

**HENRY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MINUTES**

May 9, 2022 – 7:00 p.m.

The Henry County Board of Supervisors met on May 9, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. in the Summerlin Meeting Room of the County Administration Building, King's Mountain Road, Collinsville, Virginia. The purpose of the meeting was to hold public hearings on the FY '22-'23 School Budget and Total County Budget. The following Board members were present: Chairman Jim Adams, Vice Chairman Joe Bryant, 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; Brandon Martin, Public Information Officer; Michelle Via, Director of Human Resources; Darrell Jones, Director of Finance; Richard Stanfield, Deputy Director of Finance; and Jennifer Gregory, Administrative Assistant.

Bill Wyatt of the Martinsville Bulletin and Callie Hietala of the Henry County Enterprise were present. Also present was Sheriff Lane Perry of the Sheriff's Department; and Ben Boone, Henry County Schools Director of Finance.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Adams gave the invocation and Mr. Zehr led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Adams called the meeting to order. He welcomed everyone present and stated there are two public hearings scheduled; the first public hearing is on the FY 2022-23 School Budget and the second public hearing is on the FY '22-'23 Total County Budget. He stated if anyone wishes to address the Board to come to the podium, state your name and the district in which you live. He stated those who wish to speak will agree to exhibit respect to the Board and they would receive the same level of respect.

Ms. Buchanan read aloud a proclamation of Emergency Medical Services Week in Henry County May 15th thru 21st, 2022. It was seconded by Mr. Bryant, and the proclamation was approved by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None.

PUBLIC HEARING - PROPOSED FY 2022-23 SCHOOL BUDGET

Mr. Adams opened the public hearing at 7:03 p.m. There being no one present who wished to speak, Mr. Adams closed the public hearing at 7:03 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING - PROPOSED FY 2022-23 TOTAL COUNTY BUDGET

Mr. Adams opened the public hearing at 7:04 p.m.

Rick Ward, Director of Blue Ridge Public Library; Margaret Caldwell, Collinsville District; Crystal Holiday and granddaughter Heaven, Blackberry District; Sherry Vestal, Blackberry District; Amy Bunn, Iriswood District; Karen Barley, Blackberry District; and Betsy Haskins, Iriswood District all addressed the Board in support of raises for employees and extra funding for increased costs. Ricky Walker, Executive Director of Anchor Group Home thanked the Board for their many years supporting Anchor Group Home.

CONSIDERATION OF ANY PROPOSED BUDGET CHANGES

Mr. Hall said at the conclusion of tonight's meeting, staff will need any changes the Board wishes to make to the proposed FY '23 budget, as it will be included in the Board package for adoption at the May 24th meeting. It is scheduled for appropriation at the June meeting.

Mr. Adams asked Board members for comments and suggestions on the FY '23 Budget. General discussion was made about the Blue Ridge Regional Library's request for an additional \$39,427 to cover raises for staff and inflation costs.

The Board did not recommend any changes to the proposed budget.

Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, Mr. Slaughter moved to adjourn at 7:46 p.m. Mr. Slaughter seconded the motion, and it carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None.