

**HENRY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MINUTES**

**Organizational Meeting
January 4, 2022 – 5:00 p.m.**

The Henry County Board of Supervisors held its organizational meeting on January 4, 2022, at 5:00 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, Garrett Dillard, Joe Bryant, Tommy Slaughter, and Ryan Zehr.

Staff members present were Tim Hall, County Administrator; Dale Wagoner, Deputy County Administrator; 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, Major Eric Hairston, Deputy Jason Keller, and Deputy Tim Robertson of the Sheriff's Office were present.

Also present were Bill Wyatt of the Martinsville Bulletin and Callie Hietala of Henry County Enterprise.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Mr. Adams gave the invocation, and Ms. Buchanan led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Adams called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone present.

On a motion by Mr. Zehr and seconded by Mr. Bryant, the Board directed the County Administrator to chair the meeting during the election of Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson, by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None.

Mr. Hall reviewed the procedures for nomination of Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson and noted that nominations do not require a second.

ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON FOR 2022

Mr. Hall opened the floor for nominations for Chairperson.

Mr. Bryant nominated Mr. Adams for the position. There being no further nominations, the floor was closed for the office of Chairperson. The vote carried 6-0 by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None.

ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRPERSON FOR 2022

Mr. Hall opened the floor for nominations for Vice-Chairperson. Ms. Buchanan nominated Mr. Bryant. There being no further nomination, the floor was closed for the office of Vice-Chairperson. The vote carried 6-0 by the following vote:

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

SETTING OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING DATES FOR 2022

Mr. Hall said a proposed calendar of meeting dates for 2022 was included in the Board's working papers. The dates are based on the schedule for meeting every fourth Tuesday, with the exception of December, to avoid the holidays.

Ms. Buchanan moved the Board to approve the proposed Board Meeting Dates for 2022 with a change of December's meeting to December 13. It was seconded by Mr. Zehr and carried by the following vote:

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

ADOPTION OF BOARD'S 2022 BYLAWS

Mr. Hall stated that the Board traditionally adopts bylaws at its annual organizational meeting each year. (Copy Included in Board's file).

Mr. Zehr moved the Board to approve the Bylaws as presented. It was seconded by Mr. Slaughter and carried by the following vote:

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

CONSIDERATION OF FY 2022-23 BUDGET CALENDAR

Mr. Hall said a proposed schedule for the FY 2022-23 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 the budget calendar for the FY 2022-23 County Budget (Copy included in Board's file) by the following vote:

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

CONSIDERATION OF A DATE FOR THE BOARD'S ANNUAL PLANNING SESSION

Mr. Hall said that the Board had held an annual planning session for several years, usually in late January or early February. The Board has currently identified economic development, education, and public safety/law enforcement priorities.

Mr. Slaughter motioned to set the planning session's date on February 8, 2022, at 3:00 p.m. It was seconded by Mr. Zehr and carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None.

The planning session will be held at the new Adult Detention Center on DuPont Road, and the meeting will begin with a tour of the facility.

CONSIDERATION OF EMERGENCY DECLARATION

Mr. Hall said a Declaration of Emergency was made Monday, January 4, 2022, amid a significant ice/rain/snow event. First, the Board of Supervisors must affirm that Declaration with a vote. Once that is completed, the Board then must adopt a second Declaration that declares the State of Emergency to be concluded (Copy included in Board File).

On a motion by Mr. Bryant and seconded by Mr. Zehr, the Board approved the proclamation declaring a state of emergency and the proclamation ending the state of emergency by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None.

CLOSED MEETING

Mr. Zehr moved that the Board go into a closed meeting at 5:13 p.m. to discuss the following:

A) §2.2-3711(A)7 for Discussion of Pending Legal Matters.

B) §2.2-3711(A)10 for Discussion of Special Awards.

Mr. Slaughter seconded the motion, and it carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None.

OPEN MEETING

The Board returned to open meeting at 6:45 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.

On a motion by Mr. Zehr and seconded by Mr. Bryant, the Board voted to file a declaratory judgment action in the Henry County Circuit Court to stop the City of Martinsville from trying to force the matter of reversion from being decided by a private arbitration and it carried by the following vote:

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

There being no further business to discuss, Mr. Bryant moved to adjourn at 6:50 p.m., seconded by Ms. Buchanan, and it carried by the following vote:

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