

**HENRY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MINUTES**

**Organizational Meeting
January 3, 2012 – 5:00 pm**

The Henry County Board of Supervisors held its organizational meeting on January 3, 2012, at 5:00 pm in the Board Meeting Room of the County Administration Building, King's Mountain Road, Collinsville, Virginia. The following Board members were present: Debra Buchanan, Chairman; H. G. Vaughn, Vice Chairman; Jim Adams, Tommy Slaughter, Joe Bryant and Milton Kendall.

Staff members present were Benny Summerlin, County Administrator; Tim Hall, Deputy County Administrator; George Lyle, County Attorney; Michelle Via, Administrative Assistant; Darrell Jones, Director of Finance; Richard Stanfield, Assistant Director of Finance; and Susan Reynolds, Director of Human Resources/Public Information Officer.

Also present were Debbie Hall and Mike Wray of the Martinsville Bulletin; Ron Morris of B-99; and Lt. Eric Hairston, Sheriff Lane Perry.

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

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Buchanan called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone present. She stated anyone who wishes to be on the Agenda for the Board's regular business meeting held at 3:00 pm must contact the County Administrator's Office seven days prior to a scheduled meeting. Anyone who wishes to speak at the Board's public meeting starting at 6:00 pm may do so under Agenda Item - Matters Presented by the Public without contacting the County Administrator's Office.

Mr. Vaughn moved that the County Administrator chair the meeting during the election of Chairman and Vice Chairman, seconded by Mr. Adams and unanimously carried.

Mr. Summerlin reviewed the procedures for nomination of Chairman and Vice Chairman and noted that nominations do not require a second.

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN FOR 2012

Mr. Summerlin opened the floor for nominations for Chairman.

Ms. Buchanan nominated Jim Adams. There being no further nominations the floor was closed for office of Chairman.

The vote carried 6-0.

ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN FOR 2012

Mr. Summerlin opened the floor for nominations for Vice Chairman.

Mr. Vaughn nominated Mr. Slaughter. There being no further nominations the floor was closed for office of Vice Chairman. The vote carried unanimously.

Mr. Summerlin congratulated Mr. Adams and Mr. Slaughter on their election as Chairman and Vice Chairman and turned the meeting over to Chairman Adams.

SETTING OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING DATES FOR 2012

Mr. Adams said a proposed calendar of meeting dates for 2012 was included in the Board's working papers. The dates are based on the schedule of meeting every fourth Tuesday, with the exception of December as to avoid the holidays.

Ms. Buchanan moved that the Board approve the proposed Board Meeting Dates for 2012, seconded by Mr. Vaughn and unanimously carried.

ADOPTION OF 2012 BOARD BYLAWS

Mr. Summerlin stated the Board traditionally adopts bylaws each year at its annual organizational meeting. A copy of the existing bylaws adopted January 3, 2011, was included in the Board's package.

Mr. Bryant moved that the Board approve the Bylaws as presented, seconded by Mr. Slaughter and unanimously carried.

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

Mr. Summerlin stated each year, the Board holds an annual Planning Session usually in late January or early February at the Public Safety Building. He stated the Planning Session will be facilitated by Diane Akers with ComBiz Solutions.

Ms. Buchanan moved to schedule the Planning Session on Tuesday, February 7, 2012 at 3:00 pm at the Public Safety Building, seconded by Mr. Kendall and unanimously carried.

RECOGNITION OF CLARENCE MONDAY, OUTGOING CITY MANAGER OF THE CITY OF MARTINSVILLE

The Board presented a plaque to Martinsville City Manager Clarence Monday, to thank him for his years of service to the community. Mr. Monday recently announced

he was leaving his post to become the County Administrator for Amherst County. Mr. Summerlin said Mr. Monday has been city manager since April 2007 and has held a variety of posts in the community since his public service career began in 1984, including stints as a Henry County Sheriff's Deputy and as our Emergency Medical Services Coordinator. Mr. Summerlin said Mr. Monday has been a great partner with Henry County's administrative team.

Mr. Monday was present to accept the award and thanked the Board and staff. Mr. Monday challenged both Henry County and Martinsville to continue working together in the future.

CONSIDERATION OF EASEMENT FOR RIVER ACCESS TO SMITH RIVER

Mr. Summerlin requested that this item be added to the agenda. Mr. Summerlin said Doug Frith is granting the County an easement for an additional access point to the Smith River. Mr. Summerlin said the easement is located in the Martinsville Industrial Park across from Smart Machines and will be convenient to Smith River Outfitters as well as provide for a nice take-out point.

Mr. Vaughn moved that the Board approve the river access agreement between Henry County and Douglas K. Frith, seconded by Mr. Slaughter and unanimously carried.

There being no further business to discuss, Mr. Bryant moved to adjourn at 5:15 p.m., seconded by Ms. Buchanan and unanimously carried.

**HENRY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MINUTES**

January 24, 2012 – 3:00 pm

The Henry County Board of Supervisors held its regular meeting on January 24, 2012, at 3:00 pm in the Board Meeting Room of the County Administration Building, King's Mountain Road, Collinsville, Virginia. The following Board members were present: Chairman Jim Adams, Vice-Chairman Tommy Slaughter, Debra Buchanan, H.G. Vaughn, Milton Kendall, and Joe Bryant.

Staff members present were Benny Summerlin, County Administrator; Tim Hall, Deputy County Administrator; George Lyle, County Attorney; Michelle Via, Administrative Assistant; Darrell Jones, Director of Finance; Richard Stanfield, Deputy Director of Finance; and Susan Reynolds, Director of Human Resources.

Lt. Col. Steve Eanes, Lt. Eric Hairston, and Deputy Mark Jamison from the Sheriff's Office were present. Paul Collins of the Martinsville Bulletin and Ron Morris of B99 were present.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Mr. Vaughn gave the invocation and Mr. Kendall led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Adams called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone present. She stated that anyone who wishes to be on the Agenda for the Board's regular business meeting held at 3:00 pm 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 pm may do so under Agenda Item - Matters Presented by the Public without contacting the County Administrator's Office.

Mr. Adams noted an addition to the agenda of which the Board was in agreement.

ITEMS OF CONSENT:

Confirmation of Minutes of Meetings

(Copy included in Board's File).

- December 13, 2011
- January 3, 2012

Approval of Accounts Payable

(Copy included in Board's File).

Consideration of Proclamation Declaring February 2012 as “Teen Dating Violence Prevention and Awareness Month” in Henry County

(Copy included in Board’s File).

Mr. Bryant read the proclamation aloud and moved that the Items of Consent be adopted as presented, seconded by Ms. Buchanan. The motion carried 6 to 0.

Representatives from Citizens Against Family Violence were present to accept the proclamation.

PRESENTATION BY REPRESENTATIVES OF THE PATRICK HENRY COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOUNDATION

Mr. Gary Collins with the Patrick Henry Community College Foundation was present to provide an update on the Foundation’s activities. Also present were Dr. Natalie Harder and Chris Parker of the PHCC faculty/staff. Mr. Collins said they are in the beginning stages of the recruiting process for a new college president and will actively seek the community’s input.

Dr. Harder, PHCC’s vice president for institutional advancement, said PHCC has a significant impact on the local economy, including \$13 million in salaries and benefits for employees, future capital expenditures of \$8.7 million for the new motorsports building, and the economic impact from people having increased their education. Dr. Harder said the Foundation has provided over \$1 million in the last five years to students’ education with approximately 50 percent of PHCC students coming from Henry County. Dr. Harder said the County’s investment in PHCC is important but the returns are significant and she encouraged the Board to consider increasing its allocation of \$26 a year per county student attending PHCC.

Mr. Chris Parker, athletic director at the college, talked about the positive impact of PHCC athletics on the local economy. Mr. Parker said 85 percent of the 110 PHCC student athletes come from outside of the service region and bring an estimated \$1.1 million in revenues to the area through tuition/books, housing/utilities, fuel, food, etc. In addition, Mr. Parker said PHCC has hosted baseball and softball tournaments the past two years bringing an estimated \$100,000 to the community from just one tournament. Mr. Parker said they also have plans to expand their sports program by adding soccer and utilizing the sports complex.

CONSIDERATION OF PROJECTS FOR REGIONAL COMPREHENSIVE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY (CEDS)

Mr. Summerlin said each year the West Piedmont Regional Economic Development District compiles an updated *Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS)*. The plan will be forwarded to the U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA) to maintain eligibility to receive EDA funding. Mr. Summerlin said the proposed list of projects is identical to the list submitted in 2011. It is essential that all projects the Board will consider within the next year be included in the CEDS because only projects on the list are eligible for EDA funding. It also is recommended

that projects that may be funded from other sources be included in order to give the County maximum flexibility in the management of its resources. Including a project in the CEDS does not commit the County to undertake the project.

Ms. Buchanan made a motion that the Board approve the updated CEDS for submission to the EDA, seconded by Mr. Kendall. Mr. Vaughn inquired if the marina project should be added to the list. Mr. Summerlin said the marina could be added to the list but he does not think we would receive EDA funding for the project. Mr. Vaughn made a substitute motion that the Board adopt the proposed list and add the Philpott Marina, seconded by Ms. Buchanan and carried 6-0.

DISCUSSION OF MARINA PROJECT AT PHILPOTT LAKE

Mr. Summerlin said the Board has been discussing the Philpott Lake marina project off and on for six years. In 2011, the County received an update on the feasibility analysis with a much narrower scope of basic marina services such as 40 boat slips, fuel services, limited campsites using existing facilities, and a small marina store. Mr. Summerlin said the premise for revisiting this project is not about providing another amenity to our community but rather about economic activity and whether the marina would increase economic development in the area. Mr. Summerlin said next to the Martinsville Speedway, he feels Philpott Lake has the greatest potential for tourism related investments. Mr. Summerlin said business owners near Philpott Lake have expressed that a marina would increase everyone's business. Mr. Summerlin said the ability to market Philpott Lake as a tourism related asset is greatly increased now with the EDC's Tourism Division. Mr. Summerlin said he would be happy to answer questions and Mr. Craig Rockwell with the Corps of Engineers and Jennifer Doss with the EDC's Tourism office are also present.

Mr. Vaughn asked Mr. Rockwell how much the tournament weigh-in station at Twin Ridge is going to cost. Mr. Rockwell responded approximately \$100,000.

Mr. Bryant asked if an updated study would be necessary if the Board chooses to build the marina at a different site than proposed in the feasibility analysis. Mr. Summerlin said the Corps has offered Ramp 1 as an alternative site that can be operated by either the Corps or the County. Mr. Summerlin said if the Board decides to proceed, he would recommend some additional engineering to determine which site is more cost effective.

Mr. Adams asked Mr. Rockwell to detail his envision of the use of Ramp 1 and any future alterations or additional stress to the area from the marina operation. Mr. Rockwell said he has received quite a bit of feedback about the offering of Ramp 1 and he would suggest that if the Board decides to proceed with this option that the Corps continues to operate the ramp and the County would lease on either side of the ramp.

Mr. Vaughn said he has been wrestling with the marina issue primarily because of the economy. Mr. Vaughn listed a number of pros, including potential economic benefits, such as it might encourage more people to use the lake, and if more people use the lake, possibly the Corps of Engineers would put more money into the lake; and cons, including people scaling back because of the poor economy and high gas prices. Mr. Vaughn said from a business prospective, the marina is not an acceptable return on investment; at best it will be a break-even operation. However, Mr. Vaughn said what

we are considering is an investment in the community just like the river and trail accesses, but the marina should be self-sustaining. Mr. Vaughn also pointed out that the County already has spent about \$500,000 to run a sewer line to the site. Mr. Vaughn said his ideal solution would be for the Board to make the commitment to the Corps to manage/maintain the facility and seek grant funds, donations, etc. to build the marina. Mr. Vaughn asked what the uncommitted fund balance currently is. Mr. Summerlin said the uncommitted fund balance is over \$15 million. Mr. Summerlin said he has identified at least four grant sources for the marina project, but without a significant investment by the County, he does not foresee being able to obtain any grant funds.

Mr. Kendall voiced his opposition to the marina over concerns of the economy, high gasoline prices, and that many citizens are against investing money for the project.

Mr. Bryant said while he does not feel that the marina will be a profitable operation, he does feel that having a marina at Philpott Lake would be a good drawing card for tourists as well as local residents.

Ms. Buchanan said the marina may not make money but she feels it would be an asset to tourism which would benefit the local economy.

Mr. Slaughter said he has received a number of calls about the project and some people want a "five-star" marina, some have said do nothing, but most like the scaled-back marina plan. Mr. Slaughter said while he too has concerns, overall it will be a real benefit to our community and he supports the project.

Mr. Adams asked Ms. Jennifer Doss of the EDC about the number of visitors at Philpott Lake and the economic impact to the area per visitor. Ms. Doss said in the past year, Philpott Lake had nearly 700,000 visitors and activity was actually up. Mr. Rockwell added that the estimated economic impact within a 30-mile radius of the lake is \$28.27 per visitor, which equals about \$20 million.

After further general discussion, Mr. Vaughn made a motion that the Board commit \$400,000 to build and operate a marina on Philpott Lake contingent upon receiving matching grant funds. On a second by Mr. Slaughter, the motion passed 5-1. Mr. Kendall voted in opposition.

REPORT ON DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTION EFFORTS

Mr. Scott Grindstaff reviewed the monthly reports on delinquent tax collection efforts. Mr. John Rife with TACS was also present to update the Board on delinquent tax collections.

Mr. Rife said the overall collections are going well but they still have a lot to do. Mr. Rife said the real estate sale held in November was not well attended in part because people are under the assumption that they are not receiving a free and clear title. Mr. Rife said there needs to be more of an effort made through advertising to inform interested parties that the properties do pass free and clear titles and hopefully this will increase the number of people as well as the bids. Mr. Rife said 12 of the 16 properties scheduled for sale in November were paid in full just before the auction. Mr. Rife distributed handouts illustrating overall personal property collections in comparison to VRW stops placed in 2011 (Copy included in Board's File). Mr. Rife said the VRWs accounted for approximately 37% of overall collections, nearly \$59,000, since program

inception. In addition, overall collections including real estate showed considerable spikes in the months after VRWs were placed.

Mr. Grindstaff requested that the Board consider the possibility of discontinuing the sale of decals. Mr. Summerlin asked Mr. Grindstaff what measures are taken to collect the decal fee when someone does not purchase it. Mr. Grindstaff said the fees are generally written off. Mr. Summerlin inquired why the fee cannot be collected as personal property. Mr. Grindstaff said the decals are billed separately from the personal property. Ms. Buchanan and Mr. Vaughn asked if the two could be combined in one billing statement. Ms. Buchanan requested that Mr. Grindstaff report back to the Board on how the decal fees can be collected.

MONTHLY UPDATE FROM THE MARTINSVILLE-HENRY COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Mr. Mark Heath, President of the Martinsville-Henry County Economic Development Corporation, was present to make the monthly update to the Board. Mr. Heath first thanked the Board for its decision to proceed with the marina and said it will be a positive addition to tourism efforts and offerings. Mr. Heath reviewed a summary of activities by division (Copy included in Board's File). Mr. Heath said the EDC is working with a total of 29 projects, including 17 active projects.

Mr. Summerlin commended the EDC staff on securing the \$2.4 million grant for the water storage tank. Mr. Summerlin said the County has allocated over \$23 million to Commonwealth Crossing and to date, only \$8 million has come from local funding which is shared with the City of Martinsville.

AWARD OF CONTRACT RE: SOFTWARE SUPPORT – SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Mr. Summerlin said Sheriff Perry is asking the Board to award a contract to Southern Software, Inc. in the amount of \$16,150 for the renewal of software support for the Sheriff's Office.

Mr. Bryant moved that the Board award the contract to Southern Software in the amount of \$16,150, seconded by Ms. Buchanan and carried 6 to 0.

ACCEPTANCE OF AND ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION RE: TRAFFIC LAWS ENFORCEMENT GRANT – SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Mr. Summerlin said Sheriff Perry is asking the Board to accept and appropriate a grant from the Division of Motor Vehicles in the amount of \$2,000 for 2011 and \$6,400 for 2012, for a total grant amount of \$8,400. According to Sheriff Perry, the money would be used to pay overtime for officers to do extra traffic enforcement.

Ms. Buchanan made a motion that the Board accept the grant and approve the additional appropriation as requested, seconded by Mr. Slaughter and unanimously carried.

ACCEPTANCE OF AND ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION RE: LICENSE PLATE READER GRANT – SHERIFF’S OFFICE

Mr. Summerlin said Sheriff Perry is asking the Board to accept and appropriate a grant from the Department of Emergency Management in the amount of \$16,040 for the purchase of a license plate reader. According to Sheriff Perry, the item would allow a patrol deputy to record license plates in an area to search for stolen vehicles.

Mr. Slaughter moved that the Board accept and appropriate the grant as outlined seconded by Mr. Kendall and carried 6 to 0.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Comments from the Board

Mr. Vaughn said he attended a reception at Rich Acres Elementary School for its National Blue Ribbon Award achievement. Mr. Vaughn said he was recently contacted by a constituent commending Deputy Mike Hooper on his expedient response and resolution to her call concerning bags of trash on her road. Mr. Vaughn and the entire Board echoed her comments concerning Deputy Hooper and said he is an outstanding officer and gives 100% to his job.

Mr. Adams said that he and Mr. Slaughter recently attended a business neighborhood watch meeting in the Bassett community concerning recent break-ins. Mr. Adams said the meeting was well attended and he encouraged all citizens to be proactive and get involved.

Mr. Summerlin said he signed the final paperwork with FEMA this week to secure a \$560,000 hazard mitigation grant for the South Street Neighborhood project.

CLOSED MEETING

Mr. Slaughter moved that the Board go into a closed meeting at 4:27 p.m., seconded by Mr. Buchanan and unanimously carried to discuss the following.

- 1) §2.2-3711(A)1 for Discussion of Appointee to the Industrial Development Authority and Planning Commission.
- 2) §2.2-3711(A)7 for Consultation with the County Attorney re: Pending Legal Matters.
- 3) §2.2-3711(A)3 for Consultation with the County Attorney re: Acquisition/Disposal of Real Estate.
- 4) §2.2-3711(A)5 for Consultation with the County Attorney re: Discussion of As-Yet Unannounced Industries.

OPEN MEETING:

The Board returned to an open meeting at 5:44 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Vaughn, seconded by Ms. Buchanan and unanimously carried.

CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED MEETING:

Mr. Hall read the Certification of the Closed Meeting and took a roll call vote. Those voting in the affirmative were Mr. Slaughter, Mr. Bryant, Mr. Kendall, Mr. Adams, Mr. Vaughn, and Ms. Buchanan.

The Board took no action during closed session and recessed its meeting at 5:44 p.m. until the 6:00 evening session.

Mr. Adams called the meeting back to order at 6:00 p.m. and welcomed everyone present.

PRESENTATION OF 2011 JACK DALTON COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

Mr. Adams said the Board of Supervisors established the Jack Dalton Community Service Award in 2001. The award is presented annually to the Henry County resident who best exemplifies the standards for community service set by the late Mr. Dalton.

Ms. Buchanan read aloud a resume of volunteerism and community service and proudly announced that Claude Cobler is the recipient of the 2011 Jack Dalton Community Service Award. Mr. Cobler has been a dedicated volunteer and public servant since 1966 when he joined the Bassett Rescue Squad, answering literally thousands of calls and training hundreds of volunteers in the practice of emergency medical technician services.

Members of the Board of Supervisors and Ms. Lois Dalton, wife of the late Jack Dalton, then presented Mr. Cobler with a plaque.

Mr. Cobler thanked the Board and everyone present.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION IN HONOR OF ROBERT D. WADE, JR. OF THE HENRY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Mr. Kendall read aloud a resolution in honor of Robert D. Wade, Jr., who retired from the Henry County Sheriff's Office on November 1, 2011 with 27½ years of service. Mr. Kendall made a motion that the Board adopt the resolution as presented, seconded by Mr. Bryant and unanimously carried.

Retired city sheriff Rodgers and Sheriff Perry spoke highly of Mr. Wade's career in law enforcement and thanked him for his service to the community. Mr. Wade thanked the Board.

MATTERS PRESENTED BY THE PUBLIC

There was no one present who wished to speak.

PUBLIC HEARING - REZONING APPLICATION R-12-01 – FLOYD P. HILL

Mr. Lee Clark said the property is located at 40 Olaf Lane in the Horsepasture District and is shown on Tax Map 51.4(4)/38. The applicant is requesting the rezoning of (1) lot from Suburban Residential District S-R to Mixed Residential District M-R. The applicant wishes to replace the previously removed house with a double wide manufactured home on a permanent foundation. Following a public hearing, both the Planning Commission and staff recommended that the rezoning request be approved.

Mr. Adams opened the public hearing at 6:14 pm. There being no one present who wished to speak, Mr. Adams closed the public hearing at 6:14 pm. On a motion by Ms. Buchanan and second by Mr. Kendall, the Board voted 6 to 0 to approve the rezoning request as outlined.

PUBLIC HEARING – PROPOSED ABANDONMENT, 30’ R/W’S OFF A.L. PHILPOTT HIGHWAY IN AXTON

Mr. Lee Clark said Danny K. Robertson and Elsie N. Robertson are requesting the abandonment of several 30’ right-of-ways located on their property in the Iriswood District. These sections of right-of-way were never constructed and exist only as “paper roads” on what is used as farmland. Mr. Clark said staff is of the opinion that there is no public necessity for the continuance of these sections of right-of-way to exist as public roads. VDOT has advised that they have no objection to this abandonment.

Mr. Adams opened the public hearing at 6:17 pm; there was no one present to speak and the public hearing was closed at 6:17 pm. Mr. Kendall made the following motion, seconded by Mr. Bryant and carried 6 to 0:

“Be it ordained and resolved, that certain 30’ right-of-ways (See Exhibit “A”) off the north side of US Route 58E, just west of Daniel Road, located in the Iriswood District, identified as “30 foot road spaces” on a map for Danny K. and Elsie N. Robertson, dated September 30, 2011, prepared by Bryan E. Jones, L.S., and recorded in the Henry County Circuit Court Clerk’s Office in MB 94, PG 298., be vacated and abandoned, subject to the rights of owners of any utilities previously installed.”

GENERAL HIGHWAY MATTERS

Ms. Lisa Hughes, Residency Administrator for the Virginia Department of Transportation, was present to update the Board on General Highway Matters.

- Next project is the completion of Route 650, Irisburg Road, running from Reynolds Park Road to Mitchell Road; \$3.8 million funded by governor’s transportation package; plan to advertise for bids late 2014

- Plans to schedule the annual Secondary Six-Year Plan hearing for the March meeting
- Mr. Bryant thanked Ms. Hughes for the completion of road work on Eliza Reamy Avenue.
- Mr. Kendall thanked Ms. Hughes, the Board and staff for the installation of the guard rail on Stoney Mountain Road.
- Ms. Buchanan asked for a timeline on the Preston Road project. Ms. Hughes said they are still in the design phase but the right-of way will probably take two years, so you are looking at summer 2014.

There being no further business to discuss, Ms. Buchanan moved at 6:21 pm to continue the meeting until February 7, 2012 at 3 pm for the Planning Session, seconded by Mr. Slaughter and carried 6 to 0.

HENRY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MINUTES

Annual Planning Session February 7, 2012 – 3:00 pm

The Henry County Board of Supervisors held its annual Planning Session on February 7, 2012 at 3:00 pm at the Public Safety Training Center on DuPont Road, Martinsville, VA. The following Board members were present: Jim Adams, Chairman; Tommy Slaughter, Vice Chairman; Debra Buchanan, H. G. Vaughn, Joe Bryant and Milton Kendall.

Staff members present were Benny Summerlin, County Administrator; Tim Hall, Deputy County Administrator; George Lyle, County Attorney; Darrell Jones, Director of Finance; Richard Stanfield, Assistant Director of Finance; Susan Reynolds, Director of Human Resources/Public Information Officer; Dale Wagoner, Director of Public Safety; Lee Clark, Director of Planning, Zoning and Inspections; and Cecil Stone, Building Inspector.

Also present were Debbie Hall of the Martinsville Bulletin; Ron Morris of B-99; and Sheriff Lane Perry and Lt. Colonel Steve Eanes, Henry County Sheriff's Office.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Adams called the meeting to order as a continuation of the Board's January 24 meeting.

CONSIDERATION OF FY 2010-2011 COUNTY AUDIT – ROBIN JONES, CREEDLE, JONES AND ALGA, CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

Robin Jones of the CPA Firm Creedle, Jones, and Alga presented the FY 2011 Henry County Audit. Ms. Jones said the audit was a "clean opinion" which means there were no material issues with it. Ms. Jones said that the County's fund balance was \$28,686,792, with \$15,792,167 in uncommitted funds. That was an increase of more than \$5.6 million in the fund balance over the previous year. Ms. Jones said the County's "report card" would be an A plus.

On a motion by Mr. Vaughn and a second by Mr. Bryant, the Board voted 6-0 to accept the audit report.

PLANNING SESSION 2012

Mr. Summerlin introduced Diane Akers with ComBiz Solutions, who would lead the Board through the Planning Session. Ms. Akers began with an ice-breaker activity for the Board and staff.

Mr. Summerlin presented a review of the current year budget and previewed the FY 2012-13 budget process. He began with a series of slides prepared by Franklin County for its budget process that compared surrounding localities' tax rates. Those slides indicated that Henry County was a low-tax locality.

Mr. Summerlin showed the Board that the 2011-12 budget balanced without spending reserves and that the County's Bond rating is Aa3 by Moody's, which is considered "very strong" and second-highest category. The Virginia Code says Henry County can incur up to \$291.5m in debt, but the County's debt is actually \$30.9 million. Of that number, the school System's share \$19.1m and the County's share \$11.8m.

Mr. Summerlin reviewed several economic development announcements from 2011 and then looked at where the next budget cycle may go. He indicated concerns over the level of aid from the Commonwealth; General Assembly action on taxation issues, including Machinery & Tools/BPOL; reduced local revenues; and budget impact issues such as increases in the Virginia Retirement System contribution, health insurance increases, and a maintenance contract for the County's radio system.

Mr. Summerlin also reminded the Board that the County's four-year reassessment will take effect January 1, 2013, and that could result in lower values for property in the County. He also told the Board he would not recommend spending any carry-over funds from the FY 2011 budget until the budget process for FY 2013 is complete. Some general discussion ensued over the budget outlook.

UPDATE ON HENRY COUNTY EMS PROGRAM – DALE WAGONER

Mr. Wagoner presented an update to the Board concerning the EMS program. He pointed out that last year the Board decided to supplement the volunteer system in place by hiring four paid personnel. He updated the Board on the impact of that shift, which he described as a positive one.

Mr. Wagoner's report reviewed the program's goals and accomplishments.

Goal: Preserve the volunteer rescue squads

Actual: by all accounts, exceeded expectations:

- Rescue Squads are given first opportunity to run call
- Career service complements volunteer system, not replace it
- Allows opportunities for volunteers to partner with career staff to optimize patient care
- Improved revenue recovery by volunteer squads
- Reduces administrative burden on volunteers
- Preceptor/mentoring opportunities (2,136 hours in '11)

Goal: Utilize paid personnel to cover service gaps

Actual: by all accounts, exceeded expectations:

- Improved response times
- Greatly improved availability of Advanced Life Support (available 24/7/365).
- Assisted on 2,767 of 6,216 total calls

Goal: Operate in a way that does not expect new revenues

Actual: by all accounts, exceeded expectations:

- Expected to exceed revenue projections
- Has not negatively impacted revenue to volunteer rescue squads
- Collaboration has reduced expenses – central supply, oxygen, and fees to billing agent
- Established consistency in billing

Mr. Wagoner showed the Board that each of the County's volunteer rescue squads reaped additional revenue through the new soft-billing system over what they'd done in the past with the exception of the Fieldale-Collinsville Rescue Squad. However, Mr. Wagoner said the F-C squad had an unusually high collection rate that year, and if their two-year average were used, then the squad's revenue under soft billing was higher.

He presented slides indicating that the first year will produce \$115,000 in excess revenue over expenses. He then presented a proposal that would use that extra money to hire an additional four paid personnel to further augment EMS coverage, particularly in the western and northern parts of the County where current coverage is lacking.

Mr. Wagoner proposed that the additional paid personnel would primarily be based at the Bassett Rescue Squad but would be located in other squads as needed. Mr. Wagoner added that this proposal was discussed with current captains at the squads and all were supportive.

General discussion on the proposal ensued. Mr. Summerlin indicated he planned to include the new paid personnel positions in the upcoming budget, and the Board members indicated they were supportive.

BRIEFING ON NEW STORMWATER REGULATIONS AND LOCAL OBLIGATIONS – LEE CLARK

Lee Clark, director of Planning, Zoning and Inspections, briefed the Board on new stormwater regulations that will impact Henry County. Mr. Clark told the Board that the Department of Conservation and Recreation, which manages the stormwater regulations for the Commonwealth, will provide localities the opportunity to manage their own programs effective July 2014. Localities are asked to inform DCR by March 2012 if they plan to take over their own programs.

Mr. Clark told the Board that DCR would continue to manage programs for localities that did not want to take on the task, but that DCR's focus would not be on

those localities and that could result in significant delays in economic development or land development cases in Henry County. If Henry County chooses to manage its own program, a new employee most likely would be needed because of the technical expertise needed. Mr. Clark assured the Board that if a new employee is hired, there would be plenty of work for that person in addition to the stormwater management duties.

General discussion ensued, and the Board indicated by consensus that DCR should be notified that Henry County will begin to manage its stormwater program when it's required in July 2014. Details on whether to hire a new employee and other issues will be clarified before that date.

REVIEW OF BOARD'S 2011-2012 GOALS AND OBJECTIVES AND CREATION OF THE 2012-2013 LIST

Mr. Summerlin and Ms. Akers reviewed the Board's priorities from last year's Planning Session, and the progress made on those goals. That report included:

Expansion of New College Institute into a four-year university or a branch campus of an existing four-year university.

- *NCI announced in Sept. 2011 that its pursuit of a four-year presence, either as a branch campus or a stand-alone campus, would be changed for the foreseeable future in favor of an alliance with Radford University, Virginia State University, and Virginia Commonwealth University.*

Continued support of the Martinsville-Henry County Economic Development Corporation's efforts including tourism and retail development.

- *The Board fully supported the EDC financially in 2011, and that support helped land four economic development projects: new company ICF International, and expansions from local companies Applied Felts, GS Industries, and Commonwealth Laminating.*

Continued development of the County's industrial sites.

- *Significant progress made on Commonwealth Crossing grading project and the grading of Lot 2 in the Patriot Centre.*

Addressing school facilities and infrastructure needs.

- *Since the 2011 Planning Session the school system is on its third Superintendent, after Dr. Anthony Jackson announced his departure in July and interim Superintendent Dr. David Martin completed his tenure in January. Dr. Jared Cotton, the new Superintendent, has been on the job only since January 17 and significant dialogue on this and other school matters is either ongoing or yet to be scheduled.*

Addressing transportation needs and improvements.

- *The PART bus system, a partnership with the City of Martinsville, continues to have record ridership. The Board also worked with the Commonwealth Transportation Board to shift the proposed route for Interstate 73 to a friendlier route for existing businesses.*

Endorsing regional cooperation.

- *Henry County continued its strong cooperative efforts with the City of Martinsville, including the PART bus system, 9-1-1 communications, Parks and Recreation programming, Social Services, etc. The biggest joint venture, the revenue-sharing agreements in the Patriot Centre and CCBC, are beginning to show promise. Tourism staffs from M-HC, Franklin, and Patrick met recently on joint marketing efforts for Philpott Lake*

Addressing Community pride/appearance

- *These issues continue to trouble staff and the Board. We have made several changes at our Convenience Center sites regarding collection of recyclables, electronics, etc., and they appear to be paying off. The litter problem along our roads and highways continues to be significant; however, through our partnership with the City of Martinsville's Sheriff's Office, 4,672 bags of trash were picked up last year.*

Improving the viability of the EMS system

- *Public Safety Director Dale Wagoner delivered this report as a separate part of the Planning Session. However, the revenue enhancement project has exceeded our projections.*

Addressing needs for jail space

- *No progress on this issue in 2011. However, our jail population has decreased in the past 12 months. This reflects a national and state trend.*

Continuing to address collection of delinquent taxes.

- *The Board receives a monthly update on this issue at its regular Board meetings. The County Treasurer and our outside collection firm both report progress.*

Ms. Akers then led the Board and staff through a process to identify the five top priorities from that list, and to create a list of seven new priorities moving forward. From those lists, the Board and staff were asked to create a combined new list of 10 priorities for 2012-2013.

The combined new list of 10 priorities for 2012 included:

- Development of industrial sites
- Support for the Martinsville-Henry County Economic Development Corporation
- Job creation and capital investment
- Tourism/marina project
- Retail development
- Expansion of water and sewer infrastructure, particularly in areas surrounding Martinsville Speedway, the Smith River Sports Complex, and the Blue Ridge Airport
- Raise the educational levels, both high school and college, of residents, with an added emphasis on career and technical education
- Growth of EMS program
- Improving Community appearance/litter issues

General discussion followed on the list and how to accomplish the goals. Ms. Buchanan indicated she'd like staff to pursue any available grants to assist with tire cleanups and collections. The Board and staff also concurred that there should be a true emphasis on litter pickups, including a week-long Litter Week that could include media campaigns, Smith River cleanups, and school curriculum designed to bring attention to the importance of clean communities.

Mr. Adams thanked Ms. Akers for her assistance with the Planning Session.

CLOSED MEETING

On a motion by Ms. Buchanan and a second by Mr. Slaughter, the Board voted unanimously to enter closed session:

- §2.2-3711(A)7 for Consultation with the County Attorney re: Pending Legal Matters.
- §2.2-3711(A)3 for Consultation with the County Attorney re: Acquisition/Disposal of Real Estate.
- §2.2-3711(A)5 for Consultation with the County Attorney re: Discussion of As-Yet Unannounced Industries.

On a motion by Ms. Buchanan and a second by Mr. Slaughter, the Board left Closed Session. Mr. Hall certified the Board on its actions in Closed Session.

On a motion by Mr. Slaughter and a second by Mr. Bryant, the Board voted 6-0 to approve and appropriate a tax refund of \$65,782 to JHS Master Capital LLC on real estate in the County that was erroneously assessed.

On a motion by Mr. Kendall and a second by Mr. Vaughn, the Board voted 6-0 to sell the former Irisburg Elementary School to New Beginnings Worship Center for \$135,000.

There being no further business to discuss, Ms. Buchanan moved to adjourn at 8 p.m., seconded by Mr. Slaughter and unanimously carried.

**JOINT
HENRY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AND INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
MINUTES**

February 20, 2012 – 9:30 am

The Henry County Board of Supervisors and the Henry County Industrial Development Authority held a joint meeting on February 20, 2012 at 9:30 am in the Fourth Floor Conference Room of the County Administration Building, King's Mountain Road, Collinsville, Virginia.

The following Board members were present: Chairman Jim Adams, Vice Chairman Tommy Slaughter, H. G. Vaughn, Debra Buchanan, Milton Kendall, and Joe Bryant.

The following Industrial Development Authority members were present: Vice Chairman Len Dillon, Wesley Caviness, Rodney Thacker, Wade Nelson, and Steve Isley. Chairman Larry McDorman and Barry Helmstutler were absent.

Staff members present were Benny Summerlin, County Administrator; Tim Hall, Deputy County Administrator; George Lyle, County Attorney; Darrell Jones, Director of Finance; and Michelle Via, Administrative Assistant.

Ginny Wray of the Martinsville Bulletin was present.

CALL TO ORDER

Board of Supervisors

Chairman Adams called the Board of Supervisors meeting to order at 9:30 am.

Industrial Development Authority

Vice Chairman Dillon called the IDA meeting to order at 9:30 am.

CONSIDERATION OF PERFORMANCE AGREEMENTS WITH LAMINATE TECHNOLOGIES OF VIRGINIA, INC.

Mr. Summerlin presented three Performance Agreements for consideration by the Board of Supervisors and Industrial Development Authority (Copies included in Board's File). One agreement is between the County of Henry, the Henry County Industrial Development Authority, the Virginia Tobacco Indemnification and Community Revitalization Commission, and Laminate Technologies of Virginia, Inc. for grant funds in the amount of \$110,000. The second agreement is between the County of Henry, the Henry County Industrial Development Authority, and Laminate Technologies of Virginia, Inc. for grant funds in the amount of \$50,000 from the Governor's Development Opportunity Fund; and the last agreement is between the County of Henry and

Laminate Technologies of Virginia, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$25,000 for construction costs of a railroad platform. All three agreements include similar requirements: capital investment of approximately \$3,000,000; creation of at least 30 new jobs with an average annual salary of \$27,892; meet both capital and employment obligations within 36 months after the end of the base period.

Board of Supervisors

Ms. Buchanan moved that the Board of Supervisors approve the Performance Agreements as presented, seconded by Mr. Slaughter and carried 6-0.

Industrial Development Authority

Mr. Thacker moved that the Industrial Development Authority accept the Performance Agreements as presented, seconded by Mr. Isley and carried 5-0. Mr. McDorman and Mr. Helmstutler were absent.

There being no further business, Mr. Bryant moved that the Board of Supervisors adjourn at 9:36 am, seconded by Mr. Slaughter and carried 6-0.

Mr. Thacker moved that the Industrial Development Authority adjourn its meeting at 9:37 am, seconded by Mr. Isley and carried 5-0. Mr. McDorman and Mr. Helmstutler were absent.

**HENRY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MINUTES**

February 28, 2012 – 3:00 pm

The Henry County Board of Supervisors held its regular meeting on February 28, 2012, at 3:00 pm in the Board Meeting Room of the County Administration Building, King's Mountain Road, Collinsville, Virginia. The following Board members were present: Chairman Jim Adams, Vice-Chairman Tommy Slaughter, Debra Buchanan, H.G. Vaughn, Milton Kendall, and Joe Bryant.

Staff members present were Benny Summerlin, County Administrator; Tim Hall, Deputy County Administrator; George Lyle, County Attorney; Michelle Via, Administrative Assistant; Darrell Jones, Director of Finance; Richard Stanfield, Deputy Director of Finance; and Susan Reynolds, Director of Human Resources.

Lt. Eric Hairston and Deputy Mike Hooper from the Sheriff's Office were present. Also present were Debbie Hall and Paul Collins of the Martinsville Bulletin and Ron Morris of B99.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Mr. Hall gave the invocation and Mr. Bryant led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Adams called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone present. She stated that anyone who wishes to be on the Agenda for the Board's regular business meeting held at 3:00 pm 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 pm may do so under Agenda Item - Matters Presented by the Public without contacting the County Administrator's Office.

Mr. Adams noted an addition to the Items of Consent agenda.

ITEMS OF CONSENT:

Consideration of Proclamation Establishing March 2012 as "American Red Cross Month" in Henry County

(Copy included in Board's File).

Ms. Buchanan read the proclamation aloud and moved that the Board adopt it as presented, seconded by Mr. Slaughter and carried 6-0.

Linette Nuckols from the American Red Cross was present to accept the proclamation.

Confirmation of Minutes of Meetings

(Copy included in Board's File).

- January 24, 2012

- February 7, 2012
- February 20, 2012

Approval of Accounts Payable

(Copy included in Board's File).

Consideration of Resolution in Honor of Opal Hall, General District Court Clerk

Mr. Adams informed the Board that there will be a reception honoring Ms. Hall on March 1 at 5:30 pm in the General District Courtroom for those who wish to attend. (Copy included in Board's File)

Ms. Buchanan moved that the Items of Consent be adopted as presented, seconded by Mr. Bryant. The motion carried 6 to 0.

REPORT ON DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTION EFFORTS

Mr. Scott Grindstaff reviewed the monthly reports on delinquent tax collection efforts. Mr. Grindstaff noted that 88.9% of 2011 personal property taxes have been collected; 89.3% of 2011 real estate taxes; and since the first of January, TACS has collected approximately \$29,000. In addition, Mr. Grindstaff said there are 160 in-house accounts and there were 121 VRW stops collected in February.

Ms. Buchanan revisited why we are not billing for uncollected decal fees. Mr. Grindstaff explained that when someone disposes of an old vehicle and purchases a new one, the old vehicle remains on the records until the next year. In 2011, Mr. Grindstaff said his office billed for 59,000 decals, of which 11,323 decals were not sold; however, 12,566 decals were sold that were not billed.

Mr. Summerlin said there still seems to be a significant difference as the current year budget shows \$930,000 for decal sales which is approximately 46,000 decals; however, DMV records show 62,000 vehicles registered in Henry County. Mr. Summerlin said he realizes that some of those may be utility trailers or similar items that do not require decals but there is still a considerable difference between 46,000 and 62,000. Mr. Grindstaff said the DMV numbers are entered by the Commissioner of the Revenue's office. In addition, Mr. Grindstaff said they average 3,500 vehicle abatements each year which lowers that number. Mr. Grindstaff said he has been working with the IS Department since last month's meeting to try and determine who has not purchased decals based on what was actually billed, but so far they have been unable to ascertain that information. Mr. Summerlin said the revenue for decal sales has continued to decrease each year. Mr. Grindstaff said he will continue to work with IS on the issue and will also try to determine why there is such a difference between DMV and County records. Mr. Vaughn said DMV records may show vehicles that have actually been sold but for some reason have not been removed.

Ms. Buchanan inquired about delinquent meals tax accounts. Mr. Grindstaff said he would provide an update next month.

Mr. Summerlin suggested that Mr. Grindstaff crosscheck his vehicle numbers with public safety since they receive the return to locality funds under the Four-For-Life program for each vehicle registered in Henry County.

PRESENTATION BY JON MORRIS, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, STEP, INC.

Mr. Jon Morris, Executive Director of STEP, Inc., was present to update the Board regarding his organization. Mr. Morris distributed an Annual Report (Copy included in Board's File). Mr. Morris said STEP offers 23 services for low- to moderate-income families and currently has offices in Rocky Mount and Stuart and plans to expand in Martinsville-Henry County. Mr. Morris said services range from the Head Start program to providing meals to seniors with more than 5,500 people served last year.

DISCUSSION OF LITTER ISSUES IN HENRY COUNTY

Mr. Vaughn requested that this item be placed on the agenda given the recent discussions over Henry County's litter problems. Mr. Vaughn said in past years we have started initiatives to address litter problems but along the way they have lost momentum and fallen by the wayside. Mr. Vaughn said we need to be proactive, prevent the problem and provide for prosecution and punishment. Mr. Vaughn said we need to address the litter issue frequently and make it a monthly agenda item. Mr. Vaughn requested staff to look into the use of surveillance equipment and cameras to target problem areas. In addition, Mr. Vaughn asked the county attorney to determine if a program used by the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries could be adapted for use in litter control; whereby numbers on the sides of boats can be reported if boaters are operating in an unsafe manner, suggesting that vehicle license plates may be used to report people who litter.

Ms. Buchanan said that she, Mr. Vaughn, and Mr. Summerlin met with Mr. Reid Young last week to discuss litter issues. Ms. Buchanan said Mr. Young is working to organize a community effort to combat litter and possibly even legislation to assist in litter prevention. Ms. Buchanan said they hope to have a community meeting soon.

Mr. Vaughn said he has also met with Dr. Jared Cotton, school superintendent, about the possibility of incorporating anti-litter campaigns in schools.

Mr. Bryant said he had done some research on how other localities address litter and he would pass that information on to the Board. Mr. Bryant said he serves on the CrimeStoppers Board and there have been discussions about using billboards to send a message that litter is not acceptable.

Mr. Kendall said he agrees with the use of surveillance equipment. Mr. Kendall said litter is one of our biggest problems and probably one of the easiest to fix if everyone gets involved.

Mr. Vaughn said people need to realize that litter not only detracts from economic development but it affects your property values as well.

There was some general discussion about the use of signs to caution litterers that if convicted, they can be fined up to \$2,500 and/or sentenced to a year in jail.

Mr. Slaughter said prosecution of offenders and education in the schools are key components to litter prevention. Mr. Slaughter also asked about the status of Gateway and their possible assistance with litter pick-up.

Mr. Amos reported that Gateway has hired an interim director, Liz Stanley. Mr. Amos said Ms. Stanley will work about 20 hours per week but her main goal will be fundraising due to Gateway's current financial predicament. Mr. Summerlin said he has requested a budget and list of proposed projects from Gateway since the County is their

fiscal agent. Mr. Amos explained that the Clean Community program concentrated on litter and education in the schools but when it merged with Gateway, Gateway's main focus is beautification. Mr. Amos said once Gateway's finances are stable, they need to restore the litter initiative.

Mr. Adams reported that Camp 28 residents will soon begin picking up litter on the Bypass thus freeing up Mr. Amos' work crew to concentrate on other problem areas. Mr. Adams said they also hope to identify other groups that may qualify for roadside cleanup. Mr. Adams thanked Mr. Amos and all parties involved for their part in the anti-litter efforts.

MONTHLY UPDATE FROM THE MARTINSVILLE-HENRY COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Mr. Mark Heath, President of the Martinsville-Henry County Economic Development Corporation, was present to make the monthly update to the Board. Mr. Heath reviewed a summary of activities by division (Copy included in Board's File). Mr. Heath said the EDC is working with a total of 28 projects, including 14 active projects.

Mr. Heath said economic development is about more than job creation, it is also about expanding the tax base. Mr. Heath said according to the Virginia Economic Development Partnership, out of 135 localities in Virginia, Martinsville-Henry County ranked 13th in the state in new announcements, 10th in new jobs, and 23rd in capital investments over a period from 2006 to present. In addition, Mr. Heath noted that the EDC has returned \$3.3 million to the community through product development, including investment in sites/buildings, welcome signs, etc.

AWARD OF CONTRACT RE: COMMONWEALTH CROSSING BUSINESS CENTRE GRADING PROJECT

Mr. Summerlin said six bids were received for grading at the Commonwealth Crossing Business Centre and the low bid of \$13,737,000 was placed by Blythe Development of Charlotte, NC. Blythe is currently grading Lot 2 in the Patriot Centre. Mr. Summerlin said we are hopeful that grading can begin sometime this spring.

Mr. Vaughn moved that the Board award the contract for grading at CCBC to Blythe Development of Charlotte, NC in the amount of \$13,737,000, contingent upon receiving all appropriate permits for the project, seconded by Mr. Bryant and unanimously carried.

AWARD OF CONTRACTS RE: REPLACEMENT VEHICLES FOR SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Mr. Summerlin said Sheriff Perry is requesting that the Board award two contracts for the purchase of vehicles, one to Haley Ford – South in Richmond in the amount of \$211,723 for six patrol cars, one van, and one animal control truck; and R.K. Chevrolet, in Virginia Beach, VA for \$31,250 for a Chevrolet Tahoe police SUV. Mr. Summerlin said funding for these vehicles is included in the current budget.

Mr. Slaughter moved that the Board award the contracts as outlined, seconded by Ms. Buchanan and carried 6-0.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Comments from the Board

Mr. Summerlin reminded the Board of the employee service banquet on March 15. Mr. Summerlin noted that the household hazardous waste day will be April 14 from 9-12 at the Henry County Service Center.

CLOSED MEETING

Ms. Buchanan moved that the Board go into a closed meeting at 4:08 p.m., seconded by Mr. Slaughter and unanimously carried to discuss the following.

- 1) §2.2-3711(A)1 for Discussion of Appointee to the Industrial Development Authority and Planning Commission.
- 2) §2.2-3711(A)7 for Consultation with the County Attorney re: Pending Legal Matters.
- 3) §2.2-3711(A)3 for Consultation with the County Attorney re: Acquisition/Disposal of Real Estate.
- 4) §2.2-3711(A)5 for Consultation with the County Attorney re: Discussion of As-Yet Unannounced Industries.

OPEN MEETING:

The Board returned to an open meeting at 4:43 p.m. on a motion by Ms. Buchanan, seconded by Mr. Bryant and unanimously carried.

CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED MEETING:

Mr. Hall read the Certification of the Closed Meeting and took a roll call vote. Those voting in the affirmative were Mr. Vaughn, Mr. Bryant, Mr. Kendall, Ms. Buchanan, Mr. Slaughter, and Mr. Adams.

APPOINTMENTS

Industrial Development Authority – Ms. Buchanan moved that the Board reappoint Len Dillon representing the Reed Creek District and Steve Isley, At-large representative to four-year terms expiring March 31, 2016, seconded by Mr. Slaughter and unanimously carried.

Planning Commission – Mr. Slaughter moved that the Board reappoint Paul Setliff, Ridgeway District; Lawrence Penn, Horsepasture District; and Herman Haley, Reed Creek District, to four-year terms ending March 31, 2016, seconded by Mr. Bryant and carried 6-0.

The Board recessed its meeting at 4:45 p.m. until the 5:00 budget work session with the School Board.

BUDGET WORK SESSION WITH THE HENRY COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD

Mr. Adams called the Board of Supervisors meeting back to order.

Chairman Kathy Rogers called the School Board meeting to order and thanked the Board of Supervisors for the opportunity to hold the joint session. Members of the School Board present were: Chairman Kathy Rogers, Vice Chairman Joseph DeVault, Rudy Law, Francis Zehr, Betsy Mattox, Curtis Millner, and Terri Flanagan. Superintendent Jared Cotton and Chief Financial Officer Dawn Lawson were also present as well as other staff members of the School Board.

Dr. Cotton made a presentation and reviewed the FY 2013 Budget with members of the Board and staff (Copy of Presentation included in Board's File).

Dr. Cotton said assuming level funding from the County, the schools are looking at an estimated \$2.8 million shortfall due to rate increases to the Virginia Retirement System (VRS) and insurance premiums. Dr. Cotton noted several other budget challenges including unfunded state and federal mandates, loss of stimulus funding, fluctuations in student enrollment, and unpredictable fuel costs. In addition, Dr. Cotton said capital improvements are needed to address safety and security issues but also long term, the need to replace John Redd Smith Elementary School.

Dr. Cotton outlined a three-tier plan to address the budget shortfall which included everything from cuts in purchased services and increasing class sizes to staff reductions and a hiring freeze. Dr. Cotton said the School Board is also hopeful that the County will allow it to keep \$1.74 million in carryover funds for several projects such as replacing roofs at some schools and a new gym floor at Axton Elementary.

Mr. Summerlin said the County is facing similar challenges of increased payments to VRS and insurance premiums. In addition, Mr. Summerlin said he anticipates property values will decrease in the reassessment that will take effect in 2013. Without a tax increase, decreased values will mean decreased revenues.

Ms. Mattox made a motion to adjourn at 5:35 p.m., seconded by Ms. Flanagan and carried unanimously.

Mr. Adams recessed at 5:35 p.m. until the 6:00 evening meeting.

Mr. Adams called the meeting back to order at 6:00 p.m. and welcomed everyone present.

MATTERS PRESENTED BY THE PUBLIC

There was no one present who wished to speak.

PRESENTATION BY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR KATHY ROGERS AND THE MINDS IN MOTION TEAM XXL, PIEDMONT ARTS ASSOCIATION

Ms. Barbara Parker, Director of Programs for Piedmont Arts Association, was present to provide an update on activities and educational outreach programs offered by Piedmont Arts. Ms. Parker stated that PAA is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year and thanked the Board for its continued support. Also present was Ms. Heidi Pinkston, Education Coordinator. Ms. Pinkston also coordinates Minds in Motion which is a year-long program that teaches fourth grade students discipline, dedication, and self-awareness. Ms. Pinkston said the program is open to all fourth grade students and the theme is always SOL related. Members from the Minds in Motion Team XXL troupe were also present to tell what the program means to them.

Mr. Vaughn said he had the opportunity to meet actor Gary Sinise, who will be performing with his "Lt. Dan Band" on March 31 at Martinsville High School. Mr. Vaughn explained that the proceeds from the concert will benefit Cpl. JB Kerns, an Ararat native and triple amputee veteran. Mr. Vaughn said ticket sales will help build a "smart home" to allow Cpl. Kerns to live independently. Mr. Vaughn said tickets are available from Piedmont Arts and urged everyone to support our troops.

RECOMMENDATION BY THE RESCUE SQUAD ASSOCIATION FOR FY '12-'13 FUNDING

Mr. Stuart Bowman of the Rescue Squad Association was present to address the Board and thanked them for their continued support of the rescue squads. Mr. Bowman said they are requesting that the \$95,000 in capital funding included in the Budget be awarded to the Fieldale-Collinsville Volunteer Rescue Squad to go towards the purchase of a new ambulance. Other funding requests included the continuation of Four-For-Life funds from the state; reinstatement of County funding for radios; increase in training funds equivalent to that of the fire departments; and operational support of \$10,000 per squad.

Mr. Summerlin noted that based on the number of calls assisted by Public Safety career staff and the one-third revenue sharing agreement with the rescue squads, approximately \$170,000 in revenue should have gone back into the volunteer rescue system.

RECOMMENDATION BY THE FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION FOR FY '12-'13 FUNDING

Mr. Kiah Cooper, President of the Martinsville-Henry County Firefighters Association, was present to address the Board on FY '12-'13 funding. Mr. Cooper said the association is requesting that the capital improvement funds included in the Budget be awarded to Horsepasture Volunteer Fire Department to be used towards the purchase of a new fire truck. Mr. Cooper said the current funding is \$175,000 and the association is requesting consideration of \$200,000. In addition, the association is requesting continuation of the Board's annual contribution which accounts for about one-third of each department's operating budget. Lastly, Mr. Cooper asked the Board to consider reinstating the high school firefighter training program. Mr. Cooper thanked the Board for its support in the past and continued support in the future.

Mr. Bryant questioned why the revenue recovery program could not be used by the fire departments. Mr. Wagoner said there has been discussion but he is only aware of one fire department in Virginia currently billing for service. Mr. Wagoner said it is hard to quantify what a fire department does and many insurance providers refuse to pay. Several fire departments have attempted to bill unsuccessfully and basically said the return on investment was not worth the effort put in. Mr. Wagoner said there is legislation pending making it mandatory for insurance companies to pay a minimum of \$250 to volunteer fire departments for structure fires.

Mr. Kendall thanked all of the volunteers for their dedication and service. Mr. Adams thanked both the Rescue Squad and Firefighters Associations for their presentations and said the Board will certainly consider their requests.

GENERAL HIGHWAY MATTERS

Ms. Lisa Hughes, Residency Administrator for the Virginia Department of Transportation, was present to update the Board on General Highway Matters.

Ms. Hughes reported that the Six-Year Improvement Plan hearing is scheduled for the March Board meeting and a copy of the proposed plan is provided for review. Ms. Hughes noted two projects, Routes 687 and 650, were fully funded by the Governor's Transportation Package. Ms. Hughes requested that the Board review the remaining projects and make adjustments by priority but stated that the allocation will only be about \$174,000. Ms. Hughes said \$158,000 is this year's allocation which has already been committed to the Preston Road project; additional funding will come from the Governor's Transportation Package. Ms. Hughes pointed out that the \$1.7 million for Route 650 is fully funded by the Governor's Transportation Package and both projects should be under construction by mid to late 2014.

Mr. Summerlin said the Board should give some consideration to adding Barrows Mill Road to the Six-Year Plan. Mr. Summerlin said there are still undeveloped lots in the Patriot Centre and the only access is from Barrows Mill Road (from Nautica Way to Terry's Mountain Road). Ms. Hughes said in order to add a project, you will need to remove an existing project.

Ms. Hughes said the annual spring clean-up will be April 21-22 and asked that the Board promote the event. Ms. Hughes said anyone who is interested should contact her office for bags, vests, and guidelines for trash pick-up. Mr. Vaughn questioned if the scaled back mowing was possibly a deterrent for those who do volunteer due to tall grass/weeds. In addition, Mr. Vaughn said litter seems to accumulate more in the tall grass. While Ms. Hughes said it is possible, she is not really aware of any issues with volunteers.

Mr. Vaughn said he was recently made aware of a litter tax collected by certain types of businesses and questioned where that money goes. Mr. Summerlin said the City, County, and Ridgeway receive about \$16,000 each year from the state which is appropriated to Clean Community/Gateway Streetscape.

Mr. Bryant asked if the County could place "No Littering" signs on state roads. Ms. Hughes said the signs would have to be on private property. Ms. Hughes said "sign clutter" has a negative effect on regulatory signs in place.

Ms. Buchanan asked for an update on the intersection of Route 58 and Carver Road. Ms. Hughes said the flashers should go up this year. Ms. Buchanan also asked

about Routes 683 and 609 in Rangeley. Ms. Hughes said they had reviewed the area again for a signal but the traffic count does not justify one. Ms. Hughes said they had also looked at adjusting the flashers. Ms. Hughes said she would like to lower the grade as you pull out of The Great Road but there are no safety funds available and funding would have to come from the six-year secondary construction money.

Mr. Slaughter inquired about the old bridge on Route 220 South. Ms. Hughes said she would have to look into the matter.

There being no further business to discuss, Ms. Buchanan moved at 6:48 pm to continue the meeting until March 5, 2012 at 9:30 am, seconded by Mr. Slaughter and carried 6 to 0.

**JOINT
HENRY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AND INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
MINUTES**

March 5, 2012 – 9:30 am

The Henry County Board of Supervisors and the Henry County Industrial Development Authority held a joint meeting on March 5, 2012 at 9:30 am in the Fourth Floor Conference Room of the County Administration Building, King's Mountain Road, Collinsville, Virginia.

The following Board members were present: Chairman Jim Adams, Vice Chairman Tommy Slaughter, H. G. Vaughn, Debra Buchanan, Milton Kendall, and Joe Bryant.

The following Industrial Development Authority members were present: Vice Chairman Len Dillon, Wesley Caviness, Rodney Thacker, Wade Nelson, Barry Helmstutler, and Steve Isley. Chairman Larry McDorman was absent.

Staff members present were Benny Summerlin, County Administrator; Tim Hall, Deputy County Administrator; George Lyle, County Attorney; Darrell Jones, Director of Finance; and Michelle Via, Administrative Assistant.

Debbie Hall of the Martinsville Bulletin was present.

CALL TO ORDER

Board of Supervisors

Chairman Adams called the Board of Supervisors meeting to order at 9:30 am.

Industrial Development Authority

Vice Chairman Dillon called the IDA meeting to order at 9:30 am.

AWARD OF CONTRACT RE: COMMONWEALTH CROSSING BUSINESS CENTRE ENVIRONMENTAL MITIGATION

Mr. Summerlin said part of the development at Commonwealth Crossing Business Centre will impact wetlands and streams in both Virginia and North Carolina. Mr. Summerlin said state and federal regulations require compensation for unavoidable impacts to wetlands through the purchase of mitigation credits from an approved mitigation bank or trust. Mr. Summerlin said staff has taken measures to minimize the impact but we will still need to purchase 7,040 stream credits and 0.98 acres of wetland credits for a total cost of \$2,352,161.

Mr. Vaughn moved that the Board award the contract for stream and wetland credits for CCBC as outlined, seconded by Ms. Buchanan and carried 6-0.

CONSIDERATION OF TAX ITEM REGARDING HOLLIE DRIVE ASSOCIATES

Mr. Adams said this claim was filed by Hollie Drive Associates for property erroneously assessed. The County conducted an independent appraisal and an agreed upon disposition has been reached.

Mr. Bryant moved that the Board appropriate \$75,130.40 from the uncommitted fund balance and issue a refund check in the same amount to Hollie Drive Associates, LLC and that the County Attorney execute such documents and orders as are necessary to conclude the legal proceedings in Henry County Circuit Court, seconded by Mr. Slaughter and unanimously carried.

CONSIDERATION OF PERFORMANCE AGREEMENTS WITH EBAY, INC./GSI COMMERCE, INC.

Mr. Summerlin presented two Performance Agreements for consideration by the Board of Supervisors and Industrial Development Authority (Copies included in Board's File). Both agreements are between the County of Henry, the Henry County Industrial Development Authority, and eBay, Inc. for grant funds in the amount of \$150,000; \$75,000 from the Governor's Development Opportunity Fund and \$75,000 from Henry County to be used to lease, equip and operate a warehouse/distribution facility. Each agreement includes similar requirements: capital investment of approximately \$1,500,000; creation of at least 61 new jobs with an average annual salary of \$24,315; meet both capital and employment obligations within 36 months after the end of the base period.

Board of Supervisors

Mr. Vaughn moved that the Board of Supervisors approve the Performance Agreements as presented, seconded by Ms. Buchanan and carried 6-0.

Industrial Development Authority

Mr. Helmstutler moved that the Industrial Development Authority accept the Performance Agreements as presented, seconded by Mr. Thacker and carried 6-0. Mr. McDorman was absent.

There being no further business, Mr. Bryant moved that the Board of Supervisors adjourn at 9:40 am, seconded by Mr. Slaughter and carried 6-0.

Mr. Helmstutler moved that the Industrial Development Authority adjourn its meeting at 9:40 am, seconded by Mr. Dillon and carried 6-0. Mr. McDorman was absent.

**HENRY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MINUTES**

March 27, 2012 – 3:00 pm

The Henry County Board of Supervisors held its regular meeting on March 27, 2012, at 3:00 pm in the Board Meeting Room of the County Administration Building, King's Mountain Road, Collinsville, Virginia. The following Board members were present: Chairman Jim Adams, Vice-Chairman Tommy Slaughter, Debra Buchanan, H.G. Vaughn, Milton Kendall, and Joe Bryant.

Staff members present were Tim Hall, Deputy County Administrator; Darrell Jones, Director of Finance; Richard Stanfield, Deputy Director of Finance; Michelle Via, Administrative Assistant; and Susan Reynolds, Director of Human Resources. Benny Summerlin, County Administrator, arrived at 5:24 pm; George Lyle, County Attorney, was absent.

Sheriff Lane Perry and Lt. Eric Hairston of the Sheriff's Office were present. Also present were Debbie Hall and Paul Collins of the Martinsville Bulletin, Ron Morris of B99, and Kip Wallace and Charles Roark of BTW.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

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

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Adams called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone present. He stated that anyone who wishes to be on the Agenda for the Board's regular business meeting held at 3:00 pm 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 pm may do so under 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).

- February 28, 2012
- March 5, 2012

Approval of Accounts Payable

(Copy included in Board's File).

Proclamation Establishing April 2012 as "Fair Housing Month" in Henry County

(Copy included in Board's File)

Ms. Buchanan noted one correction in the "Call to Order," change "she" to "he" and moved that the Items of Consent be adopted as presented, seconded by Mr. Slaughter. The motion carried 6 to 0.

PROCLAMATION ESTABLISHING APRIL 2012 AS "CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH" IN HENRY COUNTY

Mr. Kendall read the proclamation aloud and moved that the Board adopt it as presented, seconded by Mr. Bryant and unanimously carried. Ralph Lawson and several members of the Martinsville-Henry County Exchange Club were present to accept the proclamation.

PROCLAMATION ESTABLISHING APRIL 2012 AS "SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH" IN HENRY COUNTY

Ms. Buchanan read the proclamation aloud and moved that the Board adopt it as presented, seconded by Mr. Slaughter and carried 6 to 0. Sandy Dawson, Sexual Violence Case Manager for Citizens Against Family Violence was present to accept the proclamation.

REQUEST FROM HENRY COUNTY ELECTORAL BOARD REGARDING PRECINCT CHANGES

Mr. Hall said the Henry County Electoral Board is seeking to move three voting precincts, one of which was not included in the working papers. It is requesting that the Ridgeway #1 precinct currently located on the second floor of a building be moved to the first floor of the same building for better access. The Electoral Board also wants to move the Bassett #1 precinct from the back area of its current building to the front area of the same building, also for better access. In addition, the Electoral Board would like to move the polling place for the Horsepasture #1 precinct from the Horsepasture Fire Department to the Horsepasture Fire Department Recreation Building. Mr. Hall said changes affecting the Henry County Code of Ordinances require a public hearing and changes affecting voting procedures must receive pre-clearance from the Department of Justice as well.

Mr. Vaughn moved that the Board set a public hearing for the April 24 meeting, seconded by Mr. Bryant and unanimously carried.

DISCUSSION OF LITTER ISSUES IN HENRY COUNTY

Mr. Vaughn requested that this item be placed on the agenda each month given the litter problems in Henry County. After receiving information from staff on the use of surveillance cameras, Mr. Vaughn asked if the Sheriff's Office has enough cameras to address problem areas.

Sheriff Perry said after speaking with law enforcement officials statewide, several jurisdictions are using cameras with some success. Sheriff Perry said he would need some latitude to purchase additional cameras. Sheriff Perry said most localities are using portable game cameras which are fairly inexpensive and easy to use, estimated to cost \$200 and include a battery pack that will last several days. Sheriff Perry explained that the cameras are not capable of reading tag numbers of moving vehicles

and the camera must be well hidden to avoid theft. Sheriff Perry said they would have to obtain landowner permission before installing a camera on private property.

In addition, Sheriff Perry said some localities had a code pertaining to covered truck beds that had been successful. Mr. Bryant said that it was his understanding from a memo from the county attorney that we could not require truck beds to be covered. Mr. Hall explained that the County cannot adopt an ordinance that supersedes or is more stringent than state code; however, cities do have that authority.

Mr. Vaughn asked the Sheriff if the County had a program whereby witnesses reported violators, if the witness would be required to testify in court or if a sworn affidavit would be accepted. Sheriff Perry said that would really be at the discretion of the judge but most likely the person would have to appear in court to give sworn testimony as to what they observed.

Mr. Vaughn requested that staff coordinate with VDOT as to the feasibility and cost of placing signs at the County entrance corridors stating "Litter Laws Enforced by Surveillance, Violators Will Be Prosecuted."

Mr. Vaughn made a motion that the Board appropriate up to \$5,000 from the Contingency Fund for the Sheriff's Office to purchase surveillance cameras, seconded by Ms. Buchanan and carried 6 to 0. The Board directed Sheriff Perry to work with Mike Amos to determine where to strategically place the cameras.

Also, Mr. Hall said at the suggestion of Mike Amos, art students in county schools will work on an anti-littering logo that will be displayed on a new refuse truck the County plans to buy.

REPORT ON DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTION EFFORTS

Mr. Scott Grindstaff reviewed the monthly reports on delinquent tax collection efforts. Mr. Grindstaff noted that 90.26% of 2011 personal property taxes have been collected; 90.39% of 2011 real estate taxes; and since the first of January, TACS has collected approximately \$83,764. In addition, Mr. Grindstaff said there are 211 in-house accounts and 123 VRW stops collected as of today for the month of March.

Mr. Grindstaff reported on the difference in DMV records and County records. Mr. Grindstaff said DMV records show 62,380 registered vehicles in Henry County; of those, 9,905 are trailers which are not required to have decals, leaving a difference of 52,000 vehicles. Mr. Grindstaff said his office averages 3,000 to 5,000 abatements each year.

Mr. Grindstaff added that the current process for decals is very cumbersome for his office which has three fewer employees than it did several years ago. Mr. Grindstaff suggested billing for decals at the same time as personal property with both being due by December 5; then, receipts for taxes paid and decals could be mailed together in January. Currently, notices related to taxes and decals are sent at separate times.

MONTHLY UPDATE FROM THE MARTINSVILLE-HENRY COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Mr. Mark Heath, President of the Martinsville-Henry County Economic Development Corporation, was present to make the monthly update to the Board. Mr. Heath reviewed a summary of activities by division (Copy included in Board's File). Mr. Heath said the EDC is working with a total of 25 projects, including 14 active projects.

REQUEST TO RETAIN FY 2011 CARRY-OVER FUNDS – SCHOOL BOARD

Mr. Hall said Dr. Jared Cotton is requesting permission for the School Board to retain \$1,587,028 in carry-over funds from the FY 2011 budget. Dr. Cotton indicates that the School Board would use the funds primarily for maintenance and operational projects.

Mr. Vaughn moved that the Board table the School Board's request for carry-over funds until a final FY 2012-2013 County Budget is composed, seconded by Mr. Slaughter and unanimously carried.

AWARD OF CONTRACT RE: RESEALING AND RESTRIPING OF COUNTY PARKING LOTS

Mr. Hall said the low bid of \$39,550 was received from DeBord Sealing and Striping of Sparta, NC for the re-sealing and re-striping of parking lots at the County Administration Building, Sheriff's Office, Courthouse, Jack Dalton Park, and the Patriot Centre fire station.

Mr. Bryant moved that the Board award the contract to DeBord Sealing and Striping in the amount of \$39,550, seconded by Mr. Kendall and carried 6 to 0.

AWARD OF CONTRACT RE: EMERGENCY MEDICAL DISPATCH PROGRAM – 9-1-1 COMMUNICATIONS CENTER

Mr. Hall said Wes Ashley, Director of the Martinsville-Henry County 9-1-1 Communications Center, is asking the Board to award a contract not to exceed \$102,797.53 to APCO International for software, training and support for implementation of Emergency Medical Dispatch. Mr. Hall said the funds have been secured from the Rescue Squad Assistance Fund as well as local matches from Henry County and the City of Martinsville.

Mr. Kendall moved that the Board award a contract not to exceed \$102,797.53 to APCO International as requested, seconded by Mr. Slaughter and unanimously carried.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION RE: FEDERAL EDUCATION JOBS FUND – SCHOOL BOARD

Mr. Hall said Dr. Cotton is requesting the Board's approval of an additional appropriation of \$28,968.22 for the Education Jobs Fund. The money was received as a supplemental grant from the United States Department of Education and must be used for compensation and benefits.

Ms. Buchanan made a motion that the Board approve the additional appropriation as requested, seconded by Mr. Vaughn and carried 6 to 0.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION RE: EMS TRAINING FUNDS – PUBLIC SAFETY

Mr. Hall said Director of Public Safety Dale Wagoner is asking the Board to make an additional appropriation of \$3,286.04 from the Virginia Office of Emergency Management Services and others for the reimbursement of expenses from programs previously conducted by the Department of Public Safety. There is no local match required.

Mr. Bryant moved that the Board approve the additional appropriation as requested, seconded by Mr. Kendall and unanimously carried.

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

Mr. Hall said Commonwealth’s Attorney Bob Bushnell is asking the Board to approve an additional appropriation of \$1,295 from the Asset Forfeiture line item to the Travel Expenses line item.

Mr. Vaughn moved that the Board approve the additional appropriation as requested, seconded by Mr. Kendall and carried 6 to 0.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Comments from the Board

Mr. Vaughn said he attended an event with Ryan Newman on March 14 at the Martinsville Speedway. In addition, Mr. Vaughn reminded the Board that Gary Sinese and his Lt. Dan Band will hold a benefit concert for Cpl. J.B. Kearns on Saturday, March 31 at Martinsville High School and encouraged everyone to attend.

Also, Mr. Vaughn said that he had received a request from a constituent asking the County to establish a bee apiary. Mr. Vaughn said he forwarded that request to Mr. Summerlin who has asked the Virginia Cooperative Extension to provide more information. Mr. Vaughn said the Southwest Virginia Beekeepers Association has circulated a petition requesting the same.

CLOSED MEETING

Mr. Slaughter moved that the Board go into a closed meeting at 4:20 p.m., seconded by Ms. Buchanan and unanimously carried to discuss the following.

- 1) §2.2-3711(A)1 for Discussion of Appointee to the Henry-Martinsville Social Services Board.
- 2) §2.2-3711(A)7 for Consultation with the County Attorney re: Pending Legal Matters.
- 3) §2.2-3711(A)3 for Consultation with the County Attorney re: Acquisition/Disposal of Real Estate.
- 4) §2.2-3711(A)5 for Consultation with the County Attorney re: Discussion of As-Yet Unannounced Industries.

OPEN MEETING:

The Board returned to an open meeting at 5:24 p.m. on a motion by Ms. Buchanan, seconded by Mr. Kendall and unanimously carried.

CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED MEETING:

Mr. Hall read the Certification of the Closed Meeting and took a roll call vote. Those voting in the affirmative were Mr. Vaughn, Mr. Bryant, Mr. Kendall, Ms. Buchanan, Mr. Slaughter, and Mr. Adams.

There was no action taken during closed meeting.

Mr. Adams recessed at 5:25 p.m. until the 6:00 evening meeting.

Mr. Adams called the meeting back to order at 6:00 p.m. and welcomed everyone present.

MATTERS PRESENTED BY THE PUBLIC

There was no one present who wished to speak.

PUBLIC HEARING – SIX-YEAR SECONDARY ROAD PLAN, OPEN FORMAT, 6 P.M. TO 6:30 P.M. (MEETING ROOM #1 – RIGHT SIDE)

Mr. Adams said VDOT and the Board are holding a joint public hearing to review and discuss the Six-Year Secondary Road Plan from 6:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. in meeting room #1 (right side). Ms. Lisa Hughes will prepare minutes of the hearing, make any recommended changes to the list of projects, and submit the revised document to the Board for approval at its April 24 meeting.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION REGARDING PIEDMONT GOVERNOR'S SCHOOL ROBOTICS TEAM

Members of the robotics team from the Piedmont Governor's School for Mathematics, Science and Technology recently captured first place in the 2012 FIRST Robotics Competition Virginia Regional and are now eligible to compete in the national championships in St. Louis, MO.

Mr. Slaughter read the resolution aloud and moved that the Board adopt it as presented, seconded by Ms. Buchanan and unanimously carried. Members of the robotics team were present to accept the resolution. Mr. Brian Pace, director of the Governor's School thanked the Board for its support.

PRESENTATION FROM REPRESENTATIVES OF THE BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB OF THE BLUE RIDGE

Board President Jim Beckner of the Boys and Girls Club of the Blue Ridge was present to thank the Board for its support and provide an update on activities. Also speaking were Board member/parent Will Koger, Club member R.J. Williams, and Michael Waddell, development officer of the Boys and Girls Club.

GENERAL HIGHWAY MATTERS

Ms. Lisa Hughes, Residency Administrator for the Virginia Department of Transportation, was present to update the Board on General Highway Matters.

Ms. Hughes said the Six-Year Improvement Program public hearing for primary and interstate roads is scheduled for April 24 at Northside High School in Roanoke. Comments may be emailed if you are unable to attend. Mr. Summerlin said West Piedmont is consolidating all of the regional comments for submission.

Ms. Hughes distributed a revised Secondary Roads Six-Year Plan and requested that the Board review it and decide if the projects listed are still priorities. Ms. Hughes said the Preston and Irisburg Road projects are both fully funded and will be completed in the next two years. Ms. Hughes said the money allocated to remaining projects however is not enough to complete any one of them except possibly the Fieldale Bridge. Mr. Summerlin asked Ms. Hughes if she had reviewed the cost for improvements on Barrows Mill Road at the Patriot Centre. Ms. Hughes said she would report back next month. Mr. Summerlin urged the Board to consider adding Barrows Mill Road to the Six-Year Plan for economic development purposes.

There being no further business to discuss, Ms. Buchanan moved at 6:33 pm to continue the meeting until April 3, 2012 at 5 pm, seconded by Mr. Kendall and carried 6 to 0.

HENRY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MINUTES

April 3, 2012 – 5:00 pm

The Henry County Board of Supervisors met on April 3, 2012, at 5:00 pm in the Fourth Floor Conference Room of the County Administration Building, King's Mountain Road, Collinsville, Virginia. The purpose of the meeting was to present the FY 2012-'13 County Budget. The following Board members were present: Chairman Jim Adams; Vice Chairman Tommy Slaughter; Debra Buchanan, Milton Kendall, H.G. Vaughn, and Joe Bryant.

Staff members present were Benny Summerlin, County Administrator; Tim Hall, Deputy County Administrator; George Lyle, County Attorney; Michelle Via, Administrative Assistant; Darrell Jones, Director of Finance; Richard Stanfield, Assistant Director of Finance; and Susan Reynolds, Director of Human Resources.

Debbie Hall of the Martinsville Bulletin and Kip Wallace of BTW were present. Also present were Sheriff Lane Perry and Lt. Colonel Steve Eanes of the Sheriff's Office and Dawn Lawson and Curtis Millner of the Henry County School Board.

Chairman Adams called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone present. He stated this is a continuation of the Board's March 27 meeting.

PRESENTATION OF COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S PROPOSED 2012-2013 BUDGET

Mr. Summerlin gave an overview of the Discussion and Analysis for Fiscal Year 2012-2013 Proposed Operating Budget for the County of Henry and Capital Improvements Plan as outlined below:

The 2012-13 Proposed County Budget is the result of dozens of hours of formal meetings, informal discussions, phone calls, online searches, projections, rumor chasing, number crunching, and praying. We almost resorted to begging and pleading.

So here we are, with all of our efforts laid out before you in more than 200 pages of words, charts, and numbers. Management feels like this is the best budget we could possibly craft, given the parameters with which we have to work.

But we wish we could present you with a different version. We wish we could present you with a budget that includes genuine raises for our employees. They do an incredible job for the taxpayers of this community, yet they find themselves under attack for their retirement plans, their compensation levels, and their good fortune to have a job.

Instead, this will be the fourth consecutive year that our employees have not received a true pay raise. Last year's 3% stipend, graciously endorsed by the Board of Supervisors, isn't recommended this year.

But wait a minute – aren't employees getting a 5% raise? The Virginia General Assembly decreed it, correct?

That's true, but here is where the slight-of-hand comes in. Part of that decree from Richmond for a 5% raise was to mandate the employees to then pay 5% toward their retirement plans. Simple, right? Money in, money out, right?

That's a complete fallacy. While some General Assembly members say these changes are "a wash" when it comes to an employee's pocketbook, our folks will take home less money in the next 12 months than the past 12 months. Why? Because they will pay extra for FICA, Medicare, etc., based on that 5% "raise" that shows up as nothing other than a line on their pay stubs.

In addition, we estimate these changes will cost Henry County an estimated \$143,405 annually in extra payroll expenses for what's being touted as a "money in, money out" plan. That is simply wrong, and it's disingenuous for elected officials to continually say anything different.

The General Assembly is reportedly considering a "phase-in" of the 5% "pay raise and pay retirement" plan, at 1% per year over the next five years. This would obviously reduce the amount required of us annually. The outcome of this proposal most likely will not be known until the General Assembly reconvenes on April 18 to wrap up business for the year.

We wish we could present you with a budget that completely meets our capital needs; we simply cannot do so. Outside agencies currently funded will once again go without any increase in funding levels, and we have other outside agencies that deserve consideration for funding but aren't going to get it.

Each budget should accomplish two things: it should adequately provide for operations in the next 12 months, and it also should take a look down the path and consider the route to be taken in the future. We think we are meeting these benchmarks, but barely. Henry County has lived on the edge so long that we may have forgotten how dangerous it really is.

We cannot do anything to truly affect what the General Assembly does. We cannot do anything to impact real change in the way our federal government operates. All we can do is deal with what's in front of us, take that material, and help provide the best working and living environment in Henry County.

One way we can make a significant impact locally is through the development of the Commonwealth Crossing Business Centre, which is our cover subject for this FY 2013 Budget. While the Patriot Centre continues to flourish, Commonwealth Crossing is our future. We must do all we can to facilitate its preparation and growth.

The CCBC project is moving forward. In February the Board awarded a contract for more than \$13.7 million to Blythe Development of Charlotte, NC for site grading. Construction on the water line to the site is complete, and sewer line construction is more than 90% finished.

One barrier is the issuance of the appropriate permits from our regulatory agencies. Staff is particularly concerned about approvals from the Army Corps of Engineers, and we have reached out to our federal representatives for their assistance.

We have been good stewards of our local money in this project. We secured a grant from the Tobacco Commission to pay the majority of a \$2.8 million water tank. There is \$8,334,200 of local money in the CCBC project, and we've parlayed that money into \$17,410,000 of matching grants. That means we've taken \$1 of local money and turned it into more than \$2 of outside money.

That's a true definition of "money in, money out."

We have a lot to brag about in Henry County. Before we get to the Proposed FY 2012-13 Budget, let's take a look in the rear-view mirror at FY '11-'12.

FY 2011-12 Highlights

- In concert with the Martinsville-Henry County Economic Development Corporation, the past 12 months have seen us add multiple employment opportunities for our citizens. Since the presentation of the FY 2011-12 Budget, we have announced the following economic development projects:
 - ICF international, 539 jobs and \$15 million in capital investment
 - Applied Felts, 40 jobs and \$6 million investment
 - Commonwealth Laminating, 40 jobs and \$16.5 million investment
 - GS Industries, 35 jobs
 - Laminate Technologies, or LamTech, 30 jobs and \$2 million investment
 - GSI/eBay, 61 jobs, \$1.5 million investment.
 - You will note that of those six announcements, two were new companies (ICF, LamTech) and four were local expansions (Applied Felts, Commonwealth Laminating, GS industries, GSI/eBay). That is a great mix of new and existing industries for our locality.
- Lot 2 in the Patriot Centre is ready and open for business. The 25-acre pad provides us with our best available prepared site. Blythe Development, the same company that will grade CCBC, did an exceptional job getting Lot 2 ready.
- We expect RTI International to be in production by the end of the calendar year. The capital investment already exceeds the \$100 million that was promised in the Performance Agreement.
- We worked with our neighbors to create the Southern Virginia Regional Alliance, which gives us another tool in the economic development toolbox.
- The County and the EDC entered into a marketing option contract with Upticon, Inc. for the shell building in the Patriot Centre. Upticon representatives are in frequent contact with management regarding the building.
- Our foray into the world of paid emergency service personnel was successful. Our paid staff answered 2,767 calls in 2011, either on their own or in conjunction with our volunteer squads. As the Board is aware, the proposed FY 2013 Budget includes a recommendation to hire four additional paid personnel. These new positions will be funded by soft-billing revenue.
- The Board disposed of the Irisburg Elementary School and South Martinsville School buildings to entities that we feel are great fits for the respective

neighborhoods. Irisburg will be the new home of a church while South Martinsville is being transitioned into a funeral home. The County and the City of Martinsville worked together to sell the former Social Services building in Uptown Martinsville for \$100,000.

- A new Henry County Schools Superintendent, Dr. Jared Cotton, joined us in January 2012. He comes to a school system that had a great year. All County schools are fully accredited, and Rich Acres Elementary was declared a “National Blue Ribbon School.” It was one of just six schools in the Commonwealth to earn that designation. Rich Acres was joined by Mount Olivet, Drewry Mason, Stanleytown and Sanville as VIP Award winners as selected by Governor Bob McDonnell.
- More than 3,000 I-Pads are in use in our County classrooms, the largest such initiative in the Commonwealth.
- Thirteen County teachers met extremely rigorous standards to become Nationally Certified teachers and 40% of our teachers have advanced degrees.
- New College Institute had an eventful year. It established working relationships with Radford University, Virginia Commonwealth University and Virginia State University, and it saw the retirement of Dr. Barry Dorsey after five years of leading NCI from concept to its current level. Staff worked well with Dr. Dorsey and we anticipate a similar relationship with former state senator William Wampler, the new Executive Director. Mr. Wampler brings a wealth of knowledge and connections, and staff believes this will pay big dividends for the area.
- Patrick Henry Community College also saw some significant changes with the retirement of its president, Dr. Max Wingett. Dr. Wingett ran the PHCC campus for 34 years and he had a big impact on this community. Management looks forward to seeing where the next PHCC chapter is headed.
- The County secured \$3.4 million in bonds to upgrade the HVAC system at Magna Vista High School.
- We worked with our neighboring communities and the West Piedmont Planning District Commission to craft a Regional Water Supply Plan.
- Henry County worked with the City of Martinsville on the five-year evaluation of our Solid Waste Management Plan.
- Staff and the Board worked with the Army Corps of Engineers’ staff at Philpott Lake on moving the marina initiative forward. The Board authorized staff to seek funding partners for the project, and staff is continuing to work on the issue.
- The Henry County Sheriff’s Office met a slew of rigorous requirements to gain accredited status from the Virginia Law Enforcement Professional Standards Commission. The accreditation indicates a high level of professionalism and achievement within a department and capped a four-year process for the Sheriff’s Office.
- The Piedmont Area Regional Transit bus system (PART) is more popular than ever. For the first five months of the tracking year, from October 2011 to

February 2012, the system has seen 8,678 riders versus 6,881 riders for the same period in the previous cycle. The bus system set a monthly record in February 2012 with 1,913 riders, which topped the previous monthly record of 1,773 riders in October 2011. In addition, the average daily number of 91.1 riders in February topped the previous daily high of 81.2 riders in December 2011. Management has included funding in the proposed budget to continue this program.

- We instituted an energy project in County buildings that retrofitted lighting fixtures, installed solar heating panels, and installed a customer information kiosk in our Administration Building so citizens can track energy usage and other data. The project was made possible through about \$780,000 in stimulus funding and grants.

Proposed FY 2012-13 County Budget

The proposed FY 2012-13 Henry County budget is \$116,201,474. That amount is approximately 7.9% less than last year's budget of \$126,221,132, which was somewhat bloated because of one-time costs associated with prepping CCBC.

Staff is recommending that the school system receive an allocation of \$16,577,895 from the County this year, which is level funding with FY 2011-12 and is what the school system requested from the County.

As indicated above, management is not recommending a pay raise for County staff this year, marking the fourth consecutive year that our employees will go without a pay raise. Staff recommends that the County continue to pick up the cost of our employees' single-subscriber health insurance premiums, which will rise 6.33% in FY 2013. As we pointed out above, our employees continue to work harder while their buying power gets weaker.

Staff is recommending an additional vacation day for each employee in FY '13. This was done in the FY '10 and 'FY 11 budget years in lieu of pay raises or stipends.

While management urges all citizens to read the Proposed Budget completely, we understand that it's more than 200 pages long. Therefore we will highlight some of the items:

- Our property reassessments will be completed this year and will be implemented January 1, 2013 and will impact the FY 2014 Budget. Management expects the trends of other communities to continue, which means a decline in property values is likely. That means less real estate tax revenue for the locality, unless the Board adjusts the tax rates to remain revenue neutral. Additional expenses are included in this proposed budget to cover additional work for our assessors and the Board of Equalization.
- Four new paid paramedic positions are recommended. These positions will be funded through the revenue recovery system already in place. The positions will work 12-hour shifts and will be primarily stationed at the Bassett Rescue Squad to better serve the western portions of Henry County.
- Management is recommending \$175,000 be included for a fire truck for the Horsepasture Volunteer Fire Department, as recommended by the Firefighters Association.

- Management is recommending a new ambulance be purchased for the Fieldale-Collinsville Rescue Squad, as recommended by the Rescue Squad Association. Staff understands that F-C has secured a state grant of \$125,000 and a United Way allocation of \$17,000 toward the purchase. The County recently purchased a new ambulance for our paid staff for \$153,000, and management believes the F-C ambulance would cost a comparable amount. Therefore management is recommending that the County provide funding of \$11,000 toward F-C's purchase, which would be the balance between the expected cost and the grants already secured for the purchase. The rescue squads receive approximately \$600,000 per year via soft-billing revenues, which should be adequate to fund operating and capital expenditures.
- Staff previously recommended, and the Board concurred, that a study be completed to determine how much fire and rescue vehicle inventory is necessary to meet our citizens' needs. The Commonwealth will only conduct a more comprehensive study of the fire and rescue systems, not specifically a vehicle needs study. The County's obligation would be to fund the travel expenses of the study team. It is recommended that the Board fund the Comprehensive Study.
- The Board's contingency fund is recommended at \$150,000. This includes a \$50,000 fuel contingency for all County departments. The volatility of fuel prices makes it difficult to adequately project prices at this time.
- Management recommends level funding for the Economic Development Corporation with the understanding that \$100,000 of the County's contribution continues to be earmarked for debt service obligations on industrial land purchases.

Projected Revenues and Expenditures Details

The school division has asked to retain \$1,587,028 in carry-over funds from the FY' 11 budget to the current budget. If approved these funds would come from the County's fund balance. Several charges against the fund balance have been made in the current fiscal year, and the Board has several pending commitments to prospective industries and capital projects which, if developed, will also reduce the fund balance.

Therefore staff recommends that \$1,337,028 of the carry-over be returned to the school system for the following projects:

- Rich Acres Elementary roof replacement, \$580,000
- Mount Olivet Elementary roof replacement, \$565,000
- OPEB funding for FY '13 and FY '14, \$192,028

Staff believes the remaining items should be considered by the School Board within its existing operating budget.

Other highlights of anticipated revenue and expenditure items for FY '13 include:

Revenue

- General property taxes are up 3.9% Revenue may be offset by Enterprise Zone obligations on the expenditure side of the budget.
- Local sales tax is up 2.7%

- Food and beverage tax is up 2.5%
- County fines are down 29.5%
- Courthouse maintenance fees are down 26.1%
- Courthouse security fees are down 15.9%
- Bank interest is up 12.5%
- Electric monitoring fees are down 74.1%
- Sales of recyclables are up 43.3%
- EMS fees are up 47.7% due to the projected increase in calls with additional staff
- Auto rental taxes are down 41.1%

Expenditures

- The assessors' budget is up 14.4% due to the reassessment work
- EMS supplemental services is up 38.8%
- Maintenance of communications sites is up 353.8% because of the expiration of maintenance contracts on the radio system
- Payments to VRS and Group Life are up approximately \$450,000 due to increased rates and will be paid by a combination of County contributions and employee withholding
- Fuel costs are up approximately \$100,000 among all departments; there also is a \$50,000 fuel contingency within the Board's contingency fund.

Amendments to the FY 2011-12 Budget

Thanks to the austere spending habits of our staff, some of our capital needs can be met through current-year expenditures. By using current-year funds to pay for these projects we can keep those expenditures out of the FY 2013 budget.

Staff recommends the following capital items be funded from the current-year budget:

- Replacement copier for the General District Court, \$2,000
- Replacement copier for the Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court, \$3,152
- Wire recorder for Sheriff's Office, \$10,000
- Replacement of 10 personal computers for the Sheriff's Office, \$14,000
- Replacement of kitchen equipment for the Sheriff's Office, \$14,470
- Replacement mowers for Parks and Recreation, \$20,000
- A replacement truck for Parks and Recreation, \$24,000
- Updated bulletproof vests for Sheriff's Office, \$28,440
- Additional liability for the Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) for County employees, \$32,000
- Sealant for walking path on the Dick and Willie Trail, Parks and Recreation, \$40,000
- Installation of additional gas vents on the former County landfill, \$63,000
- Replacement of a front-end loading garbage truck, \$235,000

Capital Improvement Projects

Capital expenditures recommended for inclusion in the FY 2013 Budget include:

- County contribution toward a replacement ambulance for the Fieldale-Collinsville Rescue Squad, \$11,000
- Replacement desktop computers, Information Systems, \$18,000
- Replacement vehicle for Social Services, \$20,000
- Replacement vehicle for Building Inspection, \$24,000
- Replacement vehicle for Animal Control, Sheriff's Office, \$31,000
- Resurfacing tennis courts, Jaycee Park, Parks and Recreation, \$40,000
- Replacement fire truck, Horsepasture Volunteer Fire Department, \$175,000
- Replacement of eight patrol cars, Sheriff's Office, \$272,000

You also will see \$2,830,000 for the water tank at CCBC. This is as pass-through expense from Henry County to the Public Service Authority.

Outside Agencies

All currently-funded outside agencies are recommended to receive level funding or their requested funding from Henry County. Gateway Streetscape will receive about \$3,000 less from the Commonwealth's litter grant because of reductions at the state level. A document listing all outside agencies and their funding levels is included later in this document.

Staff remains concerned that Gateway Streetscape's current level of spending will deplete its cash reserves within approximately 12 months. Litter eradication is a major focus of the Board and staff has requested a projected Henry County work plan from Gateway to evaluate whether it can meet the needs and expectations of the Board of Supervisors regarding the litter issue.

Two outside agencies that currently receive no County funds, STEP, Inc. and Feeding America Southwest Virginia, requested funding this year. While management has no doubt these agencies are doing good work, it felt adding any new agencies this year would not be prudent.

Goals and Objectives

The Board of Supervisors annually evaluates its Goals and Objectives at its Planning Retreat in February. At this year's meeting the Board produced the following 2012 list:

- Development of industrial sites
- Support for the Martinsville-Henry County Economic Development Corporation
- Job creation and capital investment
- Tourism/marina project
- Retail development
- Expansion of water and sewer infrastructure, particularly in areas surrounding Martinsville Speedway, the Smith River Sports Complex, and the Blue Ridge Airport
- Raise the educational levels, both high school and college, of residents, with an added emphasis on career and technical education
- Growth of EMS program
- Improving Community appearance/litter issues

As you know, we are already addressing several of these items. Staff will continue to monitor those issues and we will continue to pursue the other items.

Looking to the Future

The County's litter and trash problem is receiving some much-deserved attention. We need to work hard to ensure that this momentum turns into action.

At the suggestion of Refuse Department manager Mike Amos, staff is working with the school system to have an anti-litter logo developed by some of our art students. Staff plans to place that logo on the side of the County's newest front-end loading garbage truck.

The next steps for our institutions of higher learning are vitally important to our locality. Management is excited about what Mr. Wampler can accomplish as NCI's executive director, and we eagerly anticipate the naming of the new president for PHCC. A lot of our future depends on the continued growth and expansion of these two entities.

Primarily, however, our future is tied to our ability to help provide job opportunities for our citizens. It is a misconception that government **CREATES** jobs. We don't create them – the private sector does. However, it is our function to help provide adequate sites, adequate infrastructure, and low tax rates that allow businesses to thrive.

The development of CCBC, the continued success of the Patriot Centre, and our ongoing assistance and guidance to current businesses and industries are the pillars of what we do. Success in these areas will pay for education, public safety, law enforcement, parks and recreation, and virtually everything else mentioned in this document.

Mr. Summerlin said the budget is available on the County website and is also available at all four branches of the Blue Ridge Regional Library. Mr. Summerlin reminded the Board of the budget work session scheduled on April 5, 2012 at 5:00 pm in the Fourth Floor Conference Room. Mr. Summerlin requested that the Board review the budget and on Thursday, staff will go through each category and answer any questions. Mr. Summerlin stated that if the Board has any changes to the budget, the Board can discuss them following the public hearing on April 16, 2012.

Advertise FY '12-'13 Budget

Following the presentation, Mr. Slaughter moved that the Board advertise the FY 2012-'13 Budget on Sunday, April 8, 2012, for a scheduled public hearing on April 16, 2012, seconded by Ms. Buchanan and carried 6 to 0.

There being no further business to discuss Mr. Slaughter moved at 6 pm that the Board continue the meeting to April 5, 2012 at 5:00 pm, second by Ms. Buchanan and unanimously carried.

HENRY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MINUTES

April 5, 2012 – 5:00 pm

The Henry County Board of Supervisors met on April 5, 2012, at 5:00 pm in the Fourth Floor Conference Room of the County Administration Building, King's Mountain Road, Collinsville, Virginia. The purpose of the meeting was to hold a work session on the FY '12-'13 Total County Budget. The following Board members were present: Chairman Jim Adams, Vice Chairman Tommy Slaughter, Debra Buchanan, H. G. Vaughn, Joe Bryant, and Milton Kendall.

Staff members present were Benny Summerlin, County Administrator; Tim Hall, Deputy County Administrator; George Lyle, County Attorney; Michelle Via, Administrative Assistant; Darrell Jones, Director of Finance; Richard Stanfield, Deputy Director of Finance; and Susan Reynolds, Director of Human Resources.

Paul Collins of the Martinsville Bulletin was present. Sheriff Lane Perry and Lt. Colonel Steve Eanes of the Sheriff's Office were also present.

Dr. Jared Cotton and Ms. Dawn Lawson of the School Board were present.

Chairman Adams called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone present. He stated the meeting is a continuation of its April 3, 2012 meeting.

WORK SESSION ON FY 2012-2013 PROPOSED HENRY COUNTY BUDGET

Mr. Summerlin said he will review the budget by category and if the Board has any questions, he will respond. The following categories of the FY '12-'13 Budget were reviewed and discussed:

REVENUES

EXPENDITURES

- General Government Administration
- Judicial Administration
- Public Safety
- Public Works
- Health and Welfare
- Education
- Recreation/Culture
- Community Development
- Non-Departmental
- Special Funds
- Capital Improvements

Mr. Bryant requested that the Board reconsider the proposed budget allocation to the Fieldale-Collinsville Volunteer Rescue Squad, as recommended by the Rescue Squad Association. Mr. Bryant said the Fieldale-Collinsville Volunteer Rescue Squad was expecting \$95,000 to assist in the purchase of a new ambulance and they were blindsided by the \$11,000 in the proposed budget. Mr. Summerlin explained that the Fieldale-Collinsville Rescue Squad received grants totaling \$142,300 to purchase a new ambulance and based on a recent ambulance purchase by the County, recommended that they receive only \$11,000. Mr. Bryant said the rescue squad had made plans on how to use the funding including the purchase of a quick response vehicle (QRV). However, Mr. Summerlin said Board policy stipulates the funding only be used for the purchase of an ambulance. Mr. Bryant said he was not aware of that policy and it was his understanding that the County has in the past provided capital funding to some rescue squads for expenses. Mr. Summerlin said to his knowledge, the County has never deviated from the policy, though years ago, used to provide no-interest loans to rescue squads. In addition, Mr. Summerlin pointed out that the volunteer rescue squads have received net revenue of \$600,000 from soft billing since the County hired supplemental career staff.

Some general discussion ensued, and several Board members said they could understand the dilemma if the rescue squad had been planning on the funding from the County. Mr. Vaughn suggested that the rescue squad should have been notified in advance and asked County staff to meet with representatives of the Fieldale-Collinsville squad to discuss the \$95,000 funding request.

Mr. Summerlin said when you are facing revenue shortfalls, capital funding is the first place to look for cuts. Mr. Summerlin said various departments and agencies will receive less money than they anticipated in the proposed budget. Mr. Summerlin said in recent years, the Sheriff's Office has only received funding for about half the police cars it requested; the Sheriff's Office asked for 16 new vehicles, but there is only enough funding for eight.

Ms. Buchanan suggested the possibility of using revenues from soft billing to assist Fieldale-Collinsville. Also mentioned was the use of contingency funds. Ms. Buchanan also pointed out that the squad could use the proceeds from the sale of their two surplus emergency vehicles to help offset expenses. Mr. Slaughter said if the Board chooses to give the additional funding to the rescue squad, policy guidelines must also be changed; Mr. Summerlin concurred.

Ms. Buchanan said the long-range assessment of what emergency vehicles are needed should be completed by next fiscal year and she thinks the results will be eye-opening. Mr. Vaughn said hopefully the study will give us updated information necessary to evaluate future needs. Mr. Vaughn said the structure of the EMS system has changed significantly with the implementation of the supplemental staff. Mr. Vaughn said instead of the annual rotation between the five squads, we may need to look at funding based on need, which squads are answering the bulk of the calls and which vehicles have the most mileage.

Mr. Vaughn and the Board commended Mr. Summerlin and staff for their oversight and planning on the budget. Mr. Adams added that the increase in the County's fund balance did not "happen by accident."

There being no further business to discuss, Ms. Buchanan moved to adjourn at 6:01 p.m., seconded by Mr. Bryant and unanimously carried.

HENRY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MINUTES

April 16, 2012 – 7:00 pm

The Henry County Board of Supervisors met on April 16, 2012, at 7:00 pm in the Board 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 '12-'13 School Budget and Total County Budget. The following Board members were present: Chairman Jim Adams, Vice Chairman Tommy Slaughter, Debra Buchanan, H. G. Vaughn, Milton Kendall, and Joe Bryant.

Staff members present were Benny Summerlin, County Administrator; Tim Hall, Deputy County Administrator; George Lyle, County Attorney; Michelle Via, Administrative Assistant; Darrell Jones, Director of Finance; Richard Stanfield, Deputy Director of Finance; and Susan Reynolds, Director of Human Resources.

School Superintendent Dr. Jared Cotton, Chief Financial Officer Dawn Lawson, and several School Board members were present.

Debbie Hall of the Martinsville Bulletin and Ron Morris of B99 were present. Also in attendance were Sheriff Lane Perry, Lt. Colonel Steve Eanes, and other members of the Sheriff's Office.

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 '12-'13 School Budget and the second public hearing is on the FY '12-'13 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.

PUBLIC HEARING - PROPOSED FY '13 SCHOOL BUDGET

Mr. Adams opened the public hearing at 7:01 pm. The following persons spoke:

- Kathy Rogers, Chairman of the School Board, expressed the School Board's appreciation for level funding and continued support.

There being no one else who wished to speak, the public hearing was closed at 7:03 pm.

PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED FY '12-'13 TOTAL COUNTY BUDGET

The public hearing was opened at 7:04 pm.

Several individuals were present to address the Board as follows:

- Dr. Joe Keiper, Executive Director of Virginia Museum of Natural History, and Dr. Dennis Casey, Director of Education for the museum, were present to provide an update on activities and thank the Board for their continued support.
- Mr. Adams noted a letter received from the West Piedmont Planning District Commission thanking the Board for its consideration of support in the FY '13 budget.

Supporters of the Martinsville-Henry County SPCA were present to request that the Board consider fully funding the SPCA's initiative with Henry County Animal Control.

- Joe Grogan, SPCA board member
- Leslie Hervey, Executive Director of the SPCA
- Laura Bowles, SPCA board member
- Julie Hall
- Victoria Foster
- Nicole Cooke
- Speaking in opposition to additional SPCA funding was Mervin Winkler, Collinsville District

Members of the Fieldale-Collinsville Rescue Squad as well as other rescue squads were also present to ask that the Board reconsider the proposed funding of \$11,000 toward the purchase of a new ambulance.

- Clinton McCloskey, Chief of F-C Rescue Squad – Mr. McCloskey proposed that the Board consider funding an additional \$40,000 for a total of \$51,000 to assist with the purchase of an ambulance and quick response vehicle (QRV).
- Stuart Bowman, F-C Rescue Squad board member – Mr. Bowman asked that the Board fully fund the \$95,000 as requested by the Rescue Squad Association.
- Darren Lockridge, Ridgeway Rescue Squad
- Marcus Stone, Bassett Rescue Squad

There being no further comments the public hearing was closed at 7:50 pm.

CONSIDERATION OF ANY PROPOSED BUDGET CHANGES BEFORE EXHIBITS ARE FINALIZED FOR BUDGET ADOPTION

Mr. Summerlin said at the conclusion of tonight's meeting, staff will need any changes the Board wishes to make to the proposed FY '13 budget, as it will be included in the Board package for adoption at the April 24 meeting and scheduled for appropriation at the May meeting. Mr. Summerlin then updated the Board on several budget-related items.

Virginia Retirement System

Mr. Summerlin said the proposed County budget contains a state-mandated 5% pay adjustment to offset a required a 5% contribution to the Virginia Retirement System by all County employees. Since the budget was prepared, the Governor has offered an amendment allowing the phase-in to occur over five years with an annual 1% pay adjustment and 1% contribution to the retirement system. This was previously approved for school employees; however it required an amendment to allow local governments to phase in the contribution over five years. Phasing in the 1% contribution will result in savings of approximately \$216,947 over five years, so it is recommended that the Board approve the 1% phase-in each year for five years.

Since the budget was presented, the General Assembly Conference Committee also reported on the budget, which is still subject to final approval by the General Assembly. The Conference report mandates a 3% stipend, or bonus, to all state employees and state-supported employees payable in December if certain state revenue projections are met. This would include all the constitutional officers and the Department of Social Services employees.

Extra state revenue should be forthcoming to assist with this requirement for a majority of the employees, leaving the County with the responsibility to consider the balance of the employees. Since this requirement is based on state revenues meeting certain targets which will be determined later, it is recommended that after the County receives all revenue estimates that would affect state-supported local employees and the state revenue estimates are verified to meet the threshold, that the County amend its budget to accommodate this stipend/bonus requirement. There are 229 state-supported employees of the 367 County employees.

School Budget

Finally, it appears the school division will receive approximately \$672,893 in additional state aid than what was projected in the FY '13 Budget. Final numbers will be received from the Department of Education after the General Assembly finalizes the budget process, so a budget amendment will be needed to accommodate this change sometime before the beginning of the new fiscal year. The School Board will need to take action to request the specific categories for the appropriation.

General discussion followed concerning the rescue squad's request for additional funding. Mr. Vaughn said the rescue squads and fire departments are our most valuable volunteer resource and we respect that. However, Mr. Vaughn said considering that the capital improvements program is strictly for the purchase of ambulances and the fact that grants have been obtained to help fund the purchase of an ambulance, the Board should only fund the difference between the actual cost, \$165,800, and the grants, \$142,300. Mr. Vaughn moved that the Board appropriate \$12,500 from the current year Contingency Fund, in addition to the \$11,000 in the proposed FY '13 budget for a total allocation of \$23,500 to the F-C Rescue Squad, seconded by Ms. Buchanan and carried 4-2. Mr. Bryant and Mr. Kendall voted in opposition.

The Board discussed additional funding for the SPCA and Mr. Bryant made a motion to give them \$15,000 from the Contingency Fund. The motion died for lack of a second. Mr. Slaughter suggested that the Board defer a decision until closer to the end

of the current fiscal year so it will have a better idea on the amount of money remaining in the Contingency Fund. The Board was in agreement.

There being no further business to discuss, Ms. Buchanan moved at 8:40 pm to adjourn its meeting, seconded by Mr. Slaughter and unanimously carried.

**HENRY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MINUTES**

April 24, 2012 – 3:00 pm

The Henry County Board of Supervisors held its regular meeting on April 24, 2012, at 3:00 pm in the Board Meeting Room of the County Administration Building, King's Mountain Road, Collinsville, Virginia. The following Board members were present: Chairman Jim Adams, Vice-Chairman Tommy Slaughter, Debra Buchanan, H.G. Vaughn, Milton Kendall, and Joe Bryant.

Staff members present were Benny Summerlin, County Administrator; Tim Hall, Deputy County Administrator; George Lyle, County Attorney; Darrell Jones, Director of Finance; Richard Stanfield, Deputy Director of Finance; Michelle Via, Administrative Assistant; and Susan Reynolds, Director of Human Resources.

Lt. Eric Hairston and Deputy Mike Hooper of the Sheriff's Office were present. Also present were Debbie Hall and Paul Collins of the Martinsville Bulletin, Ron Morris of B99, and Kip Wallace of WBTW.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Mr. Vaughn gave the invocation and Mr. Bryant led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Adams called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone present. He stated that anyone who wishes to be on the Agenda for the Board's regular business meeting held at 3:00 pm 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 pm may do so under 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).

- March 27, 2012
- April 3, 2012
- April 5, 2012
- April 16, 2012

Approval of Accounts Payable

(Copy included in Board's File).

Consideration of Resolution Establishing May 4, 2012 as “Fire and Rescue Volunteer Appreciation Day” in Henry County

(Copy included in Board’s File)

Ms. Buchanan moved that the Items of Consent be adopted as presented, seconded by Mr. Slaughter. The motion carried 6 to 0.

PROCLAMATION ESTABLISHING MAY 15, 2012 AS “NATIONAL POLICE OFFICERS MEMORIAL DAY” IN HENRY COUNTY

Mr. Slaughter read aloud a proclamation establishing May 15, 2012 as “National Police Officers Memorial Day” in Henry County and moved that the Board adopt it as presented, seconded by Mr. Bryant and unanimously carried. Lt. Colonel Steve Eanes of the Sheriff’s Office was present to accept the proclamation.

ADOPTION OF THE FY 2012-13 HENRY COUNTY BUDGET

Tax Rates

Mr. Vaughn moved that the Board adopt the following tax rates for FY ’13, seconded by Mr. Slaughter and carried 6 to 0:

- Real Estate - \$.46 per \$100 assessed value
- Personal Property and Machinery and Tools - \$1.48 per \$100 of assessed value for personal property, including motor vehicles, and \$1.48 per \$100 of assessed value for machinery and tools/business equipment.
- Personal Property Tax Relief - The effective reimbursement rate for the Personal Property Tax Relief Act on a qualifying vehicle is 49 percent.

School Budget:

Mr. Vaughn moved that the Board adopt the proposed budget for school expenditures for FY 2013 by category as summarized in Exhibits A and B, subject to the state, federal, and local funds becoming available as estimated, seconded by Ms. Buchanan and unanimously carried.

Total Budget:

Mr. Vaughn moved that the Board adopt the proposed FY 2013 Budget for fiscal planning purposes as summarized in Exhibits A and B, seconded by Mr. Bryant and carried 6 to 0.

Amendments to FY ’12 Budget:

Mr. Vaughn moved that the Board approve the amendments to the FY 2012 County Budget as outlined in the appropriation sheet, with unexpended items carried over to the FY 2013 budget, seconded by Mr. Slaughter and unanimously carried.

School Board Carry-Over Request:

Mr. Vaughn moved that the Board approve \$1,337,028 in carry-over funds from the FY 2011 Budget be returned to the school system for the following projects, seconded by Mr. Kendall and carried 6 to 0:

- Rich Acres Elementary roof replacement, \$580,000
- Mount Olivet Elementary roof replacement, \$565,000
- OPEB funding for FY '13 and FY '14, \$192,028

Fire/EMS Study:

Mr. Vaughn moved that the Board request the Virginia Department of Fire Programs, in cooperation with the Virginia Office of Emergency Medical Services, conduct a comprehensive study of the Henry County Fire and EMS system, seconded by Ms. Buchanan and unanimously carried.

Mr. Summerlin said once final figures are received from the Department of Education and Compensation Board, a budget amendment will be necessary.

REPORT ON DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTION EFFORTS

Mr. Scott Grindstaff reviewed the monthly reports on delinquent tax collection efforts. Mr. Grindstaff noted that 92.13% of 2011 personal property taxes have been collected; 91.38% of 2011 real estate taxes; and since the first of January, TACS has collected approximately \$131,000. In addition, Mr. Grindstaff said there are 223 in-house accounts and 90 VRW stops collected as of today for the month of April.

Mr. Summerlin illustrated the effectiveness of decals as a collection tool by exhibiting a photo of taxpayers lined around the lobby near the April 15 deadline.

MONTHLY UPDATE FROM THE MARTINSVILLE-HENRY COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Mr. Mark Heath, President of the Martinsville-Henry County Economic Development Corporation, was present to make the monthly update to the Board. Mr. Heath reviewed a summary of activities by division (Copy included in Board's File). Mr. Heath said the EDC is working with a total of 32 projects, including 15 active projects.

AWARD OF CONTRACT RE: AUDITING SERVICES

Mr. Summerlin said the auditing contract with Creedle, Jones & Alga P.C. ended with the completion of the FY 2011 Audit. The new term would be for Fiscal Years 2012 through 2016 with an option for an additional two years. An Audit Committee consisting of Deputy County Administrator Tim Hall, Finance Director Darrell Jones, Deputy Finance Director Richard Stanfield, Board of Supervisors Chairman Jim Adams and PSA Board of Directors Chairman Gerry Lawicki evaluated the responses and endorsed the proposal from Creedle, Alga & Jones at a cost of \$55,000 per year, with an additional two-year option possible at that time.

Mr. Kendall moved that the Board award the contract to Creedle, Jones & Alga P.C. as outlined, seconded by Mr. Bryant and carried 6 to 0.

AWARD OF CONTRACT RE: REPLACEMENT OF TRASH COLLECTION TRUCK – REFUSE DEPARTMENT

Mr. Summerlin said Refuse Director Mike Amos is asking the Board to award a contract in the amount of \$199,809 to Transource Truck and Trailer Centers of Greensboro, NC for the purchase of a front-end loading trash collection truck. Mr. Summerlin said the vehicle will replace a 1997 trash collection truck with more than 860,000 miles on it. Mr. Summerlin said funding for the purchase will come from the current year's budget which was approved earlier in the meeting as part of the adoption of the FY '13 County Budget.

Mr. Bryant made a motion that the Board award the contract to Transource Truck and Trailer Centers in the amount of \$199,809 for the purchase of a front-end loading trash collection truck, seconded by Mr. Vaughn and unanimously carried.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION AND AWARD OF CONTRACT RE: REPAIRS TO TRASH COLLECTION TRUCK – REFUSE DEPARTMENT

Mr. Summerlin said Mike Amos is asking the Board to award a contract in the amount of \$36,910 to Cavalier Equipment, Inc. of Roanoke for repairs to a 2001 "knuckleboom" truck; and approve an Additional Appropriation of \$29,991, which is what's needed to augment current available funding in the appropriate category.

Mr. Kendall moved that the Board award the contract and approve the additional appropriation as outlined, seconded by Ms. Buchanan and carried 6 to 0.

AWARD OF CONTRACT RE: SOUTH STREET HOUSING REHABILITATION PROJECT – DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING, ZONING AND INSPECTION

Mr. Summerlin said the South Street Housing Rehabilitation Board reviewed and approved the low bid of \$53,789 from Piedmont Construction Co. for substantial reconstruction of 164 South Street, Bassett.

Mr. Slaughter made a motion that the Board award the contract to Piedmont Construction Co. in the amount of \$53,789, seconded by Mr. Bryant and unanimously carried.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION RE: FOUR-4-LIFE FUNDS – DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

Mr. Summerlin said Henry County was recently notified that it will receive \$51,994.80 from the Commonwealth's Four-for-Life, return-to-localities fund, which is derived from a fee charged on each vehicle registered in Henry County. The funds must be used for emergency medical services training, supplies, and/or equipment. Mr. Summerlin said in previous years the funds were distributed equally between the five county rescue squads and the Department of Public Safety for ambulance operations.

Under that distribution formula, each entity would receive \$8,665.80 from this year's allocation.

Mr. Bryant questioned why the funds are distributed equally when some squads answer considerably more calls. Mr. Summerlin said the Board has historically appropriated the funds evenly but can distribute the funds however it chooses. Mr. Summerlin said there is a comparable fire program fund which is also allocated equally between the fire departments. Mr. Vaughn said he does not think that any one rescue squad is more important than another. In addition, Mr. Vaughn pointed out that the six districts are divided equally and the taxpayers are the ones contributing to the four-for-life funds.

Mr. Slaughter moved that the Board approve the appropriation as requested and distribute the funds evenly in the amount of \$8,665.80 to each rescue squad and the Department of Public Safety, seconded by Mr. Vaughn and carried 5 to 1. Mr. Bryant voted in opposition.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS RE: QUALIFIED SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION BONDS AND INSURANCE REIMBURSEMENTS – SCHOOL BOARD

Mr. Summerlin said the School Board is requesting approval of an additional appropriation of \$154,766 for the reimbursement of interest payments from the Qualified School Construction Bonds (\$141,525) and insurance reimbursements (\$13,241) for previous claims.

Ms. Buchanan moved that the Board approve the appropriation for \$154,766 as outlined, seconded by Mr. Slaughter and unanimously carried.

TRANSFER APPROPRIATION RE: COMPLETION OF ROOF PROJECT AT STANLEYTOWN ELEMENTARY – SCHOOL BOARD

Mr. Summerlin said Dr. Cotton is requesting approval of a transfer appropriation of \$494,720 from various budget categories into the Facilities category. Dr. Cotton indicates that the money would be used to complete a roofing project at Stanleytown Elementary. The item will be on the School Board's May 3 agenda.

Mr. Bryant made a motion that the Board approve the appropriation contingent on approval by the School Board, seconded by Mr. Vaughn and carried 6 to 0.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION RE: ASSET FOREFEITURE FUNDS – COMMONWEALTH'S ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

Mr. Summerlin said Mr. Bob Bushnell is requesting the Board to approve an additional appropriation of \$504 from the Asset Forfeiture line item to the Travel Expenses line item.

Mr. Slaughter moved that the Board approve the additional appropriation as requested, seconded by Ms. Buchanan and unanimously carried.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Comments from the Board

Mr. Vaughn said the Country Boys Bassmasters held their annual spring tournament April 14 at the new Twin Ridge Park at Philpott Lake and there were about 100 participants. Also, Mr. Vaughn encouraged everyone to attend the inaugural Town of Ridgeway festival April 28.

Mr. Bryant invited everyone to attend a Customer Appreciation Day on May 19 celebrating Bryant Radio's 40th anniversary.

Ms. Buchanan said she is having a community meeting May 1 at 7 pm at the Horsepasture Ruritan Building. Also, Ms. Buchanan reminded everyone of the Fieldale Festival on May 19.

Board members commended Mr. Summerlin and staff for their work on the FY '13 County Budget.

Mr. Summerlin asked Lt. Colonel Steve Eanes to provide an update on animal shelter operations since the SPCA abruptly ceased their partnership with the Sheriff's Office. Lt. Colonel Eanes said the part-time SPCA employee had done an excellent job and they hoped that the partnership would be able to continue but the Sheriff's Office is exploring other options.

CLOSED MEETING

Ms. Buchanan moved that the Board go into a closed meeting at 3:45 p.m., seconded by Mr. Slaughter and unanimously carried to discuss the following.

- 1) §2.2-3711(A)1 for Discussion of Appointee to the Parks and Recreation Board, Economic Development Corporation, Henry-Martinsville Social Services Board, Patrick Henry Community College Board, and Piedmont Community Services Board.
- 2) §2.2-3711(A)7 for Consultation with the County Attorney re: Pending Legal Matters.
- 3) §2.2-3711(A)3 for Consultation with the County Attorney re: Acquisition/Disposal of Real Estate.
- 4) §2.2-3711(A)5 for Consultation with the County Attorney re: Discussion of As-Yet Unannounced Industries.

OPEN MEETING:

The Board returned to an open meeting at 4:56 p.m. on a motion by Ms. Buchanan, seconded by Mr. Bryant and unanimously carried.

CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED MEETING:

Mr. Hall read the Certification of the Closed Meeting and took a roll call vote. Those voting in the affirmative were Mr. Vaughn, Mr. Bryant, Mr. Kendall, Ms. Buchanan, Mr. Slaughter, and Mr. Adams.

Henry-Martinsville Social Services Board – Ms. Buchanan moved that the Board reappoint Narda Dixon and Carolyn Byrd to four-year terms ending May 31, 2016, seconded by Mr. Slaughter and carried 6-0.

Deed of Easement – Clubhouse Bed & Breakfast – Ms. Buchanan moved that the Board accept the Deed of Easement from The Clubhouse Bed & Breakfast Resort, LLC for Fieldale Trail Phase III, seconded by Mr. Kendall and unanimously carried.

Mr. Adams recessed at 4:57 p.m. until the 6:00 evening meeting.

Mr. Adams called the meeting back to order at 6:00 p.m. and welcomed everyone present.

MATTERS PRESENTED BY THE PUBLIC

Ronald Speakman of the Collinsville District was present to express his gratitude to Mr. Bryant and the Sheriff's Office for their quick response to a litter problem in his neighborhood.

PUBLIC HEARING – REZONING APPLICATION R-12-02 – HARDEN A. HANKINS, JR.

Mr. Lee Clark said the property is located on the west side of Gum Spring Drive approximately 400' north of its intersection with A.L. Philpott Highway in the Iriswood District and is shown on Tax Map 56.2(1)B/12B. The applicant is requesting the rezoning of approximately 3.405-acres from Agricultural District A-1 to Limited Industrial District I-2. The applicant wishes to establish a salvage/recycling business on this property. Following a public hearing, both the Planning Commission and staff denied the rezoning request.

Mr. Adams opened the public hearing at 6:06 pm.

Mr. Harden Hankins was present to withdraw his application for rezoning.

Mr. Gary Robertson of the Iriswood District commended Mr. Hankins for his decision to find a more suitable location for his business.

There being no one else who wished to speak, Mr. Adams closed the public hearing at 6:08 pm.

Mr. Kendall moved that the Board follow the recommendation of the Planning Commission and staff and deny the rezoning request, seconded Mr. Slaughter and unanimously carried.

PUBLIC HEARING – CONSIDERATION OF RELOCATING RIDGEWAY #1 AND HORSEPASTURE #1 VOTING PRECINCTS

Mr. Lyle said the Electoral Board wishes to relocate two voting precincts - Ridgeway #1 from the second floor to the first floor at the same location; and Horsepasture #1 from the Horsepasture Fire Department building to the adjacent Recreation Building. A public hearing and approval from the United States Department of Justice are required before moving forward with the change.

Mr. Adams opened the public hearing at 6:11 pm. There being no one present who wished to speak, the public hearing was closed at 6:11 pm. Ms. Buchanan moved that the Board proceed with the precinct changes as requested, seconded by Mr. Vaughn and carried 6-0.

ADOPTION OF 2012-2018 SIX-YEAR SECONDARY ROAD PLAN AND 2012-2013 CONSTRUCTION BUDGET

Ms. Lisa Hughes reported that Barrows Mill Road is not classified as a federal aid route therefore it will not qualify for federal funding. Due to reduced state funding, Ms. Hughes said she does not recommend adding it to the Six-Year Secondary Plan as previously discussed. After some discussion, the Board made the following changes to the Six-Year Secondary Road Plan:

- Drop Fieldale Bridge project
- Transfer funding for Fieldale Bridge to Route 622 Project – Morgan Ford Bridge
- Drop Route 657, Rockwood Park Road project
- Transfer funding from Rockwood Park Road to Route 688 - Lee Ford Camp Road

Mr. Vaughn moved that the Board adopt the Six-Year Plan with the changes as outlined, seconded by Mr. Slaughter and unanimously carried.

CONSIDERATION OF PRIORITY LIST FOR COMMONWEALTH TRANSPORTATION BOARD

Mr. Adams said the Commonwealth Transportation Board is holding meetings tonight and throughout May to receive input on the Fiscal Year 2012-2018 Six-Year Improvement Program, including highway, rail, and public transportation initiatives.

Ms. Buchanan moved that the Board adopt the priority list as presented, seconded by Mr. Slaughter and carried 6-0.

GENERAL HIGHWAY MATTERS

Mr. Vaughn requested that Ms. Hughes provide the results from the traffic count studies for each district once completed.

Mr. Slaughter asked Ms. Hughes to look into a railroad crossing malfunction on Koehler Road.

REQUEST FROM COUNTY ATTORNEY RE: CHANGE IN LITTER ORDINANCE

Mr. George Lyle said there are some inconsistencies in the current litter ordinance regarding penalties. After meeting with Mr. Lee Clark and Commonwealth's Attorney Bob Bushnell, Mr. Lyle said he has some proposed changes to the ordinance that will hopefully clarify those penalties. Mr. Lyle requested that the Board set a public hearing for next month's meeting.

Mr. Bryant moved that the Board set a public hearing on changes to the litter ordinance for the May 22 meeting, seconded by Ms. Buchanan and unanimously carried.

There being no further business to discuss, Mr. Slaughter moved to adjourn at 6:29 pm, seconded by Ms. Buchanan and carried 6 to 0.

**HENRY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MINUTES**

May 22, 2012 – 3:00 pm

The Henry County Board of Supervisors held its regular meeting on May 22, 2012, at 3:00 pm in the Board Meeting Room of the County Administration Building, King's Mountain Road, Collinsville, Virginia. The following Board members were present: Chairman Jim Adams, Vice-Chairman Tommy Slaughter, Debra Buchanan, H.G. Vaughn, Milton Kendall, and Joe Bryant.

Staff members present were Benny Summerlin, County Administrator; Tim Hall, Deputy County Administrator; George Lyle, County Attorney; Darrell Jones, Director of Finance; Richard Stanfield, Deputy Director of Finance; Michelle Via, Administrative Assistant; and Susan Reynolds, Director of Human Resources.

Lt. Eric Hairston and Deputy Mike Hooper of the Sheriff's Office were present. Also present were Debbie Hall and Paul Collins of the Martinsville Bulletin, Ron Morris of B99, and Kip Wallace of WBTW.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Mr. Hall gave the invocation and Ms. Buchanan led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Adams called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone present. He stated that anyone who wishes to be on the Agenda for the Board's regular business meeting held at 3:00 pm 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 pm may do so under 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 24, 2012

Approval of Accounts Payable

(Copy included in Board's File).

**CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION IN HONOR OF THE OAK LEVEL
RURITAN CLUB'S 40TH ANNIVERSARY**

(Copy included in Board's File)

CONSIDERATION OF UPDATED ARTICLES OF AGREEMENT OF DAN RIVER ALCOHOL SAFETY ACTION PROGRAM

(Copy included in Board's File)

Ms. Buchanan moved that the Items of Consent be adopted as presented, seconded by Mr. Bryant. The motion carried 6 to 0.

INTRODUCTION OF PUBLIC SAFETY CAREER PERSONNEL

Mr. Dale Wagoner was present to introduce the new ALS career staff: Jason Sturm, Stephanie Hopkins, Brandon Hatcher, Brad Beam (who was unable to attend), and Carl Pacifico. Mr. Wagoner thanked the Board for their continued support of the program.

APPROPRIATION OF THE FY 2012-13 COUNTY BUDGET

Mr. Summerlin stated that at its April 24, 2012 meeting, the Board of Supervisors adopted the FY 2013 total County Budget, which included setting of tax rates and adoption of the School Budget. Mr. Summerlin said the final step in completing the budget process is appropriating the budget. No County funds can be expended or obligated until an appropriation has been made.

Mr. Vaughn moved that the Board adopt the Appropriations Resolution and attachments as presented, seconded by Mr. Slaughter. The motion carried 6 to 0.

RIVERSIDE DRIVE NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT CDBG PROJECT UPDATE

Planner/Grant Administrator Mary Ann Mason was present to update the Board on the Riverside Drive project which is nearing completion. Ms. Mason said the County received \$500,000 in CDBG funds from the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development in late 2009. The three main goals of this neighborhood improvement project were housing rehabilitation, infrastructure/pedestrian safety improvements, and improvement of neighborhood amenities. The County identified 19 potential low-to-moderate income households for participation; of those, the County was able to rehab 13 units bringing them up to building code standards. The project benefited 27 individuals. In addition, the Virginia Department of Transportation secured a grant to install a pedestrian warning system on Fairystone Park Highway between the Bassett Public Library and the Bassett Historical Center which will be completed in 2012. Other minor upgrades to the crosswalk include handicap accessibility improvements. The last goal was to improve neighborhood amenities. Ms. Mason said through donations, the County was able to acquire two parcels of land behind the Bassett Public Library and expand the existing baseball field and picnic area. The expansion enabled the Parks and Recreation Department to install new fencing, bleachers, playground equipment, picnic tables, landscaping and trash cans. Ms. Mason said the recipients were grateful for the County's support of this project.

Mr. Adams thanked Ms. Mason and staff for all of their work on the project.

REPORT ON DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTION EFFORTS

Mr. Scott Grindstaff reviewed the monthly reports on delinquent tax collection efforts. Mr. Grindstaff noted that 95.29% of 2011 personal property taxes have been collected; 92.39% of 2011 real estate taxes; and since the first of January, TACS has collected approximately \$204,000. In addition, Mr. Grindstaff said there are 251 in-house accounts and 75 VRW stops collected in the month of May.

Ms. Buchanan asked who actually places the VRW stops on accounts. Mr. Grindstaff said TACS places the stops. Ms. Buchanan inquired about meals tax collection. Mr. Grindstaff said there are two or three delinquent accounts and a lien was recently placed on one of those.

MONTHLY UPDATE FROM THE MARTINSVILLE-HENRY COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Mr. Mark Heath, President of the Martinsville-Henry County Economic Development Corporation, was present to make the monthly update to the Board. Mr. Heath reviewed a summary of activities by division (Copy included in Board's File). Mr. Heath said the EDC is working with a total of 28 projects, including 14 active projects.

TRANSFER APPROPRIATION AND AWARD OF CONTRACT RE: EMERGENCY MEDICAL DISPATCH PROGRAM – 9-1-1 COMMUNICATIONS CENTER

Mr. Summerlin said J. R. Powell, director of the 9-1-1 Center, is requesting Board permission to use \$11,224 originally appropriated for implementation of Emergency Medical Dispatch toward the purchase of seven replacement radio console computers. Mr. Summerlin said the total amount needed for the upgraded computers is \$36,400, so the purchase also would require the transfer of additional funds from several other 9-1-1 categories. Mr. Powell is also requesting that the Board award the contract for the items to GSC Electronics of Martinsville.

Mr. Bryant moved that the Board approve the transfer appropriation and award the contract to GCS Electronics as outlined, seconded by Mr. Kendall and carried 6-0.

AWARD OF CONTRACT RE: REPLACEMENT COMPUTERS – SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Mr. Summerlin said Sheriff Perry and Christian Youngblood, director of the Information Services department, are asking the Board to award a contract in the amount of \$20,468.40 to Dell Computers for the purchase of 10 laptop computers for the Sheriff's Office. Funding for the purchase is included in the current budget, including \$14,000 approved by the Board last month for capital items out of the current budget.

Mr. Kendall moved that the Board award the contract to Dell Computers in the amount of \$20,468.40, seconded by Mr. Slaughter and unanimously carried.

AWARD OF CONTRACT RE: REPLACEMENT RIDING MOWER – PARKS AND RECREATION

Mr. Summerlin said Roger Adams is asking the Board to award a contract in the amount of \$18,900 to Anderson Tractor & Equipment of Rocky Mount for the purchase of a replacement front-deck riding mower.

Mr. Kendall made a motion that the Board award the contract as outlined, seconded by Mr. Slaughter and carried 6 to 0.

AWARD OF CONTRACT RE: REPLACEMENT MAINTENANCE TRUCK – PARKS AND RECREATION

Mr. Summerlin said Roger Adams is asking the Board to award a contract for the purchase of a replacement maintenance truck. Colonial Ford and Truck Sales of Richmond was the lowest bidder at \$22,755.18. Funding for this purchase was included in the Board's approval of the FY 2013 Budget as part of current-year expenditures.

Mr. Slaughter made a motion that the Board award the contract to Colonial Ford and Truck Sales in the amount of \$22,755.18 as requested, seconded by Mr. Kendall and unanimously carried.

CONSIDERATION OF REQUIRED COMMENT PERIOD FOR 2012 JAG GRANT – SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Mr. Summerlin said the Sheriff's Office has been designated to receive \$19,296 for the 2012 JAG grant cycle to pay for overtime for increased enforcement. One requirement of this grant is that the governing body provides a public comment period of 30 days. Mr. Summerlin said all comments should be directed to the attention of Lt. Col. Steve Eanes. After the completion of the 30-day comment period, the item would be placed on a future Board agenda for action regarding acceptance and appropriation of the grant.

Mr. Bryant moved that the Board formally establish the 30-day comment period commencing today, seconded by Mr. Vaughn and carried 6 to 0.

CONSIDERATION OF NEW REQUIREMENTS OF THE VIRGINIA RETIREMENT SYSTEM

Mr. Summerlin said the 2012 General Assembly and Governor Bob McDonnell ushered through several changes regarding the Virginia Retirement System and the requirements of localities and their employees going forward. Mr. Summerlin said as part of those changes, localities have the option of phasing in a 5% payment mandated of their employees over five years (1% a year) or paying the 5% immediately. Each of these options would be partially offset with a comparable pay raise. Mr. Summerlin said an analysis by our Finance Department indicates the phase-in of 1% a year over 5 years is the best path forward and would save the County over \$200,000. In addition, each locality must choose whether it wants to pay a certified contribution rate of 12.97% or an alternate rate of 9.51%, with a "catch-up" payment required at some point if the

alternate rate is chosen. Mr. Summerlin said staff's analysis indicates the certified contribution rate is the most viable option. Mr. Summerlin said each locality is required to formally inform the Commonwealth of its choices on each of these issues through adoption of the appropriate resolutions.

Mr. Adams asked Dr. Jared Cotton, School Superintendent, if the School Board will follow similar actions. Dr. Cotton said they had not yet decided. Mr. Summerlin said he had expressed his concerns to Dr. Cotton should they choose the 5% option because it will cost the taxpayers several hundred thousand dollars.

Ms. Buchanan moved that the Board adopt the VRS resolutions as proposed, seconded by Mr. Kendall and unanimously carried.

AWARD OF CONTRACT RE: SOUTH STREET HOUSING REHABILITATION PROJECT

Mr. Summerlin said the South Street Housing Rehab Board approved the low bid from Piedmont Construction in the amount of \$59,400 for the substantial reconstruction of property at 56 South Street, Bassett.

Mr. Slaughter made a motion that the Board award a contract to Piedmont Construction in the amount of \$59,400 for property at 56 South Street, Bassett, seconded by Mr. Bryant and carried 6 to 0.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Comments from the Board

Ms. Buchanan urged everyone to try to attend one of the many Memorial Day services scheduled for this weekend.

Mr. Summerlin said Ms. Drusilla Carter of the Blue Ridge Library is present if the Board has any questions during break concerning the transition of the Bassett Historical Center away from the library system.

CLOSED MEETING

Mr. Slaughter moved that the Board go into a closed meeting at 3:36 p.m., seconded by Ms. Buchanan and unanimously carried to discuss the following.

- 1) §2.2-3711(A)1 for Discussion of Appointee to the Parks and Recreation Board, Economic Development Corporation, Patrick Henry Community College Board, and Piedmont Community Services Board.
- 2) §2.2-3711(A)7 for Consultation with the County Attorney re: Pending Legal Matters.
- 3) §2.2-3711(A)3 for Consultation with the County Attorney re: Acquisition/Disposal of Real Estate.

- 4) §2.2-3711(A)5 for Consultation with the County Attorney re: Discussion of As-Yet Unannounced Industries.
- 5) §2.2-3711(A)1 for Discussion of Personnel Matters.

OPEN MEETING:

The Board returned to an open meeting at 5:10 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Bryant, seconded by Ms. Buchanan and unanimously carried.

CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED MEETING:

Mr. Hall read the Certification of the Closed Meeting and took a roll call vote. Those voting in the affirmative were Mr. Vaughn, Mr. Bryant, Mr. Kendall, Ms. Buchanan, Mr. Slaughter, and Mr. Adams.

Parks and Recreation Board – Mr. Vaughn moved that the Board reappoint Mike Smith as the Ridgeway District representative and Sandra Adams, Blackberry District, to three-year terms ending June 30, 2015, seconded by Ms. Buchanan and unanimously carried.

Economic Development Corporation – Ms. Buchanan made a motion that the Board reappoint Butch Hamlet to a three-year term ending June 30, 2015, seconded by Mr. Slaughter and carried 6-0.

Patrick Henry Community College Board – Mr. Bryant moved that the Board reappoint Barry Jarrett, Becky Lovell, and Bonnie Favero to four-year terms ending June 30, 2016, seconded by Mr. Vaughn and unanimously carried.

Piedmont Regional Community Services Board – Mr. Slaughter made a motion that the Board reappoint Tony Millner and Carol Nelson to three-year terms ending June 30, 2015, seconded by Ms. Buchanan and carried 6 to 0.

Deed of Gift Re: Raeburn A. French and Betty J. French – Ms. Buchanan moved that the Board accept the gift deed from Raeburn and Betty French for certain parcels along the Smith River, seconded by Mr. Bryant and unanimously carried.

Mr. Adams recessed at 5:13 p.m. until the 6:00 evening meeting.

Mr. Adams called the meeting back to order at 6:00 p.m. and welcomed everyone present.

MATTERS PRESENTED BY THE PUBLIC

There was no one present who wished to speak

PUBLIC HEARING: CONSIDERATION OF CHANGES TO THE HENRY COUNTY LITTER ORDINANCE

Last month, County Attorney George Lyle requested that the Board set a public hearing to consider changes to the County's litter ordinance. Mr. Lyle said there are

some inconsistencies in the current litter ordinance regarding penalties. After meeting with Mr. Lee Clark and Commonwealth's Attorney Bob Bushnell, Mr. Lyle said he has some proposed changes to the ordinance that will hopefully clarify those penalties. In addition, Mr. Lyle said some other wording changes were made to reflect changes and improvements in the solid waste management system and improvements in technology. Also, Mr. Lyle said Mr. Slaughter requested some additional changes just before the meeting, that human-powered vehicles such as rowboats, canoes, and bicycles not be exempted from ordinance provisions that, among other things, presume the operator of a vehicle is responsible for any litter thrown out.

Mr. Adams opened the public hearing at 6:05 pm. Speaking in favor of the proposed changes in the litter ordinance were Brian Williams with the Dan River Basin Association and Lisa Hall of the Smith River Trout Unlimited Chapter. Both were appreciative of the Board's efforts to combat litter issues in the area. There being no one else who wished to speak, Mr. Adams closed the public hearing at 6:07 pm.

After some general discussion, Ms. Buchanan moved that the Board adopt the changes to the litter ordinance as proposed by Mr. Lyle and Mr. Slaughter, seconded by Mr. Slaughter and unanimously carried.

GENERAL HIGHWAY MATTERS

Ms. Lisa Hughes, Residency Administrator for the Virginia Department of Transportation, was present to update the Board on General Highway Matters.

Ms. Hughes requested that the Board consider passing a resolution requesting VDOT to take a 0.14-mile-long section of Pioneer Trail into its road system.

Mr. Bryant moved that the Board accept the resolution as proposed to add the extension of Pioneer Trail into the state's road system for maintenance, seconded by Mr. Slaughter and carried 6 to 0.

- Mowing is underway throughout the County.
- Working on two safety projects: 1) Route 58 at Carver Road; and 2) Route 220 south of Oak Level; approximately two years to construction on both projects
- Mr. Vaughn and Ms. Hughes cautioned motorists, on June 1, those going to and from graduation at Magna Vista must use Soapstone Road. Ms. Hughes said Lee Ford Camp Road will be coned off.

REQUEST FOR "WATCH FOR CHILDREN" SIGN ON PROVIDENCE LANE, HORSEPASTURE DISTRICT

Ms. Buchanan requested a "Watch for Children" sign on Providence Lane in the Horsepasture District. Ms. Hughes said there is currently no speed limit posted on the road in question and she feels reducing the speed limit to 25 mph and posting a sign will be more effective than a "Watch for Children" sign.

There being no further business to discuss, Mr. Slaughter moved to adjourn at 6:18 pm, seconded by Ms. Buchanan and carried 6 to 0.

**HENRY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MINUTES**

June 26, 2012 – 3:00 pm

The Henry County Board of Supervisors held its regular meeting on June 26, 2012, at 3:00 pm in the Board Meeting Room of the County Administration Building, King's Mountain Road, Collinsville, Virginia. The following Board members were present: Chairman Jim Adams, Vice-Chairman Tommy Slaughter, Debra Buchanan, Milton Kendall, and Joe Bryant. H.G. Vaughn was absent.

Staff members present were Benny Summerlin, County Administrator; Tim Hall, Deputy County Administrator; George Lyle, County Attorney; Darrell Jones, Director of Finance; Richard Stanfield, Deputy Director of Finance; Michelle Via, Administrative Assistant; and Susan Reynolds, Director of Human Resources.

Lt. Colonel Steve Eanes and Lt. Eric Hairston of the Sheriff's Office were present. Also present were Debbie Hall of the Martinsville Bulletin and Ron Morris of B99.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Mr. Slaughter gave the invocation and Mr. Bryant led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Adams called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone present. He stated that anyone who wishes to be on the Agenda for the Board's regular business meeting held at 3:00 pm 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 pm may do so under 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).

- May 22, 2012

Approval of Accounts Payable

(Copy included in Board's File).

Ms. Buchanan moved that the Items of Consent be adopted as presented, seconded by Mr. Slaughter. The motion carried 5 to 0.

REQUEST FOR SCHOOL BOARD TO RECONSIDER VIRGINIA RETIREMENT SYSTEM DECISION

Mr. Adams opened a discussion regarding the School Board's decision to fully fund the new state mandate requiring employees to pay 5% into the Virginia Retirement System (VRS) and localities to offset the contribution by an equal salary increase. Mr. Summerlin explained that localities have the option to phase it in 1% each year over five years and County staff determined that phasing the increase in for county employees would save \$218,000; therefore, the Board elected the phase-in option. Mr. Summerlin said that according to the School Board, to fully fund the 5% contribution vs. phasing it in, it will cost an estimated \$579,000 over the five-year period. Mr. Adams asked Dr. Cotton to explain the School Board's decision.

Dr. Cotton said recruitment and retention issues played a role in the School Board's decision as well as future uncertainty. Dr. Cotton explained that all new employees hired after July 1 will be required to pay the full 5%. In addition, Dawn Lawson said there would be additional record keeping as there are already six VRS reduction codes, depending on an employee's status and whether the person is a 10-, 11- or 12-month employee. Mr. Adams said he wished the School Board would reconsider its decision.

UPDATE ON ACTIVITIES AT NEW COLLEGE INSTITUTE- WILLIAM C. WAMPLER, JR.

Mr. William C. Wampler, Jr., Executive Director of New College Institute, was present to provide an update on activities at NCI.

Mr. Wampler said NCI will continue to offer the traditional degree programs, but in an effort to address advanced manufacturing needs for companies like RTI, Commonwealth Laminating, and future businesses, NCI has partnered with Virginia State University and will begin offering engineering courses in August. Mr. Wampler said students will be able to obtain certificates and/or degrees in engineering and NCI will guarantee an internship opportunity to those students at a Commonwealth Center for Advanced Manufacturing (CCAM) company. Mr. Wampler said NCI will work with Virginia State University, the University of Virginia, and Virginia Tech to offer world-class solutions for aerospace engineering.

Also this fall, Mr. Wampler said NCI plans to launch a new program in the health-care field through the University of Virginia's Office of Telemedicine. Mr. Wampler said the program affords patients top-notch healthcare through the University of Virginia by remotely monitoring them via the use of digital equipment in their home. Mr. Wampler said students will be trained in the use of this digital equipment.

Mr. Wampler thanked the Board and community for its support of NCI.

Mr. Adams thanked Mr. Wampler for his assistance in obtaining grant funds recently for an infrastructure project.

PRESENTATION FROM BLUE RIDGE REGIONAL LIBRARY BOARD MEMBERS

Library Board member Paula Burnette was present to address the Board concerning proposed cuts to the library budget. Ms. Burnette provided a salary/benefit cost analysis and a revised funding analysis for the library budget. Ms. Burnette requested that the Board leave \$59,558 of the \$80,310 funding that had been spent on the Bassett Historical Center. Also, Ms. Burnette said that she recently learned that localities can provide “in-kind” services in lieu of monetary funding. Ms. Burnette added that a cut in local funds also would translate into reduced state funds and would jeopardize materials for summer reading programs. Ms. Burnette said while the Bassett Historical Center will no longer operate under the library system, the money previously allocated to the historical center can be used by Blue Ridge Library to cover the costs of increased contributions to the state pension fund and associated raises.

REQUEST FROM HENRY COUNTY ELECTORAL BOARD REGARDING PRECINCT CHANGES

Mr. Summerlin said the Henry County Electoral Board is seeking to move three voting precincts which will require a public hearing and approval from the Department of Justice. Mr. Bryant asked why the Electoral Board wishes to move the Mountain View precinct from the VFW Building.

Ms. Rita Shropshire with the Electoral Board summarized their reasons for wishing to move the three precincts:

- Dyers Store voting precinct be moved from the Dyers Store Ruritan Building to the Dyers Store Fire Department – only one electrical receptacle, no heat, and mold
- Ridgeway #1 precinct be moved from the Ridgeway Ruritan Building to the Ridgeway Library – safety/traffic concerns and handicap accessibility
- Mountain View precinct be moved from the former VFW Building to Woodland Heights Free Will Baptist Church – issues between workers and the caretaker of the property

Mr. Kendall moved that the Board set a public hearing for the July 24 meeting, seconded by Mr. Bryant and carried 5 to 0.

REPORT ON DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTION EFFORTS

Mr. Scott Grindstaff reviewed the monthly reports on delinquent tax collection efforts. Mr. Grindstaff noted that 96.54% of 2011 personal property taxes have been collected; 92.72% of 2011 real estate taxes; and since the first of January, TACS has collected approximately \$279,242. In addition, Mr. Grindstaff said there are 261 in-house accounts and 75 VRW stops collected in the month of June.

Mr. Adams asked Mr. Grindstaff about the use of license plate readers by law enforcement as a possible collection tool. Mr. Grindstaff said this is an option that he wishes to look into once the Sheriff’s Office has the program in place.

Ms. Buchanan asked how collections compare to last year. Mr. Grindstaff said he will provide a year-to-date comparison at the end of the fiscal year. Ms. Buchanan also requested that Mr. Grindstaff provide a comparison on decal sales.

MONTHLY UPDATE FROM THE MARTINSVILLE-HENRY COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Ms. Lisa Lyle, Director of Recruiting and Marketing for the Martinsville-Henry County Economic Development Corporation, was present to make the monthly update to the Board. Ms. Lyle reviewed a summary of activities by division (Copy included in Board's File). Ms. Lyle said the EDC is working with a total of 30 projects, including 16 active projects.

CONSIDERATION OF FY '12 AND FY '13 BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS

Mr. Summerlin said there are several adjustments to the FY 2012 Budget and the FY 2013 Budget needed to move forward. Mr. Summerlin said two issues remain within the current-year budget and involve expenditures from the Board's Contingency Fund which currently holds \$131,825. The other items regard alterations to the FY '13 Budget already approved and appropriated by the Board.

Mr. Adams first asked Mr. Summerlin to report on information received from the Library Board of Virginia. Mr. Summerlin said that he and Mr. Darrell Jones contacted the Library Board concerning reductions in local funding and its effect on state aid, specifically the operation of the Bassett Historical Center. Mr. Summerlin said the Library Board stated if local funding is reduced for reasons such as services no longer being provided, like the historical center, the library should apply for a waiver. Mr. Summerlin said in 2011, there were 33 waivers requested and all 33 were granted.

FY '12

Consideration of Additional Fuel Costs

Mr. Bryant moved that the Board appropriate \$121,965 from the Contingency Fund for additional fuel costs, second by Ms. Buchanan and unanimously carried.

Consideration of Additional Funding Request from the SPCA

Ms. Laura Bowles spoke on behalf of the SPCA requesting an additional \$45,000 from the Board. Ms. Bowles summarized services provided by the SPCA.

Ms. Buchanan moved that the Board appropriate the remaining \$9,860 from the Contingency Fund to the SPCA as one-time funding, seconded by Mr. Kendall and carried 5 to 0.

FY '13

Mr. Bryant moved that the Board approve the budget adjustments and additional appropriations as outlined below, seconded by Mr. Slaughter and unanimously carried.

- Reduction in the 9-1-1 Communications Budget due to the elimination of a position
- Addition of Code Enforcement Officer in Planning, Zoning and Inspections
- Additional costs related to part-time animal shelter attendant in the Sheriff's Office

Consideration of Library Funding Reduction

Due to discontinuation of the library system operating the Bassett Historical Center, the Board directed Mr. Summerlin to obtain the operating costs of the historical center. Ms. Drusilla Carter provided that information by branch with the County's share of operating costs for the historical center being \$80,310.

General discussion ensued with the overall consensus of the Board being that the Blue Ridge Regional Library will no longer operate the Bassett Historical Center and therefore funding to the library system should be reduced accordingly. The Board also recommended that the library system apply for a waiver from the Library Board of Virginia to help keep any funding losses from the state at a minimum.

Mr. Slaughter moved that the Board reduce funding to the Blue Ridge Regional Library in the amount of \$80,310 due to the discontinuation of operating the Bassett Historical Center, seconded by Mr. Kendall and unanimously carried.

UPDATE ON PHILPOTT MARINA AND CONSIDERATION OF ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION

Mr. Summerlin said County Engineer Tim Pace and Parks and Recreation Director Roger Adams will provide an update on the Philpott Marina project. Also, Mr. Summerlin said an additional appropriation is needed for the project to move forward. The funding for this appropriation will come from Henry County (\$400,000), The Harvest Foundation (\$250,000), and the Martinsville-Henry County Economic Development Corporation (\$118,000). The EDC is paying the \$32,000 engineering costs directly resulting in a total contribution of \$150,000. The project totals \$768,000, but the additional appropriation sheet shows a total of \$1,168,000. Since the County is providing funding and also spending the money, the transaction must be shown as revenue and expenditure functions, thus "adding" \$400,000 to the appropriation sheet.

Mr. Pace said lease documents for the marina have been submitted to the Army Corps of Engineers and we expect to have it completed by December. Mr. Pace said the project includes two components, the marina itself, which will be built at the existing Boat Ramp 1, and improving existing campsites in a group campground. Mr. Pace said the marina will provide boat docking, a floating general store, multi-use area with picnic tables, fueling station, inland rest room facilities and 40 rental boat slips. Mr. Pace said the campground will be the only one at Philpott Lake to supply water, electricity, and

sewer to each campsite. Mr. Rockwell added that the facility will remain a group campground even after the upgrades.

Mr. Adams, who will oversee management and maintenance of the marina, said the projected opening of the marina is next spring. Mr. Adams said he currently has 38 names on a reservation list for boat slips and once the slips are ready to be occupied, he will mail application packages to the first 40 names on the list. Mr. Adams said those people will have a certain amount of time to respond and if they do not respond, he will move on to the next names on the reservation list. Mr. Adams said he will continue to maintain a waiting list even after the slips are full. Mr. Adams said they have not set a rental price for the boat slips yet, but it will be around \$1,200 annually. Mr. Adams said permanent part-time employees will manage the day-to-day operations and staff from his department will maintain the facilities.

Mr. Slaughter moved that the Board approve the additional appropriation as outlined, seconded by Ms. Buchanan and carried 5 to 0.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION RE: SUMMER INTERN – PARKS AND RECREATION

Mr. Summerlin said Mr. Adams is asking the Board to approve an additional appropriation for the hiring of a summer intern in his office. Parks and Recreation is participating in the Summer Intern program through the New College Institute. NCI, through the Harvest Foundation, provides each organization with \$3,000 for a first year intern, which will cover approximately 75% of their salary for the summer. Mr. Summerlin said the Parks and Recreation budget will cover all costs over \$3,000. Mr. Adams also requests the Board authorize the carry-over of any funds unused in FY '12 to FY '13.

Ms. Buchanan moved that the Board approve the additional appropriation as requested and the carry-over of any unused FY '12 funds, seconded by Mr. Bryant and unanimously carried.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION RE: ASSET FORFEITURE FUNDS – COMMONWEALTH'S ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

Mr. Summerlin said Bob Bushnell is asking the Board to approve an additional appropriation of \$1,450 from the Asset Forfeiture line item to the Travel Expenses line item.

Mr. Bryant moved that the Board approve the additional appropriation of \$1,450 as requested, seconded by Mr. Slaughter and carried 5 to 0.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION RE: INSURANCE PROCEEDS – SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Mr. Summerlin said Sheriff Perry is asking the Board to approve an additional appropriation of \$6,000 from insurance reimbursements into the office's repair vehicle line item.

Ms. Buchanan moved that the Board approve an additional appropriation of \$6,000 as outlined, seconded by Mr. Slaughter and unanimously carried.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION RE: CARRY-OVER FUNDING TO MATCH GRANT – DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

Mr. Summerlin said Dale Wagoner, Director of Public Safety, is requesting the Board's approval of an additional appropriation and permission to carry forward \$38,000 from soft-billing revenue from FY '12 to FY '13. Mr. Summerlin said the money would be used to match an anticipated grant from the Rescue Squad Assistance Fund to purchase a new ambulance and stretcher for the County's supplemental EMS program.

Mr. Kendall made a motion that the Board approve the additional appropriation and carry-over as requested, seconded by Mr. Slaughter and carried 5 to 0.

AWARD OF CONTRACT RE: REPLACEMENT COMPUTERS AND SOFTWARE – 911 COMMUNICATIONS CENTER

Mr. Summerlin said the Martinsville-Henry County 9-1-1 Communications Center was awarded a grant from the Virginia E-911 Services Board for \$107,439. This grant was awarded to replace the Center's computer hardware for its mapping and CAD systems, and requires no local matching funds. Mr. J.R. Powell is requesting that the Board award a contract in the amount of \$82,177.74 to Dell, Inc., for computer hardware. Dell previously was approved as a sole-source vendor.

Mr. Bryant moved that the Board award the contract to Dell, Inc. in the amount of \$82,177.74, seconded by Mr. Kendall and unanimously carried.

CONSIDERATION OF REQUEST FROM HORSEPASTURE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT FOR PURCHASE OF "QUICK ATTACK PUMPER"

Mr. Summerlin said the Horsepasture Volunteer Fire Department was recommended to receive \$175,000 from the Fire Equipment Capital Improvements Program for FY '13. Mr. Summerlin said the purpose of the fund is to assist the volunteer fire departments in purchasing Class A pumpers. Chief Charlie Bradshaw is asking the Board for permission to use the funding to purchase a "quick attack pumper," which does not comply with the guidelines for use of capital funds. Mr. Summerlin said Mr. Bradshaw has indicated that the fire department has an existing debt on a Class A pumper of approximately \$40,000 that they wish to pay off and use the remaining balance towards a "quick attack pumper." Mr. Summerlin said in the future, the County needs to consider the specific request for funding as part of the Fire Department CIP request during the budget process and not as an exception to the guidelines after the budget is approved.

Mr. Slaughter made a motion that the Board approve the request as outlined, seconded by Ms. Buchanan and carried 5 to 0.

CONSIDERATION OF NEW REQUIREMENTS OF THE VIRGINIA RETIREMENT SYSTEM FOR HENRY COUNTY SCHOOL SYSTEM

Mr. Summerlin said last month the Board approved a resolution regarding the Virginia Retirement System. The Board chose to pay a certified contribution rate into the VRS over the alternative rate that is lower but would require “catch-up” payments later. Mr. Summerlin said the Board is being asked to sign off on the School Board’s decision to also go with the certified rate, 11.34%, which was approved at its June 7, 2012 meeting.

Mr. Bryant recommended that the Board approve the resolution as requested, seconded by Mr. Slaughter and unanimously carried.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION RE: AEP REBATE – SCHOOL BOARD

Mr. Summerlin said Dr. Jared Cotton is asking the Board to approve an additional appropriation of \$30,456 from American Electric Power to the school system. According to information from the School Board, the rebate is for energy improvements made at Laurel Park Middle School and Magna Vista High School, and will be used to complete lighting and ceiling renovations at Magna Vista. Mr. Summerlin said the School Board was set to consider this item at its June 25, 2012 meeting, so the Board’s approval should be contingent on the School Board taking similar action.

Mr. Kendall moved that the Board approve the additional appropriation contingent on the School Board’s approval, seconded by Mr. Slaughter and carried 5 to 0.

AWARD OF CONTRACT RE: TEMPORARY EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

Mr. Summerlin said Henry County has had a contract with GCA Staffing of Roanoke since 2009 to provide temporary employment services for several County departments, primarily the Parks and Recreation Department. That contract is up for renewal and the Purchasing Department issued a Request for Proposals (RFP). Mr. Summerlin said four RFP’s were received and a committee of County employees recommended that the County stay with GCA Staffing for temporary services. The committee recommends a one-year contract with an option for up to four one-year renewals.

Mr. Bryant made a motion that the Board award a one-year contract to GCA Staffing with the option for up to four one-year renewals, seconded by Mr. Slaughter and unanimously carried.

AWARD OF CONTRACT RE: SOUTH STREET REHABILITATION PROJECT

Mr. Summerlin said the South Street Housing Rehabilitation Board met June 14 to review contract bids for the substantial reconstruction of at home at 91 Pleasant Ridge Road in Bassett. The low bid on the contract was \$60,000 from Fairystone Construction.

Mr. Slaughter moved that the Board award a contract to Fairystone Construction in the amount of \$60,000 for the substantial reconstruction of a home at 91 Pleasant Ridge Road, seconded by Ms. Buchanan and carried 5 to 0.

TRANSFER APPROPRIATION RE: INSTRUCTION EXPENSES - SCHOOL BOARD

Mr. Summerlin said Dr. Cotton is asking the Board to approve a transfer appropriation of \$200,000 from the division's Facilities Operations and Maintenance category to the Instruction category. According to Dr. Cotton, the school system has saved significant money on facilities projects during recent months and wants to use those savings to pay for additional items on the instruction side. Mr. Summerlin said the School Board was scheduled to take action on this item at its June 25 meeting.

Ms. Buchanan made a motion that the Board approve the transfer appropriation contingent on School Board approval, seconded by Mr. Slaughter and unanimously carried.

AWARD OF CONTRACT RE: EMERGENCY SERVICES RADIO SYSTEM – DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

Mr. Summerlin said Mr. Dale Wagoner, Director of Public Safety, is requesting that the Board award a contract in the amount of \$97,201.13 to Motorola Solutions, Inc. for the purchase of a service and warranty agreement on the County's emergency services radio system. Money for this contract was included in the FY 2013 County Budget.

Mr. Kendall moved that the Board award a contract to Motorola Solutions in the amount of \$97,201.13, seconded by Mr. Slaughter and carried 5 to 0.

AWARD OF CONTRACT RE: SEALING OF DICK AND WILLIE TRAIL – PARKS AND RECREATION

Mr. Summerlin said Mr. Adams is asking the Board to award a contract in the amount of \$29,333 to Deboard Asphalt Sealing and Striping of Sparta, NC for the sealing of the Dick and Willie Trail. Funding for this item is in the FY 2013 County Budget.

Mr. Slaughter made a motion that the Board award the contract to Deboard Asphalt Sealing and Striping in the amount of \$29,333, seconded by Mr. Bryant and unanimously carried.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Comments from the Board

Sheriff Perry addressed the Board concerning an increase in complaints pertaining to door-to-door solicitation. Sheriff Perry said he does not want to hinder local

businesses, non-profits, etc. but asked that the Board consider rescinding the issuance of peddlers' and solicitors' permits. County Attorney George Lyle said he would need to research the matter and bring it back to the Board at a future meeting.

Mr. Summerlin reported that the County was approved for the Fire/EMS study and Mr. Wagoner is in the process of preparing the questionnaire. Also, Mr. Summerlin said the Commonwealth Transportation Board approved our request for the transportation enhancement project for Virginia Avenue and we will receive \$155,000.

CLOSED MEETING

Ms. Buchanan moved that the Board go into a closed meeting at 4:58 p.m., seconded by Mr. Bryant and unanimously carried to discuss the following.

- 1) §2.2-3711(A)1 for Discussion of Appointee to the Roanoke River Basin Association.
- 2) §2.2-3711(A)7 for Consultation with the County Attorney re: Pending Legal Matters.
- 3) §2.2-3711(A)3 for Consultation with the County Attorney re: Acquisition/Disposal of Real Estate.
- 4) §2.2-3711(A)5 for Consultation with the County Attorney re: Discussion of As-Yet Unannounced Industries.

OPEN MEETING:

The Board returned to an open meeting at 5:53 p.m. on a motion by Ms. Buchanan, seconded by Mr. Slaughter and unanimously carried.

CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED MEETING:

Mr. Hall read the Certification of the Closed Meeting and took a roll call vote. Those voting in the affirmative were Mr. Bryant, Mr. Kendall, Ms. Buchanan, Mr. Slaughter, and Mr. Adams. Mr. Vaughn was absent.

Mr. Adams recessed at 5:53 p.m. until the 6:00 evening meeting.

Mr. Adams called the meeting back to order at 6:00 p.m. and welcomed everyone present.

MATTERS PRESENTED BY THE PUBLIC

There was no one present who wished to speak

GENERAL HIGHWAY MATTERS

Ms. Lisa Hughes, Residency Administrator for the Virginia Department of Transportation, was present to update the Board on General Highway Matters.

Ms. Hughes said they had a groundbreaking today on an 8.2-mile section of Route 58 and it should be completed by 2015.

Mr. Kendall thanked Ms. Hughes for addressing the problem on Motley Road.

Ms. Buchanan said there were some areas on Soapstone Road that need resurfacing.

Mr. Slaughter said there was a sunken area in the road between Springs Industries and Sara Lee in the Patriot Centre.

There being no further business to discuss, Ms. Buchanan moved to adjourn at 6:05 pm, seconded by Mr. Kendall and carried 5 to 0.

**HENRY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MINUTES**

July 24, 2012 – 3:00 pm

The Henry County Board of Supervisors held its regular meeting on July 24, 2012, at 3:00 pm in the Board Meeting Room of the County Administration Building, King's Mountain Road, Collinsville, Virginia. The following Board members were present: Chairman Jim Adams, Vice-Chairman Tommy Slaughter, Debra Buchanan, H.G. Vaughn, Milton Kendall, and Joe Bryant.

Staff members present were Benny Summerlin, County Administrator; Tim Hall, Deputy County Administrator; George Lyle, County Attorney; Richard Stanfield, Deputy Director of Finance; Michelle Via, Administrative Assistant; and Susan Reynolds, Director of Human Resources.

Deputies Mike Hooper and Mark Jamison of the Sheriff's Office were present. Also present were Debbie Hall of the Martinsville Bulletin, Ron Morris of B99, and Kip Wallace of WBTW.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Mr. Slaughter gave the invocation and Ms. Buchanan led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Adams called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone present. He stated that anyone who wishes to be on the Agenda for the Board's regular business meeting held at 3:00 pm 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 pm may do so under Agenda Item - Matters Presented by the Public without contacting the County Administrator's Office.

INTRODUCTION OF DEPUTY JOE BINDER

Sheriff Perry introduced Deputy Joe Binder who has been with the Sheriff's Office for about three years. Deputy Binder is in the process of completing his field training which includes learning about the local governing body process and attending a Board meeting.

ITEMS OF CONSENT:

Confirmation of Minutes of Meetings

(Copy included in Board's File).

- June 26, 2012

Approval of Accounts Payable

(Copy included in Board's File).

Ms. Buchanan moved that the Items of Consent be adopted as presented, seconded by Mr. Bryant. The motion carried 6 to 0.

CONSIDERATION OF CHANGES TO THE HENRY COUNTY SOLICITORS ORDINANCE

Mr. George Lyle said last month, Sheriff Perry addressed the Board about concerns with door-to-door solicitation. Sheriff Perry said his office had been inundated with complaints from citizens and requested that the Board consider rescinding the County's current ordinance pertaining to the issuance of solicitor's permits. Mr. Lyle said he has researched the matter and his recommendation is to leave the ordinance as is. Mr. Lyle explained that under the current ordinance, the Sheriff's Office conducts a background check on the applicant; the ordinance also requires written documentation of agreements between the customer and salesperson, thus making it easier to track someone if there are issues. Mr. Lyle said rescinding the ordinance would not prohibit solicitation and would only make it more difficult for customers to track someone down if they did have a problem.

Sheriff Perry said one problem they have encountered is multiple people selling under one permit; he plans to look into possibly amending the application to include all names of sellers so that a background check can be done on each one. The Board also discussed requiring that sellers wear some type of ID. Mr. Lyle said citizens should ask for credentials such as the letter issued by the Sheriff's Office granting permission for door-to-door solicitation as well as their County business license. Lastly, Mr. Lyle said citizens have the right to post a "No Solicitors" sign if they do not want salespeople on their property.

REPORT ON DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTION EFFORTS

Mr. Scott Grindstaff reviewed the monthly reports on delinquent tax collection efforts. Mr. Grindstaff noted that 96.98% of 2011 personal property taxes have been collected; 92.92% of 2011 real estate taxes; and since the first of January, TACS has collected approximately \$309,000. In addition, Mr. Grindstaff said there are 222 in-house accounts and 41 VRW stops collected in the month of July. Mr. Grindstaff provided a year-end comparison as requested last month (Copy included in Board's File).

MONTHLY UPDATE FROM THE MARTINSVILLE-HENRY COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Mr. Mark Heath, President of the Martinsville-Henry County Economic Development Corporation, was present to make the monthly update to the Board. Mr. Heath reviewed a summary of activities by division as well as an analysis of commuting

patterns by age and wage (Copy included in Board's File). Mr. Heath said the EDC is working with a total of 20 projects, including 14 active projects.

CONSIDERATION OF AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2012-13 APPROPRIATIONS RESOLUTION

Mr. Summerlin said staff is requesting to add two items to the Appropriations Resolution for FY '13 for the Smith River Fest and for revenue generated through concession sales for the Parks and Recreation Department's PONY League baseball. Mr. Summerlin said by approving these changes, staff will have the authority to appropriate and carry forward these fiscal items without returning to the Board each time action is needed.

Mr. Vaughn moved that the Board approve the appropriations resolution as outlined, seconded by Mr. Bryant and unanimously carried.

ACCEPTANCE OF AND ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION RE: DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY GRANT FOR THE OPEN SPACE & LANDSCAPE MASTER PLAN

Mr. Summerlin said Henry County has obtained a \$5,000 grant from the Department of Forestry to develop an Open Space & Landscape Master Plan. This grant will help develop a master plan to identify and develop landscape enhancement sites and the development of a "sponsor" garden program similar to the programs in Lynchburg, Danville, and Rocky Mount, VA. Mr. Summerlin said the grant requires a local match of \$5,000, which would come from the Board's "professional services" line item.

Mr. Kendall made a motion that the Board accept the grant and approve the additional appropriation as requested, seconded by Mr. Slaughter and carried 6 to 0.

ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT, ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION, AND AWARD OF CONTRACT RE: COUNTY AMBULANCE – PUBLIC SAFETY

Mr. Summerlin said last month the Board approved an additional appropriation of \$38,000 from the County's soft-billing revenue in anticipation of the County receiving a Rescue Squad Assistance Fund grant for the purchase of an ambulance and stretcher to replace an existing ambulance with high mileage. Mr. Wagoner is asking the Board to accept and appropriate the grant in the amount of \$137,972 and to award a contract to Vest Sales and Service in the amount of \$159,999 for the purchase of a new Dodge/Osage ambulance. The previously-approved \$38,000 appropriation will be used to provide the balance, and will be used to purchase the stretcher at a later date.

Ms. Buchanan moved that the Board accept the grant in the amount of \$137,972, approve the additional appropriation and award the contract to Vest Sales in the amount of \$159,999, seconded by Mr. Kendall and unanimously carried.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION RE: FIRE PROGRAMS AID TO LOCALITIES – PUBLIC SAFETY

Mr. Summerlin said we received \$20,175 from the Virginia Department of Fire Programs “Aid to Localities” Fund which in the past has been allocated equally among the eight volunteer fire departments. That would result in a per-department allocation of \$2,521.87. Mr. Wagoner said the money must be used to pay for training, construction of training centers, firefighting equipment and protective clothing.

Mr. Slaughter made a motion that the Board approve the additional appropriation and divide it equally among the eight fire departments, seconded by Mr. Bryant and carried 6 to 0.

AWARD OF CONTRACT RE: PRINTING AND MAILING OF BILLS AND NOTICES – COUNTY TREASURER AND THE COMMISSIONER OF THE REVENUE

Mr. Summerlin said the Treasurer’s Office and the Commissioner of the Revenue use Pro Forma Total Print Solutions of High Point, NC for the printing of the County’s forms for personal property, real estate and decal bills. The cost of the mailings and the postage associated with those mailings is \$43,140.

Mr. Bryant moved that the Board award the contract to Pro Forma Total Print Solutions as outlined, seconded by Mr. Kendall and unanimously carried.

AWARD OF CONTRACT RE: PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE FOR HVAC SYSTEMS – PURCHASING DEPARTMENT

Mr. Summerlin said a selection committee evaluated proposals and recommends Trane, Inc. be awarded a contract in the amount of \$28,922 for preventive maintenance on HVAC systems on various County buildings.

Mr. Kendall made a motion that the Board award a contract to Trane in the amount of \$28,922, seconded by Mr. Bryant and carried 6 to 0.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Comments from the Board

Mr. Kendall said that Rev. Tyler Millner had sent him a handout and asked that he distribute it to the Board for their consideration (Copy included in Board’s File).

Ms. Buchanan informed everyone of a Drug Awareness Program that is going to be held at Pleasant Grove Christian Church on July 30. Also, Ms. Buchanan said a Neighborhood Watch has been formed in the Fieldale community and is expanding to the Rangeley community as well. Ms. Buchanan said they will meet on Tuesday, August 14 at 6:30 pm.

CLOSED MEETING

Mr. Slaughter moved that the Board go into a closed meeting at 3:33 p.m., seconded by Ms. Buchanan and unanimously carried to discuss the following.

- 1) §2.2-3711(A)1 for Discussion of Appointee to the Roanoke River Basin Association.
- 2) §2.2-3711(A)7 for Discussion of Pending Legal Matters.
- 3) §2.2-3711(A)3 for Discussion of the Acquisition/Disposal of Real Estate.
- 4) §2.2-3711(A)5 for Discussion of As-Yet Unannounced Industries.

OPEN MEETING:

The Board returned to an open meeting at 4:19 p.m. on a motion by Ms. Buchanan, seconded by Mr. Slaughter and unanimously carried.

CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED MEETING:

Mr. Hall read the Certification of the Closed Meeting and took a roll call vote. Those voting in the affirmative were Mr. Bryant, Mr. Kendall, Mr. Vaughn, Ms. Buchanan, Mr. Slaughter, and Mr. Adams.

Roanoke River Basin Association – Ms. Buchanan moved that the Board reappoint Mike Ward to a one-year term ending August 31, 2013, seconded by Mr. Slaughter and carried 6 to 0.

Mr. Adams recessed at 4:20 p.m. until the 6:00 evening meeting.

Mr. Adams called the meeting back to order at 6:00 p.m. and welcomed everyone present.

MATTERS PRESENTED BY THE PUBLIC

There was no one present who wished to speak

GENERAL HIGHWAY MATTERS

Ms. Lisa Hughes, Residency Administrator for the Virginia Department of Transportation, was present to update the Board on General Highway Matters. Ms. Hughes alerted the Board to a change that went into effect July 1, House Bill 914, which allows localities to install "Watch for Children" signs within their borders, but the cost of the signs and installation will be the responsibility of the locality. Ms. Hughes said VDOT would still have to approve placement of the signs and issue a permit and the signs

must meet VDOT criteria. Ms. Hughes said the County can opt for VDOT to install the signs, but the County will still be responsible for expenses.

- Ms. Hughes reported that mowing on primary roads is underway and secondary roads will be done next.
- Virginia 57 East being paved from 58 to Route 720; westbound lane of 58 will be paved from Laurel Park to the Martinsville city limits.
- VDOT Salem District administrator, Richard Caywood, will be moving to the Lynchburg District and Rob Cary, who is currently Lynchburg District administrator, will move to the Salem District effective the first of August.

PUBLIC HEARING RE: VOTING PRECINCT CHANGES IN HENRY COUNTY

Mr. Adams said last month the Henry County Electoral Board came to the Board of Supervisors seeking to move three voting precincts:

- Dyers Store voting precinct from the Dyers Store Ruritan Building to the Dyers Store Fire Department
- Ridgeway #1 precinct from the Ridgeway Ruritan Building to the Ridgeway Library
- Mountain View precinct from the former VFW Building to Woodland Heights Free Will Baptist Church

Mr. Adams said the Board advertised a public hearing for tonight's meeting and opened the floor for public comment at 6:06 p.m.

Andrew Wright, who serves as a trustee of the Dyers Store Ruritan Club, spoke in opposition to moving the Dyers Store voting precinct. Mr. Wright said the Dyers Store Ruritan Club is working to address the electrical problems and other issues cited by the Electoral Board. Mr. Wright also noted that the proposed location at the Dyers Store Fire Department has limited parking and a steep incline which voters will have to walk up. Mr. Wright said there are a number of elderly citizens in the Dyers Store precinct including his wife who will not be able to easily access the building due to the steep drive.

Ronnie Ashby of the Dyers Store precinct also spoke in opposition to moving the voting location from the Ruritan Building. Mr. Ashby said his main complaint is that the Electoral Board did not address their concerns with the Dyers Store Ruritan Club Board so they could try to correct the problems.

Phillip Pigg of the Horsepasture District addressed the Board concerning the Mountain View precinct. Mr. Pigg said he had served as chief election official at the Mountain View precinct for the past three elections. Mr. Pigg said while they have had ongoing issues with Robert King who oversees the VFW Building, he recommends leaving the precinct at its current location and trying to work with Mr. King to resolve their differences. Mr. Pigg also added that the Electoral Board has spent a considerable amount of money at the VFW Building as well as the Dyers Store Ruritan Building to make them handicap accessible.

There being no one else who wished to speak, Mr. Adams closed the public hearing at 6:13 p.m. Mr. Adams requested that the Board address each proposed precinct change separately.

Ridgeway #1 Precinct

Mr. Vaughn said he has received no calls either for or opposed to the move of the Ridgeway #1 precinct from the Ridgeway Ruritan Building to the Ridgeway Library. Mr. Vaughn noted that the library is easily accessible and the Electoral Board has already coordinated the location of the voting machines with the library. Mr. George Lyle added that the Ridgeway Town Council must take similar action as the Board of Supervisors if they choose to make any changes with town elections. Mr. Vaughn moved that the Board follow the recommendation of the Electoral Board and move the Ridgeway #1 precinct from the Ridgeway Ruritan Building to the Ridgeway Library effective with the November 6, 2012 election, seconded by Ms. Buchanan and carried 6 to 0.

Mountain View Precinct

Mr. Bryant said he feels it is best at this time to leave the Mountain View precinct at its current location at the VFW Building. Mr. Bryant said hopefully the Electoral Board and Mr. Robert King can work together to resolve their differences. Ms. Buchanan agreed but informed the Electoral Board that if they continue to have problems, the Board can address the matter again in the future. Mr. Lyle said no motion is necessary if the Board does not wish to move the voting location.

Dyers Store Precinct

Mr. Slaughter said he is opposed to moving the Dyers Store voting precinct from the Dyers Store Ruritan Building to the Dyers Store Fire Department. Mr. Slaughter said he has received numerous calls from citizens and all are opposed to the change. Mr. Slaughter again cited reasons being the steep slope at the Dyers Store Fire Department, the number of elderly in the community and limited parking. The Board concurred to leave the Dyers Store voting precinct at its current location.

Mr. Adams thanked the Electoral Board for their hard work and concern for voters.

There being no further business to discuss, Mr. Bryant moved to adjourn at 6:22 pm, seconded by Mr. Slaughter and carried 6 to 0.

**JOINT
HENRY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AND INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
MINUTES**

August 15, 2012 – 2:00 pm

The Henry County Board of Supervisors and the Henry County Industrial Development Authority held a joint meeting on August 15, 2012 at 2:00 pm in the Fourth Floor Conference Room of the County Administration Building, King's Mountain Road, Collinsville, Virginia.

The following Board members were present: Chairman Jim Adams, Vice Chairman Tommy Slaughter, Debra Buchanan, Milton Kendall, and Joe Bryant. H. G. Vaughn was absent.

The following Industrial Development Authority members were present: Vice Chairman Len Dillon, Wesley Caviness, Rodney Thacker, Wade Nelson, and Barry Helmstutler. Chairman Larry McDorman and Steve Isley were absent.

Staff members present were Tim Hall, Deputy County Administrator; Darrell Jones, Director of Finance; and Michelle Via, Administrative Assistant.

Paul Collins of the Martinsville Bulletin and Chris Whitley of WSLs-TV were present.

CALL TO ORDER

Board of Supervisors

Chairman Adams called the Board of Supervisors meeting to order at 2:00 pm.

Industrial Development Authority

Vice Chairman Dillon called the IDA meeting to order at 2:00 pm.

CONSIDERATION OF NAMING DEPUTY COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR AS DEPUTY SECRETARY OF THE IDA AND AUTHORIZING AS ADDITIONAL SIGNATORY FOR IDA

Mr. Hall stated that currently there is only one staff member, the County Administrator, authorized as signatory for the IDA, as well as the chairman and vice chairman of the IDA. Mr. Hall said staff feels it would be helpful to name the Deputy County Administrator as Deputy Secretary of the IDA and authorize as an additional signatory for the IDA. Mr. Hall said checks would continue to be endorsed by both a staff member and Board member.

Mr. Nelson moved that the IDA name the Deputy County Administrator as Deputy Secretary of the IDA and authorize as an additional signatory for the IDA, seconded by Mr. Caviness and carried 5-0. Mr. McDorman and Mr. Isley were absent.

CONSIDERATION OF PERFORMANCE AGREEMENTS WITH COMMONWEALTH LAMINATING AND COATING, INC.

Mr. Hall presented two Performance Agreements for consideration by the Board of Supervisors and Industrial Development Authority (Copies included in Board's File). One agreement is between the County of Henry, the Henry County Industrial Development Authority, the Virginia Tobacco Indemnification and Community Revitalization Commission, and Commonwealth Laminating and Coating, Inc. for grant funds in the amount of \$325,000. The second agreement is between the County of Henry, the Henry County Industrial Development Authority, and Commonwealth Laminating and Coating, Inc. for grant funds in the amount of \$175,000 from the Governor's Development Opportunity Fund. Both agreements include similar requirements: capital investment of approximately \$5,450,000 of which approximately \$3,150,000 will be invested in the purchase of an existing shell building and approximately \$2,300,000 will be invested in site/building improvements and upgrades; creation of at least 60 new jobs with an average annual salary of \$40,000; meet both capital and employment obligations within 36 months after the end of the base period.

Board of Supervisors

Mr. Slaughter moved that the Board of Supervisors approve the Performance Agreements as presented, seconded by Ms. Buchanan and carried 5-0. Mr. Vaughn was absent.

Industrial Development Authority

Mr. Caviness moved that the Industrial Development Authority accept the Performance Agreements as presented, seconded by Mr. Helmstutler and carried 5-0. Mr. McDorman and Mr. Isley were absent.

Mr. Adams recessed the Board of Supervisors meeting at 2:09 pm.

Mr. Caviness moved that the Industrial Development Authority adjourn its meeting at 2:09 pm, seconded by Mr. Thacker and carried 5-0. Mr. McDorman and Mr. Isley were absent.

CLOSED MEETING

On a motion by Mr. Slaughter and second by Ms. Buchanan, the Board reconvened at 3:15 pm for a closed meeting under §2.2-3711(A)1 for discussion of personnel matters.

OPEN MEETING

The Board returned to an open meeting at 3:35 pm on a motion by Ms. Buchanan, seconded by Mr. Slaughter and unanimously carried.

CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED MEETING:

Mr. Hall read the Certification of the Closed Meeting and took a roll call vote. Those voting in the affirmative were Mr. Bryant, Mr. Kendall, Ms. Buchanan, Mr. Slaughter, and Mr. Adams. Mr. Vaughn was absent.

There being no action taken during closed meeting, Mr. Slaughter moved to adjourn at 3:37 pm seconded by Ms. Buchanan and unanimously carried.

**HENRY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
SPECIAL MEETING
MINUTES**

August 20, 2012 – 5 p.m.

The Henry County Board of Supervisors held a special meeting on August 20, 2012 at 5:00 pm in the Fourth Floor Conference Room of the County Administration Building, King's Mountain Road, Collinsville, Virginia.

The following Board members were present: Chairman Jim Adams, Vice Chairman Tommy Slaughter, Debra Buchanan, H.G. Vaughn, Milton Kendall, and Joe Bryant.

Staff members present were Tim Hall, Deputy County Administrator; Darrell Jones, Finance Director; and George Lyle, County Attorney.

Debbie Hall of the Martinsville Bulletin, Kip Wallace of BTW21, and Charles Roark of Cable 18 were present.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Adams called the Board of Supervisors meeting to order at 5:00 pm.

CLOSED SESSION

On a motion by Ms. Buchanan and a second by Mr. Slaughter, the Board unanimously voted to enter Closed Session under 2.2-3711 (A) 1 Personnel Matters.

RETURN TO OPEN MEETING

The Board returned to an open meeting at 5:46 pm on a motion by Mr. Slaughter and a second by Mr. Bryant and unanimously carried.

CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED MEETING:

Mr. Hall read the Certification of the Closed Meeting and took a roll call vote. Those voting in the affirmative were Mr. Bryant, Mr. Kendall, Ms. Buchanan, Mr. Slaughter, Mr. Vaughn and Mr. Adams.

APPROVAL OF CONTRACT WITH TIMOTHY A. HALL

On a motion by Ms. Buchanan and a second by Mr. Vaughn, the Board voted unanimously to approve a contract with Timothy A. Hall to serve as the Henry County Administrator and Clerk of the Board, effective immediately. Mr. Hall thanked the Board

for its confidence in him and pledged to work hard to continue the County's progress that was realized under the late Benny Summerlin. Some general discussion followed.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:54 p.m.

**HENRY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MINUTES**

August 28, 2012 – 3:00 pm

The Henry County Board of Supervisors held its regular meeting on August 28, 2012, at 3:00 pm in the Board Meeting Room of the County Administration Building, King's Mountain Road, Collinsville, Virginia. The following Board members were present: Chairman Jim Adams, Vice-Chairman Tommy Slaughter, Debra Buchanan, H.G. Vaughn, Milton Kendall, and Joe Bryant.

Staff members present were Tim Hall, County Administrator; George Lyle, County Attorney; Darrell Jones, Director of Finance; Richard Stanfield, Deputy Director of Finance; Michelle Via, Administrative Assistant; and Susan Reynolds, Director of Human Resources.

Deputies Mike Hooper and Eric Hairston of the Sheriff's Office were present. Also present were Debbie Hall and Sam Jackson of the Martinsville Bulletin, Ron Morris of B99, and Charles Roark of Cable 18.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Rev. Mike Hatfield of Chatham Heights Baptist Church gave the invocation and Mr. Slaughter led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Adams called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone present. He stated that anyone who wishes to be on the Agenda for the Board's regular business meeting held at 3:00 pm 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 pm may do so under 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).

- July 24, 2012
- August 15, 2012 – Joint BOS/IDA
- August 20, 2012 – Special Meeting

Approval of Accounts Payable

(Copy included in Board's File).

Mr. George Lyle, County Attorney, requested an amendment to the August 15, 2012 minutes pertaining to the conveyance of Lot 10 to Commonwealth Laminating by

the Henry County Industrial Development Authority. Ms. Buchanan moved that the Items of Consent be adopted with the recommended change by Mr. Lyle, seconded by Mr. Slaughter. The motion carried 6 to 0.

PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTION IN HONOR OF ARMY LT. GENERAL DENNIS L. VIA

Mr. Hall said Lt. General Dennis L. Via was recently promoted to four-star general in the United States Army. Lt. Gen. Via is one of only 10 four-star generals in the Army. Mr. Hall said Lt. Gen. Via is a graduate of Carver High School and Virginia State University. His accomplishments reflect well on his work ethic, character, leadership, and his heritage here in Henry County.

Ms. Buchanan read the resolution aloud and moved that the Board adopt it as presented, seconded by Mr. Slaughter and unanimously carried. Lt. Gen. Via addressed the Board and thanked them for this honor. Lt. Gen. Via also thanked Dr. Max Wingett for his accomplishments to the community.

PRESENTATION OF PLAQUE TO DR. MAX WINGETT, RETIRED PRESIDENT OF PATRICK HENRY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Mr. Hall said Dr. Max Wingett recently retired as President of Patrick Henry Community College after 34 years of service in that position. During his tenure, Dr. Wingett helped lead PHCC through many milestones, including increasing enrollment to more than 3,500 students and becoming the first community college in Virginia to provide National Junior College Athletic Association sports programs.

Mr. Vaughn presented a plaque to Dr. Wingett to commemorate his service at PHCC and thank him for all he has done for the people of Henry County. Dr. Wingett said he was honored and thanked the Board for its support of the college over the years.

CONSIDERATION OF PROCLAMATION ESTABLISHING SEPTEMBER 2012 AS "BABY SAFETY MONTH" IN HENRY COUNTY

Mr. Hall said the Martinsville Exchange Club requested that the Board adopt a resolution establishing September 2012 as "Baby Safety Month" in Henry County. The Exchange Club's national project is child abuse prevention.

Mr. Kendall read the proclamation aloud and moved that the Board adopt it as presented, seconded Mr. Bryant and carried 6 to 0. Nancy Kennett was present to accept the proclamation.

CONSIDERATION OF APPOINTMENTS TO THE SOUTH STREET REHABILITATION BOARD – OFFICE OF PLANNING, ZONING, AND INSPECTIONS

Mr. Hall said in July, Pastor Isaac McDuffie, a member serving on the South Street Housing Rehab Board, retired as Pastor of Tabernacle Baptist Church, and as the project's "community representative" for the project. The new pastor of Tabernacle

Baptist, Pastor David Towler, has agreed to serve on the Housing Rehab Board, as well as the Management Team for the South Street project. In addition, Mr. Hall said the Board will need to formally appoint him to the Board as the County Administrator.

Mr. Slaughter moved that the Board appoint Pastor David Towler and Tim Hall to the South Street Housing Rehab Board, seconded by Ms. Buchanan and unanimously carried.

CONSIDERATION OF MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT WITH STOKES COUNTY, NC – PUBLIC SAFETY

Mr. Hall said Dale Wagoner is asking the Board to consider a Mutual Aid Agreement with Stokes County, NC. Mr. Hall said the mutual aid agreement would be part of the County's efforts to have up-to-date agreements with all of our surrounding jurisdictions. Mr. Wagoner indicates that the Stokes County Board of Commissioners will consider adoption of this agreement at its next regularly scheduled meeting.

Mr. Bryant moved that the Board approve the Mutual Aid Agreement contingent on approval by the Stokes County Board of Commissioners, seconded by Mr. Slaughter and carried 6 to 0.

REPORT ON DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTION EFFORTS

Mr. Scott Grindstaff reviewed the monthly reports on delinquent tax collection efforts. Mr. Grindstaff noted that 97.18% of 2011 personal property taxes have been collected; 93.18% of 2011 real estate taxes; and since the first of January, TACS has collected approximately \$357,117. In addition, Mr. Grindstaff said there are 270 in-house accounts and 41 VRW stops collected in the month of August.

MONTHLY UPDATE FROM THE MARTINSVILLE-HENRY COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Mr. Mark Heath, President of the Martinsville-Henry County Economic Development Corporation, was present to make the monthly update to the Board. Mr. Heath reviewed a summary of activities by division (Copy included in Board's File). Mr. Heath said the EDC is working with a total of 18 projects, including 12 active projects.

AWARD OF CONTRACT RE: MOBILE LICENSE PLATE READER – SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Mr. Hall said in January 2012 the Board accepted and appropriated a grant from the Department of Emergency Management for the Sheriff's Office in the amount of \$16,040 for the purchase of a mobile license plate reader. Sheriff Perry is asking the Board now to award a contract in the amount of \$16,040 to PIPS Technology Federal Signal, based in Knoxville, TN, for the unit.

Mr. Slaughter made a motion that the Board award a contract to PIPS Technology Federal Signal in the amount of \$16,040, seconded by Mr. Bryant and unanimously carried.

AWARD OF CONTRACT RE: PROTECTIVE VESTS – SHERIFF’S OFFICE

Mr. Hall said the Sheriff’s Office issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) for protective vests and four vendors submitted proposals. A committee evaluated the proposals and recommended that the contract be awarded to Town Police Supply of Collinsville. Mr. Hall said the contract has the option to be negotiated annually for the next four years during which time the Sheriff’s Office is expecting to order approximately 130 different vests as it becomes necessary to replace them. It is expected that this contract will average approximately \$40,000 each year.

Mr. Bryant moved that the Board award the contract to Town Police Supply with the option to negotiate it annually for the next four years, seconded by Mr. Slaughter and carried 6 to 0.

AWARD OF CONTRACT RE: REPLACEMENT VEHICLES - SHERIFF’S OFFICE

Mr. Hall said as part of the annual budget process, staff works with the Sheriff’s Office to determine needs and funds to use for the replacement of patrol cars for the Sheriff’s Office. Sheriff Perry indicates that bids were received from seven vendors and after review of the bids, the Sheriff’s Office is requesting the awarding of a contract to Haley Ford – South in Richmond in the amount of \$241,443 for eight patrol cars and one animal control truck. Mr. Hall said funding for these vehicles is in the FY 2012-13 County budget.

Mr. Slaughter made a motion that the Board award a contract to Haley Ford South in the amount of \$241,443 for the purchase of eight patrol cars and one animal control truck, seconded by Ms. Buchanan and unanimously carried.

ACCEPTANCE AND ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION RE: JAG GRANT - SHERIFF’S OFFICE

Mr. Hall said the Sheriff’s Office has been awarded an Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) in the amount of \$19,296 which will be used to provide high impact law enforcement activities in areas that experience a significant increase in crime. The funds are to provide overtime for additional personnel to work these directed enforcement areas.

Mr. Kendall moved that the Board accept and appropriate the JAG grant as outlined, seconded by Mr. Bryant and carried 6 to 0.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION RE: VIDEO VISITATION PROJECT – SHERIFF’S OFFICE

Mr. Hall said Sheriff Perry is requesting the Board to make an additional appropriation of \$33,919.82 into the department’s video visitation project line item. Sheriff Perry said the money was gained from charging inmates \$1.50 a day as allowed by Virginia Code and will be used toward the purchase of a video visitation unit for the

inmates' use. Mr. Hall said the appropriation is applicable for the FY '12 Budget and will be added to a previous appropriation of \$71,754 for the same project.

Ms. Buchanan made a motion that the Board approve the additional appropriation as requested, seconded by Mr. Kendall and unanimously carried.

PERMISSION TO SELL TRASH TRUCK AT COUNTY SURPLUS AUCTION – PURCHASING DEPARTMENT

Mr. Hall said Carole Jones, Chief Purchasing Agent, is asking the Board to give her office permission to sell a 1998 Volvo trash truck at the County's Surplus Auction on October 13. Mr. Hall said Board permission normally would not be needed to sell an item at the auction because prices generally do not meet the threshold for Board approval. However, it is anticipated that a minimum bid of \$8,000 will be placed on the truck, and Section 2-503 of the County Code requires Board approval and public notice if the amount of the sale is estimated to exceed \$5,000.

Mr. Vaughn moved that the Board authorize the Purchasing Department to sell the 1998 Volvo trash truck at the County's Surplus Auction for a minimum of \$8,000, seconded by Mr. Slaughter and carried 6 to 0.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION RE: SCHOOL NUTRITION PROGRAM – SCHOOL BOARD

Mr. Hall said Dr. Jared Cotton is asking the Board to approve an additional appropriation of \$172,396 from the Virginia Department of Education for Axton, Campbell Court, Carver, Collinsville Primary, Rich Acres, Sanville and Stanleytown elementary schools. The money would be used for the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program.

Mr. Kendall made a motion that the Board approve the additional appropriation as requested, seconded by Ms. Buchanan and unanimously carried.

AWARD OF CONTRACT RE: INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT, SOUTH STREET NEIGHBORHOOD – DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING, ZONING AND INSPECTIONS

Mr. Hall said as part of the ongoing South Street Rehabilitation Project, major infrastructure improvements are required. These include replacement of water and sewer lines, installation and improvement of the storm water drainage system, and the paving of South Street and a portion of Pleasant Ridge to bring those roads into the Virginia Department of Transportation's road system. Road improvements will also be made to South Street Extension, Pleasant Ridge and Elm Street.

Mr. Hall said the low bid was received from C W Cauley & Son, Inc., of Patrick Springs in the amount of \$892,907.90 for the base bid and \$206,300.70 for the additive bid, for a total of \$1,099,208.60. Mr. Hall said the total bid was approved by the South Street Housing Rehab Board at its August meeting.

Mr. Slaughter moved that the Board award the contract to C W Cauley & Son, Inc. in the amount of \$892,907.90 for the base bid and \$206,300.70 for the additive bid, for a total of \$1,099,208.60, seconded by Mr. Bryant and carried 6 to 0.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Comments from the Board

Mr. Hall reminded the Board of the blood drive on August 31 in honor and memory of Benny Summerlin. Mr. Hall also reported that representatives working with the Fire/EMS study will conduct a site visit September 24-25 and possibly may contact Board members for input.

Mr. Adams recognized members of the media and welcomed Sam Jackson, the new managing editor for the Martinsville Bulletin.

CLOSED MEETING

Mr. Slaughter moved that the Board go into a closed meeting at 4:00 p.m., seconded by Ms. Buchanan and unanimously carried to discuss the following.

- 1) §2.2-3711(A)1 for Discussion of Appointees to the Fieldale Sanitary District Board and the Southern Virginia Recreation Facilities Authority.
- 2) §2.2-3711(A)7 for Discussion of Pending Legal Matters.
- 3) §2.2-3711(A)3 for Discussion of the Acquisition/Disposal of Real Estate.
- 4) §2.2-3711(A)5 for Discussion of As-Yet Unannounced Industries.

OPEN MEETING

The Board returned to an open meeting at 5:09 p.m. on a motion by Ms. Buchanan, seconded by Mr. Slaughter and unanimously carried.

CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED MEETING:

Mr. Hall read the Certification of the Closed Meeting and took a roll call vote. Those voting in the affirmative were Mr. Bryant, Mr. Kendall, Mr. Vaughn, Ms. Buchanan, Mr. Slaughter, and Mr. Adams.

There was no action taken during closed session. Mr. Adams recessed at 5:09 p.m. until the 6:00 evening meeting.

Mr. Adams called the meeting back to order at 6:00 p.m. and welcomed everyone present.

CONSIDERATION OF PROCLAMATION ESTABLISHING SEPTEMBER 2012 AS “NATIONAL RECOVERY MONTH” IN HENRY COUNTY

Mr. Hall said Drug Free M-HC (formerly the Drug Task Force) requested the Board's consideration of a proclamation establishing September 2012 as "National Recovery Month" in Henry County.

Mr. Slaughter read the proclamation aloud and moved that the Board adopt it as presented, seconded by Mr. Kendall and carried 6 to 0. Ms. Valerie Blevins was present to accept the proclamation. Ms. Blevins thanked the Board for its support and encouraged everyone to attend a Recovery Day celebration on September 8 at Patrick Henry Community College.

MATTERS PRESENTED BY THE PUBLIC

Mr. Curtis Millner, Iriswood District, was present to address the Board on behalf of the Fayette Area Historical Initiative (FAHI). Mr. Millner spoke on the organization's mission and presented Chairman Adams with a book recently published by FAHI, *African American Firsts and Other Prominent People of Martinsville-Henry County*. Mr. Millner said The Harvest Foundation has purchased numerous copies of the book for distribution to schools, libraries, and community organizations; additional copies may be purchased at the art museum for \$42. Mr. Millner also noted that FAHI has recently acquired the former Imperial Savings and Loan building on Fayette Street which will be the future home of an African American museum.

PUBLIC HEARING – REZONING APPLICATION R-12-03 – PAR 5 DEVELOPMENT GROUP, L.L.C.

Mr. Clark said the property is located in the southwest corner of the intersection of Fairystone Park Highway and T.B. Stanley Highway in the Reed Creek District and is shown as part of Tax Map 27.3/171. The applicant is requesting the rezoning of approximately 1.59-acres from Industrial District I-1 to Limited Industrial District I-2. The applicant wishes to establish a free standing retail use on this property. Following a public hearing, both the Planning Commission and staff approved the rezoning request.

Mr. Adams opened the public hearing at 6:11 pm. There being no one present who wished to speak, Mr. Adams closed the hearing at 6:11 pm.

Mr. Slaughter moved that the Board follow the recommendation of the Planning Commission and approve the rezoning request as outlined, seconded by Ms. Buchanan and unanimously carried.

GENERAL HIGHWAY MATTERS

Ms. Lisa Hughes, Residency Administrator for the Virginia Department of Transportation, was present to update the Board on General Highway Matters. Ms. Hughes reported on routine maintenance activities including mowing and paving. Ms. Hughes said VDOT has posted a willingness to hold a public hearing on a safety project

on US 220 in Oak Level near Henry Memorial Park due to numerous accidents. The estimated cost of the project is \$2 million with construction to begin in 2014.

Ms. Buchanan said she had received several requests to reduce the speed limit on River Road in Fieldale due to the increased number of people using the canoe access and walking trail. Ms. Hughes said the overall usage of the road and roadside development does not permit reducing the speed limit at this time but she has talked with Roger Adams they plan to mark a crosswalk and post "Recreational Area" signs.

There being no further business to discuss, Mr. Slaughter moved to adjourn at 6:17 pm, seconded by Ms. Buchanan and carried 6 to 0.

**HENRY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MINUTES**

September 25, 2012 – 3:00 pm

The Henry County Board of Supervisors held its regular meeting on September 25, 2012, at 3:00 pm in the Board Meeting Room of the County Administration Building, King's Mountain Road, Collinsville, Virginia. The following Board members were present: Chairman Jim Adams, Vice-Chairman Tommy Slaughter, Debra Buchanan, H.G. Vaughn, Milton Kendall, and Joe Bryant.

Staff members present were Tim Hall, County Administrator; Dale Wagoner, Deputy County Administrator; George Lyle, County Attorney; Darrell Jones, Director of Finance; Richard Stanfield, Deputy Director of Finance; Michelle Via, Administrative Assistant; and Susan Reynolds, Director of Human Resources.

Deputy Mike Hooper and Lt. Eric Hairston of the Sheriff's Office were present. Also present were Debbie Hall of the Martinsville Bulletin, Ron Morris of B99, and Kip Wallace of WBTW.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Mr. Slaughter gave the invocation and Mr. Kendall led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Adams called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone present. He stated that anyone who wishes to be on the Agenda for the Board's regular business meeting held at 3:00 pm 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 pm may do so under Agenda Item - Matters Presented by the Public without contacting the County Administrator's Office.

INTRODUCTION OF VIRGINIA FIRE SERVICES BOARD MEMBERS

Mr. Dale Wagoner introduced Chief Edwin Smith who serves on the Virginia Fire Services Board. Chief Smith and his team have been in the area the last three days conducting the Fire and EMS Study requested by the Board. Chief Smith thanked the Board and staff as well as members of the rescue squads and fire departments for their support and cooperation. Chief Smith said they anticipate having a report of their findings in the next three months for the Board's review and will come back after the first of the year to discuss those recommendations.

ITEMS OF CONSENT:

Confirmation of Minutes of Meetings
(Copy included in Board's File).

- August 28, 2012

Approval of Accounts Payable

(Copy included in Board's File).

Ms. Buchanan moved that the Items of Consent be adopted, seconded by Mr. Kendall. The motion carried 6 to 0.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION IN HONOR OF PIEDMONT COMMUNITY SERVICES ON ITS 40TH ANNIVERSARY IN HENRY COUNTY

Mr. Bryant read aloud a resolution commemorating Piedmont Community Services' 40 years of assistance to the people of Martinsville and Henry County. Mr. Kendall made a motion that the Board adopt the resolution as presented, seconded by Ms. Buchanan and unanimously carried.

Executive Director Jim Tobin was present to accept the honor. Mr. Tobin thanked the Board for its support and provided a handout of the history of Piedmont Community Services.

DESIGNATION OF VOTING REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE 2012 VIRGINIA ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES (VACO) ANNUAL MEETING

Mr. Hall said the 2012 VACo Annual Meeting is scheduled for November 11-13 and each County is asked to designate a member of its elected Board and an alternate to vote on the County's behalf on any issues that may arise. Mr. Hall said Supervisors Adams, Slaughter, and Bryant plan to attend this year's session, and Supervisor Vaughn is on a waiting list for attending as well.

Mr. Bryant volunteered to serve as voting representative. Mr. Adams asked Mr. Slaughter if he would serve as an alternate. Mr. Vaughn moved that the Board designate Mr. Bryant as the County's voting representative and Mr. Slaughter as an alternate, second by Ms. Buchanan and carried 6 to 0.

REPORT ON DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTION EFFORTS

Mr. Scott Grindstaff was unable to attend today's meeting. The monthly reports on delinquent tax collection efforts were included in the Board's working papers. Mr. Adams recommended that the Board contact Mr. Grindstaff should they have any questions.

PRESENTATION BY DR. ANGELINE GODWIN, PRESIDENT OF PATRICK HENRY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Mr. Hall said Dr. Angeline Godwin, the new President of Patrick Henry Community College, requested time on the Board's agenda to formally introduce herself.

Dr. Godwin thanked the Board for allowing her the opportunity to be here. She said she is very excited to be the new president of PHCC and to be in the Henry County community. Dr. Godwin said PHCC recently celebrated its 50th anniversary and she is looking forward to planning the next 50 years. Dr. Godwin shared her vision of the role of a community college and her goals for PHCC. Dr. Godwin said she looks forward to working with everyone.

PRESENTATION BY SHERIFF LANE PERRY REGARDING “LEADSONLINE” INITIATIVE

Mr. Hall said Sheriff Perry requested time to discuss an initiative his department is seeking to implement.

Sheriff Perry said his department received a three-month trial subscription to a company called “LeadsOnline” which offers assistance to local governments in tracking items through pawn shops and metal recycling shops that may actually be stolen property. Sheriff Perry said they have found the program to be beneficial and would like to purchase a subscription through June 30, 2013 for \$3,100. Sheriff Perry said he has no funding in his current year’s budget and requested that the Board consider providing the money from their contingency fund. In addition, Sheriff Perry said that he and County Attorney George Lyle have discussed the option of implementing a change to the Henry County Code requiring local businesses to participate in the “LeadsOnline” initiative.

Mr. Kendall made a motion that the Board appropriate \$3,100 from the contingency fund as requested, seconded by Ms. Buchanan and unanimously carried. Mr. Lyle said he would prepare an ordinance for the Board’s review at next month’s meeting.

ACCEPTANCE OF AND ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION RE: TRAFFIC LAWS ENFORCEMENT GRANTS – SHERIFF’S OFFICE

Mr. Hall said Sheriff Perry is asking the Board to appropriate two grants for traffic enforcement that total \$31,541. The grants come from the Division of Motor Vehicles (\$25,541) and from a regional grant through the Martinsville Police Department (\$6,000). Sheriff Perry indicates that the money would be used for overtime pay for deputies working extra speeding, occupant protection, and alcohol/DUI assignments. An in-kind match will be provided by the Sheriff’s Office through use of the department’s equipment.

Mr. Bryant moved that the Board accept and appropriate the grants as outlined, seconded by Ms. Buchanan and carried 6 to 0.

ACCEPTANCE OF AND ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION RE: JUSTICE DEPARTMENT BULLETPROOF VEST PROGRAM GRANTS – SHERIFF’S OFFICE

Mr. Hall said Sheriff Perry is asking the Board to accept and appropriate two grants from the U.S. Department of Justice Bulletproof Vests Partnership Program

(BVP). The FY 2010-2011 grant is \$28,536 and the FY 2011-2012 grant is \$7,516.99. Mr. Hall said a required 50% local match would come from his current budget.

Mr. Vaughn made a motion that the Board accept and appropriate the grants as requested, seconded by Mr. Slaughter and unanimously carried.

ACCEPTANCE OF AND ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION RE: PLANTING AND MAINTENANCE GRANTS – GATEWAY STREETSCAPE

Mr. Hall said Lizz Stanley, Executive Director of Gateway Streetscape, is asking the Board to accept and appropriate two grants. The first is for \$12,000 from the Virginia Department of Forestry for staffing costs and the second is for \$5,000 from the Lowe's Corporation for planting of pots in Uptown Martinsville. Mr. Hall said Board approval is required because Henry County is the fiscal agent for Gateway Streetscape.

Mr. Kendall moved that the Board accept and appropriate the two grants as outlined, seconded by Ms. Buchanan and carried 6 to 0.

CONSIDERATION OF EMPLOYEE PURCHASE PLAN FOR I-PADS AND LAPTOP COMPUTERS

Mr. Hall said there is an opportunity once again to partner with the Henry County Public Schools for employees to purchase i-Pads or laptop computers through a payroll deduction plan. Employees who participate would have a monthly payment deducted from their paychecks for six months beginning in January 2013. Each employee who participates would sign a contract for the transaction and would be obligated to pay the amount even if they leave employment during the six-month period.

Ms. Buchanan made a motion to approve the employee purchase plan for i-Pads and laptop computers, seconded by Mr. Bryant and unanimously carried.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION RE: INCREASED FUNDING FROM THE COMMONWEALTH - SCHOOL BOARD

Mr. Hall said Dr. Cotton is asking the Board to make an additional appropriation of \$446,280 from the Commonwealth of Virginia. Dr. Cotton indicates that the extra money is the result of changes in the final state budget that resulted in additional funding for retirement, inflation and preschool costs, and other items. Mr. Hall said County staff has reviewed the 22-page additional appropriation sheet and is comfortable that it meets the requirements for this transaction. Mr. Hall said Ms. Linda Dorr is present should the Board have any questions.

Mr. Kendall moved that the Board approve the additional appropriation as outlined, seconded by Mr. Vaughn and carried 6 to 0.

MONTHLY UPDATE FROM THE MARTINSVILLE-HENRY COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Mr. Mark Heath, President of the Martinsville-Henry County Economic Development Corporation, was present to make the monthly update to the Board. Mr.

Heath reviewed a summary of activities by division (Copy included in Board's File). Mr. Heath said the EDC is working with a total of 19 projects, including 13 active projects.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Comments from the Board

Ms. Buchanan said that she will be having a community meeting on October 2 at 7 pm at the Horsepasture Ruritan Building. Also, Ms. Buchanan said her annual coat drive for gently used children's coats is underway and if anyone wishes to donate items, they may contact her or drop them off at One Hour Martinizing on Rives Road.

Mr. Adams said he was able to participate in welcoming the group for the fishing tournament at Philpott and was present at the weigh-in on Saturday. Mr. Adams said they seemed to be very enthusiastic about the event and what the area has to offer. Mr. Adams said the event was very good for local commerce.

Mr. Hall welcomed Mr. Dale Wagoner in his new position as Deputy County Administrator.

CLOSED MEETING

Ms. Buchanan moved that the Board go into a closed meeting at 3:40 p.m., seconded by Mr. Slaughter and unanimously carried to discuss the following.

- 1) §2.2-3711(A)1 for Discussion of Appointees to the Community Policy and Management Team, Fieldale Sanitary District Board, Southern Area Agency on Aging Board and the Southern Virginia Recreation Facilities Authority.
- 2) §2.2-3711(A)7 for Discussion of Pending Legal Matters.
- 3) §2.2-3711(A)3 for Discussion of the Acquisition/Disposal of Real Estate.
- 4) §2.2-3711(A)5 for Discussion of As-Yet Unannounced Industries.

OPEN MEETING

The Board returned to an open meeting at 5:27 p.m. on a motion by Ms. Buchanan, seconded by Mr. Slaughter and unanimously carried.

CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED MEETING:

Mr. Hall read the Certification of the Closed Meeting and took a roll call vote. Those voting in the affirmative were Mr. Bryant, Mr. Kendall, Mr. Vaughn, Ms. Buchanan, Mr. Slaughter, and Mr. Adams.

Community Policy and Management Team – Mr. Bryant made a motion that the Board appoint Dale Wagoner to an open term, seconded by Mr. Slaughter and unanimously carried.

Fieldale Sanitary District Board – Ms. Buchanan moved that the Board appoint R.B. Hundley, seconded by Mr. Bryant and carried 6 to 0.

Southern Virginia Recreation Facilities Authority – Mr. Vaughn made a motion that the Board reappoint Mark Heath and William Kirby to four-year terms ending October 13, 2016, seconded by Ms. Buchanan and unanimously carried.

Mr. Adams recessed at 5:29 p.m. until the 6:00 evening meeting.

Mr. Adams called the meeting back to order at 6:00 p.m. and welcomed everyone present.

MATTERS PRESENTED BY THE PUBLIC

There was no one present who wished to speak.

CONSIDERATION OF ACTION IN HONOR AND MEMORY OF BENNY SUMMERLIN

Mr. Hall said Benny Summerlin served Henry County for 31 years, the last ten as County Administrator, before his death August 15. Mr. Hall said staff has contemplated several ways to honor Benny's memory and his service to our community. The first is to officially rename the Board's first floor meeting room as the "Summerlin Meeting Room." The second is a joint resolution with the City of Martinsville to rename the Henry County Public Safety building on Hooker Street in Martinsville in Benny's memory. That building previously served as the home of the Martinsville-Henry County Rescue Squad, where Benny began his public service career as an eighth-grade student.

Mr. Hall said City Council will also consider the resolution at its meeting tonight. Several staff members and Board members have indicated they will attend that meeting after ours concludes. Robin Summerlin, Benny's wife, is present and also plans to attend the City Council meeting.

Mr. Kendall read aloud the joint resolution and made a motion that the Board adopt it as presented, seconded by Ms. Buchanan and unanimously carried. Mr. Vaughn moved that the Board rename the Board's first floor meeting room as the "Summerlin Meeting Room," seconded by Ms. Buchanan and carried 6 to 0.

The Board presented Mrs. Summerlin with a plaque to be hung in the newly named "Summerlin Meeting Room." Mr. Adams said they will present the joint resolution to Mrs. Summerlin once City Council approves it later this evening.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING MARTINSVILLE SPEEDWAY'S 65TH ANNIVERSARY

Mr. Hall said Martinsville Speedway is celebrating its 65th anniversary this year. Mr. Hall said the track pre-dates NASCAR and has been a NASCAR-affiliated track longer than any other facility in the country.

Mr. Vaughn read the resolution aloud and moved that the Board adopt it as presented, seconded by Ms. Buchanan and unanimously carried.

Speedway President Clay Campbell was present to accept the honor.

GENERAL HIGHWAY MATTERS

Ms. Lisa Hughes, Residency Administrator for the Virginia Department of Transportation, was present to update the Board on General Highway Matters.

Ms. Hughes introduced David Kiser, the new assistant resident engineer.

Ms. Hughes noted the annual fall transportation meeting for primary and interstate road requests is November 7 at the Montgomery County Government Center.

Ms. Hughes said comments can be emailed if you are unable to attend.

There being no further business to discuss, Mr. Slaughter moved to adjourn at 6:15 pm, seconded by Ms. Buchanan and carried 6 to 0.

**HENRY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MINUTES**

October 23, 2012 – 3:00 pm

The Henry County Board of Supervisors held its regular meeting on October 23, 2012, at 3:00 pm in the Board Meeting Room of the County Administration Building, King's Mountain Road, Collinsville, Virginia. The following Board members were present: Chairman Jim Adams, Vice-Chairman Tommy Slaughter, Debra Buchanan, H.G. Vaughn, Milton Kendall, and Joe Bryant.

Staff members present were Tim Hall, County Administrator; Dale Wagoner, Deputy County Administrator; George Lyle, County Attorney; Darrell Jones, Director of Finance; Richard Stanfield, Deputy Director of Finance; Michelle Via, Administrative Assistant; and Susan Reynolds, Director of Human Resources.

Deputies Mark Jamison and West of the Sheriff's Office were present. Also present were Debbie Hall and Paul Collins of the Martinsville Bulletin, and Charles Roark of Cable 18.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

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

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Adams called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone present. He stated that anyone who wishes to be on the Agenda for the Board's regular business meeting held at 3:00 pm 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 pm may do so under 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).

- September 25, 2012

Approval of Accounts Payable

(Copy included in Board's File).

Ms. Buchanan moved the Items of Consent be adopted, seconded by Mr. Slaughter. The motion carried 6 to 0.

MATTERS PRESENTED BY THE PUBLIC – DOUG STEGALL

Doug Stegall requested time on the Board's agenda but later called and informed staff he would not attend.

MATTERS PRESENTED BY THE PUBLIC – BRIAN WILLIAMS AND ANDY PARKER, DAN RIVER BASIN ASSOCIATION

Brian Williams and Andy Parker requested time on the Board's agenda to provide an update on activity associated with the Smith River but asked that it be postponed to the next meeting.

CONSIDERATION OF PROCLAMATION ESTABLISHING OCTOBER 2012 AS "DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH" IN HENRY COUNTY

Mr. Hall said officials with Citizens Against Family Violence requested the Board declare October 2012 as "Domestic Violence Awareness Month" in Henry County.

Ms. Buchanan read the proclamation aloud and moved the Board adopt it as presented, seconded by Mr. Kendall and carried 6 to 0. Deborah Menefee was present to accept the proclamation on behalf of CAFV. Ms. Menefee thanked the Board for its support.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING MOUNT OLIVET RURITAN'S 40TH ANNIVERSARY

Mr. Hall said staff prepared a resolution honoring the Mount Olivet Ruritan Club's 40th anniversary.

Mr. Bryant read the resolution aloud and made a motion the Board adopt it as presented, seconded by Mr. Kendall and unanimously carried. Club President Michael McPeck was present to accept the honor.

UPDATE ON ACTIVITIES OF THE WEST PIEDMONT WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD

Ms. Kim Adkins, Executive Director of the West Piedmont Workforce Investment Board, was present to provide an update on activities at WPWIB. Ms. Adkins distributed a handout outlining WPWIB background, organizational structure, funding, job placements, etc. (Copy included in Board's File)

REPORT ON DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTION EFFORTS

Mr. Scott Grindstaff reviewed the monthly reports on delinquent tax collection efforts. Mr. Grindstaff noted that 97.36% of 2011 personal property taxes have been collected; 93.76% of 2011 real estate taxes; and since the first of January, TACS has collected approximately \$409,000. In addition, Mr. Grindstaff said there are 259 in-house accounts and 39 VRW stops collected in the month of October. Also, Mr. John

Rife reported \$175,844 has been collected since the first of January solely from the VRW stops through the DMV.

Mr. Adams inquired about delinquent meals tax accounts. Mr. Grindstaff said he is working with Mr. Lyle on one account which will be referred to the Commonwealth's Attorney's office for litigation. Mr. Grindstaff said the restaurant has closed.

Mr. Bryant asked when the next property sale would be. Mr. Grindstaff said it will probably be the first of the year. Mr. Bryant requested a list of the properties to be sold.

MONTHLY UPDATE FROM THE MARTINSVILLE-HENRY COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Mr. Mark Heath, President of the Martinsville-Henry County Economic Development Corporation, was present to make the monthly update to the Board. Mr. Heath reviewed a summary of activities by division (Copy included in Board's File). Mr. Heath said the EDC is working with a total of 20 projects, including 14 active projects.

CONSIDERATION OF 2013 LEGISLATIVE AGENDA FOR VIRGINIA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Mr. Hall said each year staff and the Board construct a legislative agenda of items we would like for the General Assembly to consider. Mr. Hall said a draft list was included in the Board's working papers and is basically the same as in the past with the exception of the last item pertaining to a change in the allocation of funds from the Department of Rail and Public Transportation for transit systems. Mr. Hall said the proposed change would have a severe negative impact on Henry County's PART bus system.

Mr. Kendall requested the elimination of the Dillon Rule in Henry County. Mr. Lyle said elimination of the Dillon Rule is unlikely based on past cases. Mr. Hall suggested staff add language stating Henry County is opposed to the Dillon Rule and request consideration of elimination or modification to the Rule.

Mr. Vaughn moved the Board adopt the legislative agenda with the addition of the County's opposition to the Dillon Rule, seconded by Ms. Buchanan and carried 6 to 0.

DISCUSSION OF A COUNTY ORDINANCE TO FACILITATE DATA COLLECTION FROM PAWN DEALERS AND VARIOUS SCRAP METAL RECYCLERS

Mr. Hall said last month, Sheriff Perry discussed the Sheriff's Office efforts to analyze data on potentially stolen or recovery items through a program called "Leads Online." Following the discussion, the Board directed County Attorney George Lyle to research and suggest language for an ordinance that will facilitate data submission from local pawn dealers and various scrap metal recyclers. Mr. Hall said the proposed ordinance is included in the Board's working papers and as with any ordinance change, it would require a public hearing before action could be taken.

Mr. Kendall made a motion to set a public hearing for November 27 at 6 pm for consideration of the proposed ordinance, seconded by Mr. Bryant and carried 6 to 0.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION RE: FIRE PROGRAMS AID TO LOCALITIES – PUBLIC SAFETY

Mr. Hall said Rodney Howell, Director of Public Safety, is asking the Board to accept and appropriate \$128,496 from the Virginia Department of Fire Programs Aid to Localities Fund. In the past Henry County has allocated its appropriation equally among the eight volunteer fire departments. That would result in a per-department allocation of \$16,062 this year.

Ms. Buchanan made a motion the Board accept and appropriate the funds as outlined and allocate the money equally to each of the eight volunteer fire departments, seconded by Mr. Slaughter and carried 6 to 0.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Comments from the Board

Mr. Adams asked Lt. Col. Eanes to brief the Board on the press conference that was held at 3:00. Lt. Col. Eanes reported that the Sheriff's Office issued two indictments in connection with the deaths of Amanda Massey and Robby Lawrence approximately 17 months ago.

Mr. Adams noted handouts concerning the Martinsville-Henry County Christmas parade and a newsletter from Morning Star Holy Church provided by Rev. Tyler Millner.

Mr. Vaughn said the college fishing tournament held at Philpott will be broadcast on December 16 at 1 pm on NBC Sports Network.

Mr. Hall reminded everyone of the upcoming race weekend and the number of visitors to the area.

CLOSED MEETING

Ms. Buchanan moved that the Board go into a closed meeting at 3:48 p.m., seconded by Mr. Slaughter and unanimously carried to discuss the following.

- 1) §2.2-3711(A)1 for Discussion of Appointees to the Anchor Commission, Ninth District Development Financing, Inc., Public Service Authority, and Southern Area Agency on Aging Board.
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OPEN MEETING

The Board returned to an open meeting at 4:40 p.m. on a motion by Ms. Buchanan, seconded by Mr. Bryant and unanimously carried.

CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED MEETING:

Mr. Wagoner read the Certification of the Closed Meeting and took a roll call vote. Those voting in the affirmative were Mr. Bryant, Mr. Kendall, Mr. Vaughn, Ms. Buchanan, Mr. Slaughter, and Mr. Adams.

Southern Area Agency on Aging Board – Mr. Vaughn moved the Board reappoint Myron Kelley to a three-year term expiring November 1, 2015, seconded by Mr. Bryant and carried 6 to 0.

Memorandum of Understanding – The Lester Group – Mr. Slaughter made a motion to enter into a purchase agreement with the The Lester Group in the amount of \$50,000 for 5.3 acres surrounding the old landfill and the funds be taken from the Fund Balance, seconded by Ms. Buchanan and unanimously carried.

On a matter not related to closed session, Mr. Lyle requested the Board revisit an earlier agenda item concerning pawn shops. Mr. Lyle said Sheriff Perry has requested that scrap metal dealers and precious metals dealers also be included in the ordinance for consideration. Mr. Lyle said he only included pawn shops in the ordinance but he can easily add the additional language. Mr. Lyle noted the advertisement for public hearing should also include scrap and precious metals dealers if the Board chooses to consider them.

Mr. Vaughn questioned the logistics of the same requirements of scrap metal dealers. Mr. Lyle said it is possible that the language for scrap metal dealers may need to be modified accordingly.

Ms. Buchanan said she will probably not vote since she holds a precious metals dealers license but she feels the ordinance will only keep honest people honest and those who purchase an article that is stolen will simply not report it. Ms. Buchanan said she does feel that some type of remedy is needed due to the number of thefts but she is not sure it will resolve the problems. Ms. Buchanan asked if she will need to abstain from voting. Mr. Lyle said not at this point as the only action being taken is to set a public hearing. Mr. Lyle said he would look into the matter before the next meeting but he did not feel there would be a conflict of interest. Ms. Buchanan asked about the regulation of gun sales.

Mr. Lyle recommended the Board talk to Sheriff Perry if they have concerns because business owners he has talked to for the most part have indicated they favor tighter regulations.

Mr. Kendall made an amended motion to also include scrap metal and precious metals dealers in the proposed pawn shop ordinance already set for public hearing by an earlier motion, seconded by Mr. Bryant and carried 6 to 0.

Mr. Adams recessed at 4:50 p.m. until the 6:00 evening meeting.

Mr. Adams called the meeting back to order at 6:00 p.m. and welcomed everyone present.

MATTERS PRESENTED BY THE PUBLIC

Doug Stegall, Collinsville District, asked what method of communication the Board uses to inform citizens about items to be discussed at the monthly meetings.

Jerry Stultz, Reed Creek District, was present to address the Board about safety concerns at the intersection of Dyer Store Road (Route 657) and Green Hill Drive (Route 655). Mr. Stultz said he had a petition with 100 names of individuals seeking safety improvements. Mr. Stultz noted numerous accidents and near misses at the intersection due to poor sight distance and vehicles parked on the road. Mr. Stultz said he provided the petition and pictures to David Kiser, assistant resident engineer for VDOT.

Randy Ashby, Reed Creek District, was also present to voice his concerns on the intersection. Mr. Ashby said school buses, people pulling trailers, people driving farm equipment and other motorists travel through the area regularly.

PUBLIC HEARING – REZONING APPLICATION R-12-04 – ROBERT D. AND MARY A. GILLESPIE

Mr. Lee Clark said the property is located between The Great Road and River Road, directly behind 4094 The Great Road in the Horsepasture District and is shown as Tax Map 28.4/54G. The applicant is requesting the rezoning of approximately 5.884-acres from Suburban Residential District S-R to Agricultural District A-1. The applicant wishes to keep cattle/livestock on this property. Mr. Clark said following a public hearing, both staff and the Planning Commission recommended the rezoning request be approved.

Mr. Adams opened the public hearing at 6:12 pm. There being no one present who wished to speak, Mr. Adams closed the public hearing at 6:12 pm. Ms. Buchanan moved the Board approve the rezoning request, seconded by Mr. Kendall and unanimously carried.

GENERAL HIGHWAY MATTERS

Mr. David Kiser, assistant resident engineer for the Virginia Department of Transportation, was present to update the Board on General Highway Matters.

Mr. Kiser said mowing on primary roads has been completed and mowing of secondary roads should be completed this week. He also said there will be a lane closure tomorrow on Virginia Avenue near El Ranchito to repair a small hole in the road and related work.

CONSIDERATION OF PRIORITY LIST FOR COMMONWEALTH TRANSPORTATION BOARD

Mr. Kiser asked if the Board would like to go through the list of items to be included from Henry County for submission to the Commonwealth Transportation Board. Mr. Hall said the list is identical to last year's list and in the past the Board has submitted it electronically.

Ms. Buchanan moved the Board approve the priority list for the Six-Year Improvement Program, seconded by Mr. Kendall and carried 6 to 0.

There being no further business to discuss, Mr. Slaughter moved to adjourn at 6:26 pm, seconded by Ms. Buchanan and carried 6 to 0.

**HENRY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MINUTES**

December 18, 2012 – 3:00 pm

The Henry County Board of Supervisors held its regular meeting on December 18, 2012, at 3:00 pm in the Summerlin Meeting Room of the County Administration Building, King's Mountain Road, Collinsville, Virginia. The following Board members were present: Chairman Jim Adams, Vice-Chairman Tommy Slaughter, Debra Buchanan, H.G. Vaughn, Milton Kendall, and Joe Bryant.

Staff members present were Tim Hall, County Administrator; Dale Wagoner, Deputy County Administrator; George Lyle, County Attorney; Darrell Jones, Director of Finance; Richard Stanfield, Deputy Director of Finance; Michelle Via, Administrative Assistant; and Susan Reynolds, Director of Human Resources.

Deputy Mike Hooper and Lt. Eric Hairston of the Sheriff's Office were present. Also present were Debbie Hall of the Martinsville Bulletin, Ron Morris of B99, and Kip Wallace of WBTW.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Mr. Vaughn gave the invocation and Mr. Kendall led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Adams called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone present. He stated that anyone who wishes to be on the Agenda for the Board's regular business meeting held at 3:00 pm 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 pm may do so under Agenda Item - Matters Presented by the Public without contacting the County Administrator's Office.

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Mr. Scott Grindstaff reviewed the monthly reports on delinquent tax collection efforts. Mr. Grindstaff noted that 97.62% of 2011 personal property taxes have been collected; 94.52% of 2011 real estate taxes; and in 2012, TACS collected approximately \$512,653. In addition, Mr. Grindstaff said there are 295 in-house accounts and 15 VRW stops collected in the month of December.

Mr. Grindstaff also distributed a handout and requested the Board's consideration of eliminating the sale of annual County decals and moving to a permanent vehicle decal that would be effective for as long as a person owns the vehicle. In addition, Mr. Grindstaff proposed eliminating decals altogether for motorcycles and trailers as very few were sold in the current year and generally motorcycles are not used to haul refuse to green box sites and trailers are usually hooked onto vehicles that already have decals. Mr. Grindstaff said decal sales generate \$950,000 and under his proposal, revenue would drop to about \$150,000 annually, for an estimated \$800,000 annual loss. Mr. Grindstaff did not propose how that money would be made up.

Mr. Grindstaff said decal sales are time-consuming for his office and typically utilizes about four months each year. Currently, the Treasurer's Office sells about 25,000 decals; local fire departments sell another 15,000; and all of that information must be entered into a database. Mr. Grindstaff said eliminating decal sales would not mean a reduction in staff but would make his office more efficient.

Mr. Grindstaff noted that 98 of the 141 localities in Virginia no longer sell decals and of the 43 that still do, six now sell permanent decals.

Mr. Grindstaff said while residents must pay their personal property taxes before they can buy a decal, a majority of residents pay their taxes before decals go on sale, which dispels the idea that the need for decals prompts some residents to pay their taxes.

The Board took no action on Mr. Grindstaff's request.

UPDATE ON ACTIVITIES OF THE WEST PIEDMONT WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD

Ms. Kim Adkins, Executive Director of the West Piedmont Workforce Investment Board (WPWIB), was present to provide an update on activities. Ms. Adkins also recognized two members of the WIB who were present, Chairman Jim Daniel and Vice

Chair Amanda Witt. Ms. Adkins said Ms. Witt also provided an update on business services to employers.

Ms. Adkins provided a packet of information (Copy included in Board's File) and brief background on the Board's main purpose which includes monitoring the region's four Virginia Workforce Centers and numerous employment services and training programs for employers. Ms. Adkins said the two main goals of WIB is to raise the skill level of workers in order to increase access to employment opportunities and post secondary education and promote a skilled workforce. Ms. Adkins said the WIB will be diligently tracking not only the process but the outcome of these two goals.

Ms. Witt provided an overview of business services to employers and distributed a handout (Copy included in Board's File). Services include assisting employers with recruitment efforts, connecting employers with assessment and training resources, providing labor market data and trends to employers, and helping businesses with outplacement in plant closures/layoffs.

CONSIDERATION OF A COUNTY ORDINANCE REGARDING REPORTING/RECORDATION PROCEDURES FOR PAWN DEALERS, SCRAP METAL RECYCLERS AND PRECIOUS METAL DEALERS

Mr. Lyle said the Board held a public hearing last month to allow citizen input concerning a county ordinance regarding reporting and recordation procedures from pawn dealers, scrap metal recyclers, and precious metal dealers. Mr. Lyle said since then, staff has met with a representative of one of the scrap metal dealers, and after that meeting, he is recommending the Board remove scrap metal recyclers from the proposed ordinance. Mr. Lyle said due to the nature of the scrap metal business, more input is needed and the Board can revisit the issue in February or March. In addition, Mr. Lyle said if the Board chooses to adopt the ordinance, he recommends removing the last paragraph in each section, "right of entry to the sheriff of Henry County."

Mr. Bryant made a motion the Board adopt the proposed ordinance with the changes noted by Mr. Lyle, seconded by Mr. Slaughter. Ms. Buchanan said she had earlier stated she would abstain from voting on the issue but after consultation with Mr. Lyle, he sees no conflict; therefore, Ms. Buchanan said she will vote on the ordinance. The motion carried 6 to 0.

CONSIDERATION OF CHANGES TO THE HENRY COUNTY LITTER ORDINANCE

Mr. Lyle said Sheriff Perry is asking the Board to consider a change to the County's litter ordinance to set a minimum fine of \$250.00 for violators. Mr. Lyle said the proposed ordinance would mirror the state ordinance. In addition, Mr. Lyle said currently violators are being prosecuted under the state litter ordinance in order to impose a more significant fine, thus the revenue is going to the state instead of coming back to Henry County.

Mr. Vaughn moved the Board set a public hearing for 6 pm on January 22, 2013 to consider the proposed changes, seconded by Mr. Slaughter and unanimously carried.

CONSIDERATION OF FY 2013-14 BUDGET CALENDAR

Mr. Hall said the proposed calendar for preparation of the FY 2013-14 County Budget was included in the Board's working papers and provides for preparation, adoption, and appropriation of the budget in accordance with the deadlines provided in the *Code of Virginia*. Mr. Hall noted it includes the tour of Magna Vista High School which the Board had previously agreed to.

Mr. Slaughter made a motion the Board adopt the budget calendar for FY '14, seconded by Mr. Bryant and carried 6 to 0.

CONSIDERATION OF DATE FOR 2013 ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

Mr. Hall said the Board is required to have an organizational meeting at or soon after the first of the year. During this meeting the Board will set its meeting dates for the 2013 calendar year and elect a chairman and vice chairman for the 2013 calendar year. Mr. Hall reminded the Board County offices are closed Tuesday, January 1.

Mr. Kendall made a motion the Board set the organizational meeting for January 2, 2013 at 3 pm, seconded by Mr. Slaughter and unanimously carried.

AWARD OF CONTRACT RE: DATABASE MAINTENANCE - SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Mr. Hall said Sheriff Perry is asking the Board to award a contract in the amount of \$16,150 to Southern Software for maintenance on jail and criminal databases used by the Sheriff's Office. Southern Software was previously approved as a sole-source vendor for the Sheriff's Office and funding is already included in the current budget.

Mr. Slaughter moved the Board award the contract to Southern Software in the amount of \$16,150, seconded by Ms. Buchanan and carried 6 to 0.

AWARD OF CONTRACT RE: EMS BILLING SERVICES – DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

Mr. Hall said Public Safety Director Rodney Howell is requesting that the Board award a service contract to Advanced Data Processing, Inc., d/b/a Intermedix of Columbus, Ohio for EMS billing services. If approved, Intermedix will handle ambulance billing on behalf of the Department of Public Safety and volunteer rescue squads in Henry County. Intermedix will receive 4.9% of the revenue collected as payment for services which is less than what we are paying our current vendor of 6%.

Mr. Bryant made a motion the Board award the contract to Advanced Data Processing as outlined, seconded by Mr. Kendall and unanimously carried.

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

Mr. Hall said Sheriff Perry is asking the Board to approve an additional appropriation of \$4,039.78 from the Asset Forfeiture funds for the purchase of two laptop computers and six external hard drives.

Ms. Buchanan moved the Board approve the additional appropriation, seconded by Mr. Slaughter and carried 6 to 0.

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

Mr. Hall said Commonwealth Attorney Robert Bushnell is asking the Board to approve an additional appropriation of \$4,995.00 from the Asset Forfeiture funds for the purchase of a new copy machine.

Mr. Kendall moved the Board approve the additional appropriation as outlined, seconded by Mr. Bryant and carried 6 to 0.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Comments from the Board

Mr. Adams welcomed members of the media and asked Rodney Howell to introduce the newest members of the Public Safety Department.

Mr. Howell recognized Mary Mahaffey, part-time paramedic/firefighter; Zach Elmore, full-time paramedic/firefighter; and Kiah Cooper, assistant fire marshal. Mr. Howell also noted the promotions of Matt Tatum to deputy director of public safety; Pete Draper, fire marshal; and Lisa Garrett, deputy fire marshal.

Mr. Adams requested Matt Tatum to report on a recent accolade bestowed upon Dale Wagoner. Mr. Tatum said Mr. Wagoner was presented the Governor’s Award for Excellence in EMS at a banquet in Norfolk. Mr. Tatum said this is a huge accomplishment for Mr. Wagoner and he considers the award to be the “granddaddy” of EMS honors. Mr. Wagoner was selected by the Governor from nominees across the state.

Mr. Adams then asked Mr. Wagoner to provide information on an award recently named in honor of Benny Summerlin. Mr. Wagoner first thanked the Board and Mr. Tatum for their kind words but said he considers the award recognition not of himself but the entire public safety team. Mr. Wagoner said he was pleased to announce the Western Virginia EMS Council has created an award, the Summerlin Award of Excellence, to recognize outstanding contributions to local government by current or former EMS providers.

The Board wished everyone a merry Christmas and happy New Year.

The Board also congratulated and commended the entire public safety team on all of their accomplishments.

Mr. Hall reminded the Board of the January 15 deadline for completion of the annual disclosure filings. Mr. Hall said the Henry County Ministerial Association is sponsoring a vigil at Martinsville Middle School on Thursday evening at 7 pm in honor of the victims and families of the Newtown, CT tragedy.

CONSIDERATION OF GRANTING COUNTY EMPLOYEES ADDITIONAL TIME OFF

Mr. Hall said the Commonwealth of Virginia is granting its employees Wednesday, December 26 and Monday, December 31, 2012 as additional time off for the holidays. State and County employees already are scheduled to have December 24, December 25, and January 1 as holidays. Mr. Hall requested that the Board consider granting the extra days to County employees as well. Mr. Hall said the PSA Board approved the request at its meeting last night contingent on Board approval today. Mr. Hall said staff plans to survey employees on whether they would prefer to transition to the state holiday schedule moving forward.

Mr. Slaughter asked how it would affect employees classified as essential, i.e. the Sheriff's Office. Mr. Hall said it would be treated as any other holiday; the employee would have an extra vacation day to be taken at the discretion of his or her supervisor. Mr. Hall stated this is a one-time request.

Mr. Kendall made a motion the Board grant employees Wednesday, December 26 and Monday, December 31, 2012 as additional time off for the holidays, seconded by Mr. Slaughter and carried 6 to 0.

CLOSED MEETING

Ms. Buchanan moved that the Board go into a closed meeting at 3:58 p.m., seconded by Mr. Slaughter and unanimously carried to discuss the following.

- 1) §2.2-3711(A)1 for Discussion of Appointees to the Building Code Board of Appeals, Fire Code Board of Appeals, and Industrial Development Authority.
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- 4) §2.2-3711(A)5 for Discussion of As-Yet Unannounced Industries.

OPEN MEETING

The Board returned to an open meeting at 4:55 p.m. on a motion by Ms. Buchanan, seconded by Mr. Slaughter and unanimously carried.

CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED MEETING:

Mr. Wagoner read the Certification of the Closed Meeting and took a roll call vote. Those voting in the affirmative were Mr. Bryant, Mr. Kendall, Mr. Vaughn, Ms. Buchanan, Mr. Slaughter, and Mr. Adams.

Fire Code Board of Appeals – Ms. Buchanan moved the Board reappoint Daryl Emberson, William Martin, Ken Adkins, Nancy Bradshaw, and Joel Barnes to four-year terms ending January 31, 2017, seconded by Mr. Slaughter and carried 6 to 0.

Mr. Adams recessed at 4:57 p.m. until the 6:00 evening meeting.

Mr. Adams called the meeting back to order at 6:00 p.m. and welcomed everyone present.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION IN HONOR OF THE BASSETT HIGH SCHOOL MARCHING BAND

Mr. Hall said the Bassett High School Marching Band recently won its sixth consecutive state championship, followed by a fourth-place finish in the United States Scholastic Band Association national championships in East Rutherford, NJ.

Mr. Slaughter read the resolution aloud and moved the Board adopt it as presented, seconded by Mr. Kendall and carried 6 to 0. Band Director Trey Harris and several of his marching band members were present to accept the honor. Mr. Harris also added three students were selected to participate in the All-American Marching Band scheduled to perform in San Antonio, Texas at the All-American Football game.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION IN HONOR OF THE MAGNA VISTA HIGH SCHOOL JROTC RAIDERS TEAM

Mr. Hall said the Magna Vista High School JROTC Raiders team dominated the 2012 Virginia State Championship, competing against 40 other teams to take first place in three of the five events. Additionally, the Raiders set an all-time state record by completing the one-rope crossing event in one minute, 12 seconds.

Mr. Vaughn read the resolution aloud and made a motion the Board adopt it as presented, seconded by Ms. Buchanan and carried 6 to 0. Major Phil Corbo, Sergeant First Class John Truini, and several team members were present to accept the resolution.

PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS TO HENRY COUNTY STIX U13 AND VIRGINIA ANGELS U10 TRAVEL BASEBALL TEAMS

Mr. Hall said two local teams – the Henry County STIX U13 and the Henry County Virginia Angels U10 – advanced to national competition, with the STIX winning their state and national championships and the Virginia Angels finishing second in the national championship tournament.

Ms. Buchanan read aloud the resolution recognizing the STIX U13 team and moved the Board adopt it as presented, seconded by Mr. Slaughter and unanimously carried. Coaches and team members were present to accept the honor.

Mr. Kendall read aloud the resolution acknowledging the Angels U10 team and made a motion the Board approve it as presented, seconded by Ms. Buchanan and carried 6 to 0. Coaches and team members were present to accept the resolution.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION IN HONOR OF MAJOR NELSON THOMAS, HENRY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Mr. Hall said Major Nelson Thomas is retiring from the Henry County Sheriff's Office, effective January 1, 2013, after 36 ½ years of service.

Mr. Bryant read aloud the resolution honoring Major Thomas and moved the Board adopt it as presented, seconded by Mr. Vaughn and unanimously carried. Major Thomas was present to accept the resolution and was joined by family members.

Sheriff Perry also had a presentation on behalf of the Sheriff's Office and spoke of Major Thomas' many accomplishments. Major Thomas thanked everyone for the opportunity to serve Henry County.

MATTERS PRESENTED BY THE PUBLIC

There was no one present who wished to speak.

GENERAL HIGHWAY MATTERS

Ms. Lisa Hughes, Residency Administrator for the Virginia Department of Transportation, was present to update the Board on General Highway Matters.

Ms. Hughes reported on intersection improvements at Green Hill Drive and Dyer Store Road. Ms. Hughes said they have done some pavement marking and plan to do some survey work to determine what needs to be done to improve sight distance. Ms. Hughes said she would let the Board know the cost of the project once the study is complete.

Ms. Hughes said there will be a statewide contract advertised in March 2013 for the installation of statewide reference signs which will include a provision for selected primary highways including Routes 220 and 58 in Henry County.

PRESENTATION OF THE FIRE & EMS STUDY – VIRGINIA FIRE SERVICES BOARD STUDY TEAM

Mr. Hall said in April, the Board asked the Virginia Fire Services Board to conduct a study of fire and rescue services. The study team completed its work and Fire Services Board members Edwin Smith and William Kyger were present to provide recommendations to the Board. Mr. Hall said staff recommends accepting the study and possibly adding it to the agenda for the planning session to allow the Board and staff more time to review the document.

Mr. Smith thanked the Board, staff, and various agencies they met with during the course of their work. Mr. Smith summarized the 45-page study that was included in the Board's working papers and stressed the findings and recommendations are meant to be guidelines and in no way construed as legal advice.

The study committee's findings and recommendations included that Henry County employ a chief of fire/rescue, consider adding another paid EMS crew and re-establish the high school fire and EMS training program. The study was divided into four main areas, organizational development, delivery of services, training, and administration, policy, and finance.

Mr. Kyger, a former member of the Rockingham County Board of Supervisors and a member of the study team, addressed the Board and strongly encouraged Henry

County to move forward with the study. He said his locality did the study 10 years ago and while they were not able to do everything at once due to cost constraints, they continue to act on the recommendations today.

Mr. Vaughn moved the Board accept the study and authorized staff to include it on the agenda for the planning session in February, seconded by Mr. Slaughter and carried 6 to 0.

There being no further business to discuss, Mr. Slaughter moved to adjourn at 7:11 pm, seconded by Ms. Buchanan and carried 6 to 0.

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REPORT ON DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTION EFFORTS

Mr. Scott Grindstaff reviewed the monthly reports on delinquent tax collection efforts. Mr. Grindstaff noted that 97.62% of 2011 personal property taxes have been collected; 94.52% of 2011 real estate taxes; and in 2012, TACS collected approximately \$512,653. In addition, Mr. Grindstaff said there are 295 in-house accounts and 15 VRW stops collected in the month of December.

Mr. Grindstaff also distributed a handout and requested the Board's consideration of eliminating the sale of annual County decals and moving to a permanent vehicle decal that would be effective for as long as a person owns the vehicle. In addition, Mr. Grindstaff proposed eliminating decals altogether for motorcycles and trailers as very few were sold in the current year and generally motorcycles are not used to haul refuse to green box sites and trailers are usually hooked onto vehicles that already have decals. Mr. Grindstaff said decal sales generate \$950,000 and under his proposal, revenue would drop to about \$150,000 annually, for an estimated \$800,000 annual loss. Mr. Grindstaff did not propose how that money would be made up.

Mr. Grindstaff said decal sales are time-consuming for his office and typically utilizes about four months each year. Currently, the Treasurer's Office sells about 25,000 decals; local fire departments sell another 15,000; and all of that information must be entered into a database. Mr. Grindstaff said eliminating decal sales would not mean a reduction in staff but would make his office more efficient.

Mr. Grindstaff noted that 98 of the 141 localities in Virginia no longer sell decals and of the 43 that still do, six now sell permanent decals.

Mr. Grindstaff said while residents must pay their personal property taxes before they can buy a decal, a majority of residents pay their taxes before decals go on sale, which dispels the idea that the need for decals prompts some residents to pay their taxes.

The Board took no action on Mr. Grindstaff's request.

UPDATE ON ACTIVITIES OF THE WEST PIEDMONT WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD

Ms. Kim Adkins, Executive Director of the West Piedmont Workforce Investment Board (WPWIB), was present to provide an update on activities. Ms. Adkins also recognized two members of the WIB who were present, Chairman Jim Daniel and Vice

Chair Amanda Witt. Ms. Adkins said Ms. Witt also provided an update on business services to employers.

Ms. Adkins provided a packet of information (Copy included in Board's File) and brief background on the Board's main purpose which includes monitoring the region's four Virginia Workforce Centers and numerous employment services and training programs for employers. Ms. Adkins said the two main goals of WIB is to raise the skill level of workers in order to increase access to employment opportunities and post secondary education and promote a skilled workforce. Ms. Adkins said the WIB will be diligently tracking not only the process but the outcome of these two goals.

Ms. Witt provided an overview of business services to employers and distributed a handout (Copy included in Board's File). Services include assisting employers with recruitment efforts, connecting employers with assessment and training resources, providing labor market data and trends to employers, and helping businesses with outplacement in plant closures/layoffs.

CONSIDERATION OF A COUNTY ORDINANCE REGARDING REPORTING/RECORDATION PROCEDURES FOR PAWN DEALERS, SCRAP METAL RECYCLERS AND PRECIOUS METAL DEALERS

Mr. Lyle said the Board held a public hearing last month to allow citizen input concerning a county ordinance regarding reporting and recordation procedures from pawn dealers, scrap metal recyclers, and precious metal dealers. Mr. Lyle said since then, staff has met with a representative of one of the scrap metal dealers, and after that meeting, he is recommending the Board remove scrap metal recyclers from the proposed ordinance. Mr. Lyle said due to the nature of the scrap metal business, more input is needed and the Board can revisit the issue in February or March. In addition, Mr. Lyle said if the Board chooses to adopt the ordinance, he recommends removing the last paragraph in each section, "right of entry to the sheriff of Henry County."

Mr. Bryant made a motion the Board adopt the proposed ordinance with the changes noted by Mr. Lyle, seconded by Mr. Slaughter. Ms. Buchanan said she had earlier stated she would abstain from voting on the issue but after consultation with Mr. Lyle, he sees no conflict; therefore, Ms. Buchanan said she will vote on the ordinance. The motion carried 6 to 0.

CONSIDERATION OF CHANGES TO THE HENRY COUNTY LITTER ORDINANCE

Mr. Lyle said Sheriff Perry is asking the Board to consider a change to the County's litter ordinance to set a minimum fine of \$250.00 for violators. Mr. Lyle said the proposed ordinance would mirror the state ordinance. In addition, Mr. Lyle said currently violators are being prosecuted under the state litter ordinance in order to impose a more significant fine, thus the revenue is going to the state instead of coming back to Henry County.

Mr. Vaughn moved the Board set a public hearing for 6 pm on January 22, 2013 to consider the proposed changes, seconded by Mr. Slaughter and unanimously carried.

CONSIDERATION OF FY 2013-14 BUDGET CALENDAR

Mr. Hall said the proposed calendar for preparation of the FY 2013-14 County Budget was included in the Board's working papers and provides for preparation, adoption, and appropriation of the budget in accordance with the deadlines provided in the *Code of Virginia*. Mr. Hall noted it includes the tour of Magna Vista High School which the Board had previously agreed to.

Mr. Slaughter made a motion the Board adopt the budget calendar for FY '14, seconded by Mr. Bryant and carried 6 to 0.

CONSIDERATION OF DATE FOR 2013 ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

Mr. Hall said the Board is required to have an organizational meeting at or soon after the first of the year. During this meeting the Board will set its meeting dates for the 2013 calendar year and elect a chairman and vice chairman for the 2013 calendar year. Mr. Hall reminded the Board County offices are closed Tuesday, January 1.

Mr. Kendall made a motion the Board set the organizational meeting for January 2, 2013 at 3 pm, seconded by Mr. Slaughter and unanimously carried.

AWARD OF CONTRACT RE: DATABASE MAINTENANCE - SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Mr. Hall said Sheriff Perry is asking the Board to award a contract in the amount of \$16,150 to Southern Software for maintenance on jail and criminal databases used by the Sheriff's Office. Southern Software was previously approved as a sole-source vendor for the Sheriff's Office and funding is already included in the current budget.

Mr. Slaughter moved the Board award the contract to Southern Software in the amount of \$16,150, seconded by Ms. Buchanan and carried 6 to 0.

AWARD OF CONTRACT RE: EMS BILLING SERVICES – DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

Mr. Hall said Public Safety Director Rodney Howell is requesting that the Board award a service contract to Advanced Data Processing, Inc., d/b/a Intermedix of Columbus, Ohio for EMS billing services. If approved, Intermedix will handle ambulance billing on behalf of the Department of Public Safety and volunteer rescue squads in Henry County. Intermedix will receive 4.9% of the revenue collected as payment for services which is less than what we are paying our current vendor of 6%.

Mr. Bryant made a motion the Board award the contract to Advanced Data Processing as outlined, seconded by Mr. Kendall and unanimously carried.

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

Mr. Hall said Sheriff Perry is asking the Board to approve an additional appropriation of \$4,039.78 from the Asset Forfeiture funds for the purchase of two laptop computers and six external hard drives.

Ms. Buchanan moved the Board approve the additional appropriation, seconded by Mr. Slaughter and carried 6 to 0.

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

Mr. Hall said Commonwealth Attorney Robert Bushnell is asking the Board to approve an additional appropriation of \$4,995.00 from the Asset Forfeiture funds for the purchase of a new copy machine.

Mr. Kendall moved the Board approve the additional appropriation as outlined, seconded by Mr. Bryant and carried 6 to 0.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Comments from the Board

Mr. Adams welcomed members of the media and asked Rodney Howell to introduce the newest members of the Public Safety Department.

Mr. Howell recognized Mary Mahaffey, part-time paramedic/firefighter; Zach Elmore, full-time paramedic/firefighter; and Kiah Cooper, assistant fire marshal. Mr. Howell also noted the promotions of Matt Tatum to deputy director of public safety; Pete Draper, fire marshal; and Lisa Garrett, deputy fire marshal.

Mr. Adams requested Matt Tatum to report on a recent accolade bestowed upon Dale Wagoner. Mr. Tatum said Mr. Wagoner was presented the Governor’s Award for Excellence in EMS at a banquet in Norfolk. Mr. Tatum said this is a huge accomplishment for Mr. Wagoner and he considers the award to be the “granddaddy” of EMS honors. Mr. Wagoner was selected by the Governor from nominees across the state.

Mr. Adams then asked Mr. Wagoner to provide information on an award recently named in honor of Benny Summerlin. Mr. Wagoner first thanked the Board and Mr. Tatum for their kind words but said he considers the award recognition not of himself but the entire public safety team. Mr. Wagoner said he was pleased to announce the Western Virginia EMS Council has created an award, the Summerlin Award of Excellence, to recognize outstanding contributions to local government by current or former EMS providers.

The Board wished everyone a merry Christmas and happy New Year.

The Board also congratulated and commended the entire public safety team on all of their accomplishments.

Mr. Hall reminded the Board of the January 15 deadline for completion of the annual disclosure filings. Mr. Hall said the Henry County Ministerial Association is sponsoring a vigil at Martinsville Middle School on Thursday evening at 7 pm in honor of the victims and families of the Newtown, CT tragedy.

CONSIDERATION OF GRANTING COUNTY EMPLOYEES ADDITIONAL TIME OFF

Mr. Hall said the Commonwealth of Virginia is granting its employees Wednesday, December 26 and Monday, December 31, 2012 as additional time off for the holidays. State and County employees already are scheduled to have December 24, December 25, and January 1 as holidays. Mr. Hall requested that the Board consider granting the extra days to County employees as well. Mr. Hall said the PSA Board approved the request at its meeting last night contingent on Board approval today. Mr. Hall said staff plans to survey employees on whether they would prefer to transition to the state holiday schedule moving forward.

Mr. Slaughter asked how it would affect employees classified as essential, i.e. the Sheriff's Office. Mr. Hall said it would be treated as any other holiday; the employee would have an extra vacation day to be taken at the discretion of his or her supervisor. Mr. Hall stated this is a one-time request.

Mr. Kendall made a motion the Board grant employees Wednesday, December 26 and Monday, December 31, 2012 as additional time off for the holidays, seconded by Mr. Slaughter and carried 6 to 0.

CLOSED MEETING

Ms. Buchanan moved that the Board go into a closed meeting at 3:58 p.m., seconded by Mr. Slaughter and unanimously carried to discuss the following.

- 1) §2.2-3711(A)1 for Discussion of Appointees to the Building Code Board of Appeals, Fire Code Board of Appeals, and Industrial Development Authority.
- 2) §2.2-3711(A)7 for Discussion of Pending Legal Matters.
- 3) §2.2-3711(A)3 for Discussion of the Acquisition/Disposal of Real Estate.
- 4) §2.2-3711(A)5 for Discussion of As-Yet Unannounced Industries.

OPEN MEETING

The Board returned to an open meeting at 4:55 p.m. on a motion by Ms. Buchanan, seconded by Mr. Slaughter and unanimously carried.

CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED MEETING:

Mr. Wagoner read the Certification of the Closed Meeting and took a roll call vote. Those voting in the affirmative were Mr. Bryant, Mr. Kendall, Mr. Vaughn, Ms. Buchanan, Mr. Slaughter, and Mr. Adams.

Fire Code Board of Appeals – Ms. Buchanan moved the Board reappoint Daryl Emberson, William Martin, Ken Adkins, Nancy Bradshaw, and Joel Barnes to four-year terms ending January 31, 2017, seconded by Mr. Slaughter and carried 6 to 0.

Mr. Adams recessed at 4:57 p.m. until the 6:00 evening meeting.

Mr. Adams called the meeting back to order at 6:00 p.m. and welcomed everyone present.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION IN HONOR OF THE BASSETT HIGH SCHOOL MARCHING BAND

Mr. Hall said the Bassett High School Marching Band recently won its sixth consecutive state championship, followed by a fourth-place finish in the United States Scholastic Band Association national championships in East Rutherford, NJ.

Mr. Slaughter read the resolution aloud and moved the Board adopt it as presented, seconded by Mr. Kendall and carried 6 to 0. Band Director Trey Harris and several of his marching band members were present to accept the honor. Mr. Harris also added three students were selected to participate in the All-American Marching Band scheduled to perform in San Antonio, Texas at the All-American Football game.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION IN HONOR OF THE MAGNA VISTA HIGH SCHOOL JROTC RAIDERS TEAM

Mr. Hall said the Magna Vista High School JROTC Raiders team dominated the 2012 Virginia State Championship, competing against 40 other teams to take first place in three of the five events. Additionally, the Raiders set an all-time state record by completing the one-rope crossing event in one minute, 12 seconds.

Mr. Vaughn read the resolution aloud and made a motion the Board adopt it as presented, seconded by Ms. Buchanan and carried 6 to 0. Major Phil Corbo, Sergeant First Class John Truini, and several team members were present to accept the resolution.

PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS TO HENRY COUNTY STIX U13 AND VIRGINIA ANGELS U10 TRAVEL BASEBALL TEAMS

Mr. Hall said two local teams – the Henry County STIX U13 and the Henry County Virginia Angels U10 – advanced to national competition, with the STIX winning their state and national championships and the Virginia Angels finishing second in the national championship tournament.

Ms. Buchanan read aloud the resolution recognizing the STIX U13 team and moved the Board adopt it as presented, seconded by Mr. Slaughter and unanimously carried. Coaches and team members were present to accept the honor.

Mr. Kendall read aloud the resolution acknowledging the Angels U10 team and made a motion the Board approve it as presented, seconded by Ms. Buchanan and carried 6 to 0. Coaches and team members were present to accept the resolution.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION IN HONOR OF MAJOR NELSON THOMAS, HENRY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Mr. Hall said Major Nelson Thomas is retiring from the Henry County Sheriff's Office, effective January 1, 2013, after 36 ½ years of service.

Mr. Bryant read aloud the resolution honoring Major Thomas and moved the Board adopt it as presented, seconded by Mr. Vaughn and unanimously carried. Major Thomas was present to accept the resolution and was joined by family members.

Sheriff Perry also had a presentation on behalf of the Sheriff's Office and spoke of Major Thomas' many accomplishments. Major Thomas thanked everyone for the opportunity to serve Henry County.

MATTERS PRESENTED BY THE PUBLIC

There was no one present who wished to speak.

GENERAL HIGHWAY MATTERS

Ms. Lisa Hughes, Residency Administrator for the Virginia Department of Transportation, was present to update the Board on General Highway Matters.

Ms. Hughes reported on intersection improvements at Green Hill Drive and Dyer Store Road. Ms. Hughes said they have done some pavement marking and plan to do some survey work to determine what needs to be done to improve sight distance. Ms. Hughes said she would let the Board know the cost of the project once the study is complete.

Ms. Hughes said there will be a statewide contract advertised in March 2013 for the installation of statewide reference signs which will include a provision for selected primary highways including Routes 220 and 58 in Henry County.

PRESENTATION OF THE FIRE & EMS STUDY – VIRGINIA FIRE SERVICES BOARD STUDY TEAM

Mr. Hall said in April, the Board asked the Virginia Fire Services Board to conduct a study of fire and rescue services. The study team completed its work and Fire Services Board members Edwin Smith and William Kyger were present to provide recommendations to the Board. Mr. Hall said staff recommends accepting the study and possibly adding it to the agenda for the planning session to allow the Board and staff more time to review the document.

Mr. Smith thanked the Board, staff, and various agencies they met with during the course of their work. Mr. Smith summarized the 45-page study that was included in the Board's working papers and stressed the findings and recommendations are meant to be guidelines and in no way construed as legal advice.

The study committee's findings and recommendations included that Henry County employ a chief of fire/rescue, consider adding another paid EMS crew and re-establish the high school fire and EMS training program. The study was divided into four main areas, organizational development, delivery of services, training, and administration, policy, and finance.

Mr. Kyger, a former member of the Rockingham County Board of Supervisors and a member of the study team, addressed the Board and strongly encouraged Henry

County to move forward with the study. He said his locality did the study 10 years ago and while they were not able to do everything at once due to cost constraints, they continue to act on the recommendations today.

Mr. Vaughn moved the Board accept the study and authorized staff to include it on the agenda for the planning session in February, seconded by Mr. Slaughter and carried 6 to 0.

There being no further business to discuss, Mr. Slaughter moved to adjourn at 7:11 pm, seconded by Ms. Buchanan and carried 6 to 0.