected. Since January 1, 2022, TACS has collected approximately \$217,714.01. In addition, there were 36 VRW stops collected in April 2022, and 13 were collected in May 2022.

ADOPTION OF THE FY 2022-2023 HENRY COUNTY BUDGET

Mr. Hall said the Board is scheduled to set the tax rates and adopt the budget today. The appropriation of the budget is scheduled for June 28, 2022.

Tax Rates

On a motion by Mr. Bryant and seconded by Mr. Slaughter, the Board adopted the following tax rates for FY 2023:

- Food & Beverage (Meals) Tax – Increase to 6%
- Real Estate - \$.555 per \$100 assessed value.
- Personal Property and Machinery and Tools - \$1.55 per \$100 of assessed value for personal property, including motor vehicles, and \$1.55 per \$100 of assessed value for machinery and tools/business equipment.
- Motor Vehicle License Fee: Cars - \$20.75, Motorcycles - \$12.00, and Trailers - \$12.00.

The motion passed by the following vote:

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

School Budget

Ms. Buchanan moved that the Board adopt the proposed budget for school expenditures for FY 2023 by category as summarized in Exhibits A and B, subject to the state, federal, and local funds becoming available as estimated. (Exhibits included in Board's File). The motion was seconded by Mr. Bryant and carried by the following vote:

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

Total Budget

Ms. Buchanan moved that the Board adopt the proposed FY 2023 Budget for fiscal planning purposes as summarized in Exhibits A and B. (Exhibits included

in Board File). The motion was seconded by Mr. Slaughter and carried by the following vote:

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

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

Mr. Hall said Sheriff Lane Perry is asking the Board to approve an additional appropriation of \$26,797 from State Asset Forfeiture Funds and \$65,212 from insurance proceeds. Sheriff Perry plans to use the funds to repair two law enforcement vehicles and purchase two replacement vehicles. In addition, Sheriff Perry asks the Board to award a contract in the amount of \$78,518 to RK Chevrolet in Virginia Beach for two police-rated 2022 Chevrolet Tahoe vehicles. Pricing is based on the Virginia Sheriff’s Association vehicle procurement program and specifications.

On a motion by Ms. Buchanan and seconded by Mr. Slaughter, the Board approved appropriating funds of \$26,797 and \$65,212, and awarding a contract to RK Chevrolet in the amount of \$78,518 for the purchase of two vehicles by the following vote:

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

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION RE: BULLETPROOF VEST PROGRAM – SHERIFF’S OFFICE

Mr. Hall said Sheriff Perry asks the Board to appropriate a grant in the amount of \$47,920 from the Department of Justice’s Bulletproof Vest Program. Funds in the operating budget will be used for the required 50% local match. The grant will provide protective vests for law enforcement personnel.

On a motion by Mr. Slaughter and seconded by Mr. Bryant, the Board approved the appropriation of \$47,920 received from the Department of Justice for the purchase of bulletproof vests by the following vote:

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

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION RE: ASSET FORFEITURE FUNDS – COMMONWEALTH’S ATTORNEY

Mr. Hall said Commonwealth’s Attorney Andrew Nester is asking the Board to approve an additional appropriation of \$2,000 from State Asset Forfeiture funds to cover the cost of travel expenses.

On a motion by Mr. Slaughter and seconded by Mr. Bryant, the Board approved the additional appropriation of \$2,000 by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None.

AWARD OF CONTRACT RE: ARCHITECTURAL AND ENGINEERING SERVICES – FIELDALE HERITAGE PROJECT

Mr. Hall said staff is asking the Board to award a contract of \$130,137 to Spectrum Design PC of Roanoke, VA, for architectural and engineering services for the interior renovation of the Fieldale Recreation Center. The work on the Fieldale Recreation Center has been labeled as the Fieldale Heritage Project as part of the funding from the Appalachian Regional Commission. The contract should be made contingent upon approval by the Commission.

On a motion by Ms. Buchanan and seconded by Mr. Slaughter, the Board awarded the contract in the amount of \$130,137 to Spectrum Design PC for architectural and engineering services for the Fieldale Heritage Project, contingent upon approval by the Appalachian Regional Commission by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION RE: TRANSFER OF FY'22 FUNDS FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT ITEMS

Mr. Hall said during the recent budget presentation, County Administrator Tim Hal recommended using current year funds of \$804,000 to purchase several needed capital items, including the following:

- Modernization of HVAC Controls at Administration building, Dept. of Social Services and Courthouse - \$124,000
- Lawnmower for Building and Grounds - \$15,000
- Vehicle for Building and Grounds - \$40,000 (primarily because of the new responsibilities at the ADC)
- Vehicle for Planning, Zoning, Inspection Dept. - \$38,000
- Mitigation of the Old Jail Facility – Phase 1 - \$100,000
- Computer Network Switch for Information Services - \$25,000
- Public Safety Radio System Replacement Parts - \$60,000

In order to move forward with the purchase of these capital items, the transfer appropriations must be approved.

On a motion by Mr. Bryant and seconded by Mr. Zehr, the Board approved the transfer of current year funds totaling \$804,000 for the purchase of capital items as outlined above by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION RE: SALE OF TIMBER – PATRIOT CENTRE AT BEAVER CREEK INDUSTRIAL PARK

Mr. Hall said staff is asking the Board to approve an additional appropriation of \$113,250 received from the sale of timber on the section of the Patriot Centre at Beaver Creek Industrial Park, commonly known as the Bryant Property. The

additional funds will be used to make a slope repair within the industrial park to prevent erosion and to replant trees on the timbered land.

On a motion by Mr. Slaughter and seconded by Mr. Bryant, the Board approved the additional appropriation of \$113,250 by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Comments from the Board

Mr. Dillard wanted to emphasize the importance of Board communication and to recognize the work of employees.

Ms. Buchanan wanted to remind everyone of the Memorial Day program at Roselawn at noon on May 30, 2022.

Mr. Hall said County and PSA offices will be closed for Memorial Day on Monday, May 30th. A movie titled "A Conversation with American Heroes of Martinsville & Henry County" will be shown on Sunday, May 29 at Walker Theatre at Patrick & Henry Community College at 3:00 P.M. The Fire & Rescue Appreciation Day is June 11 at Jack Dalton Park at 11:00 A.M. The General Assembly will be back in session on June 1 to consider the State budget. Rooster Walk is May 26 - 29.

CLOSED MEETING

Mr. Slaughter moved that the Board go into a closed meeting at 3:25 P.M. to discuss the following:

- A) §2.2-3711(A)1 for Discussion of Appointees to the Henry-Martinsville Social Services Board, Parks and Recreation Board, Patrick & Henry Community College Board, and Piedmont Regional Community Services 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 4:30 P.M. on a motion by Ms. Buchanan, seconded by Mr. Slaughter, 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.

CPEG - On a motion by Ms. Buchanan and seconded by Mr. Zehr, the Board unanimously approved renewing its annual retail development contract with CPEG and Retail Strategies effective July 1, 2022.

Parks and Recreation – On a motion by Mr. Bryant and second by Ms. Buchanan, the Board unanimously approved the re-appointment of Shirley Horton Collinsville District and Michael Minter At-Large School Board to three-year terms ending June 30, 2025.

Henry-Martinsville Social Services Board – On a motion by Mr. Dillard and second by Mr. Zehr, the Board unanimously approved the appointment of Sarah Taylor to a four-year term ending May 31, 2026.

Patrick & Henry Community College Board – On a motion by Mr. Zehr and second by Ms. Buchanan, the Board unanimously approved the re-appointment of Dr. John McCraw and appointments of Belinda Bryant, Robert Foster, and Dr. DelShana LeGrant to four-year terms ending June 30, 2026.

Piedmont Regional Community Services Board – On a motion by Mr. Slaughter and second by Mr. Dillard, the Board unanimously approved the re-appointments of Bonnie Martin and Thomas Gil Carter to three-year terms ending June 30, 2025.

Mr. Adams recessed the meeting at 4:37 P.M. until 6:00 P.M.

Mr. Adams welcomed everyone to the 6:00 P.M. portion of the meeting.

GENERAL HIGHWAY MATTERS

Lisa Hughes, Resident Engineer for the Virginia Department of Transportation, updated the Board on general highway matters. Ms. Hughes asked the Board to endorse the Six-Year Secondary Road Plan.

On a motion by Mr. Zehr and seconded by Ms. Buchanan, the Board approved the proposed VDOT Six-Year Secondary Road Plan by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None.

PUBLIC HEARING – REZONING APPLICATION R-22-05 – PATRICK ZANE KISER AND LEIGHANN M. KISER

Mr. Clark said the property is located at 5844 Dyers Store Rd, in the Reed Creek District. The Tax Map number is 18.3/98. The applicant is requesting the rezoning of a portion of a 15-acre lot from Agricultural District A-1 to Commercial District B-1. The applicant wishes to operate a commercial auto body repair shop in a building already under construction.

Mr. Adams opened the public hearing at 6:11 P.M. Coy Frith, a nearby neighbor, spoke in support of the rezoning request. Mr. Adams closed the public hearing at 6:13 P.M.

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

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

NAYS: None.

PUBLIC HEARING – REZONING APPLICATION R-22-06 – DIANNA K. BROOKS

Mr. Clark said the property is located at 51 Red Pole Hollow Dr, in the Blackberry District. The Tax Map number is 14.6/335. The applicant is requesting the rezoning of an approximately 1.5-acre lot from Suburban Residential District S-R to Agricultural District A-1. The applicant wishes to build an accessory building that exceeds the square footage limitations.

Mr. Adams opened the public hearing at 6:24 P.M. There being no one present who wished to speak, Mr. Adams closed the public hearing at 6:24 P.M.

On a motion by Mr. Bryant 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.

PUBLIC HEARING – REZONING APPLICATION R-22-07- DAVID O. REYNOLDS

Mr. Clark said the property is located west of 1725 Daniel Rd (Axton Post Office), in the Iriswood District. The Tax Map number is 55.3/69. The applicant is requesting the rezoning of an approximately 0.37-acre lot from Commercial District B-1 to Rural Residential District R-R. The applicant wishes to market the lot for sale as residential property.

Mr. Adams opened the public hearing at 6:25 P.M. There being no one present who wished to speak, Mr. Adams closed the public hearing at 6:25 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.

PUBLIC HEARING – REZONING APPLICATION R-22-08 – SARA EVANS AND DANYSE PIRRUNG

Mr. Clark said the property is located at 87 Frith Dr, in the Ridgeway District. The Tax Map number is 52.4/34G. The applicant is requesting the rezoning of approximately 5-acres from Industrial District I-1 to Agricultural District A-1. The applicant wishes to develop the property, pending approval of the required Special Use Permit, into an RV park campground.

Mr. Adams opened the public hearing at 6:26 P.M. There being no one present who wished to speak, Mr. Adams closed the public hearing at 6:26 P.M.

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

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

NAYS: None.

MATTERS PRESENTED BY THE PUBLIC

Mary Martin, Ridgeway District; Ray Reynolds, Collinsville District; Jeff Hatcher, Sheriff's Department; Captain Wayne Davis, Sheriff Department; and Sheriff Lane Perry all addressed the Board in support of additional compensation for the Sheriff's Office employees. In addition, Eric Phillips, Iriswood District, addressed the Board concerning revenue issues and the assessed value of real estate.

Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, Mr. Slaughter moved to adjourn at 6:57 P.M. Ms. Buchanan seconded the motion, and it carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None.