

**HENRY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MINUTES**

January 27, 2015 – 3:00 p.m.

The Henry County Board of Supervisors held its regular meeting on January 27, 2015, at 3:00 p.m. in the Summerlin Meeting Room of the County Administration Building, King's Mountain Road, Collinsville, Virginia. The following Board members were present: Chairman H.G. Vaughn, Vice-Chairman Jim Adams, Debra Buchanan, Tommy Slaughter, Milton Kendall, and Joe Bryant.

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

Lt. Troy Easter and Deputy Mike Hooper of the Sheriff's Office were present. Also present was Ben Williams of the Martinsville Bulletin and Ron Morris of B99.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

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

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Vaughn 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 p.m. must contact the County Administrator's Office seven days prior to a scheduled meeting. Those wishing to speak at the Board's public meeting starting at 6:00 p.m. may do so under Agenda Item - Matters Presented by the Public without contacting the County Administrator's Office.

Mr. Vaughn noted two additions to the agenda. Mr. Vaughn also recognized Anna Turpin with Congressman Robert Hurt's office.

ITEMS OF CONSENT:

Confirmation of Minutes of Meetings

Copy included in Board's File

- December 10, 2014
- December 16, 2014
- January 6, 2015

Approval of Accounts Payable

Copy included in Board's File

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

REPORT ON DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTION EFFORTS

Mr. Scott Grindstaff was unable to attend today's meeting but the monthly reports on delinquent tax collection efforts were included in the Board's working papers. John Rife with TACS was present however to update the Board on activities.

Mr. Rife introduced Andrew Neville, an associate with TACS, who works closely with Mr. Rife and the Martinsville office. Mr. Rife reported his office is working with staff to proceed with new files for DMV stops for 2015. Also, Mr. Rife said they have identified 32 properties for tax sale in early 2015 totaling \$130,000 in delinquent taxes.

REPORT ON AUDIT OF COUNTY ACCOUNTS FY '13-'14

Robin Jones of Creedle, Jones, and Alga presented the FY 2014 Henry County Audit. Ms. Jones said the County received an "unmodified opinion" or "clean opinion," meaning there were no findings or deficiencies in internal control and no non-compliance issues in the financial statements. Ms. Jones said because no issues have been found for three consecutive years, the County is considered a "low-risk auditee."

Mr. Kendall moved the Board accept the audit report, seconded by Mr. Bryant and carried 6 to 0.

MONTHLY UPDATE FROM THE MARTINSVILLE-HENRY COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Lisa Lyle, Director of Recruiting & 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).

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

Mr. Hall said Commonwealth's Attorney Andrew Nester is asking the Board to approve an additional appropriation of \$2,400 from his asset forfeiture funds to cover travel expenses for the remainder of this fiscal year.

On a motion by Ms. Buchanan and second by Mr. Slaughter, the Board unanimously approved the additional appropriation of \$2,400.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION RE: S.E.E.D. BEAUTIFICATION PROGRAM – PLANNING DEPARTMENT

Mr. Hall said staff is asking the Board to approve an additional appropriation of \$12,900 received from Eastman Chemical Company for participation in the Strategic Economic Environmental Design (S.E.E.D.) Beautification Program. Mr. Hall said the funds will be used to develop a landscaping garden at the U.S. 220 Business interchange at Bassett Forks, known as Site 2.

On a motion by Mr. Kendall and second by Ms. Buchanan, the Board unanimously approved the appropriation as outlined.

AWARD OF CONTRACT RE: CARPET – BUILDING AND GROUND DEPARTMENT

Mr. Hall said staff is asking the Board to award a contract to CarpetLand USA, Inc. of Martinsville, Virginia to supply and install carpet on the fourth floor and portions of the second floor of the Henry County Administration building in the amount of \$64,549. The recent administration building roofing project was completed under budget and staff recommends using the savings for the carpet.

Mr. Adams moved the Board award a contract to CarpetLand USA in the amount of \$64,549, second by Mr. Slaughter and unanimously carried.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION RE: STATE FUNDS FOR INCREASED ENROLLMENT – SCHOOL BOARD

Mr. Hall said the Henry County School Board is requesting approval of an additional appropriation of \$255,359 it has received from the Virginia Department of Education as a result of increased student enrollment. According to Dr. Jared Cotton, the extra funds will be used in the instruction, administration, attendance, health, and textbook categories.

Mr. Bryant moved the Board approve the additional appropriation of \$255,359, second by Ms. Buchanan and unanimously carried.

TRANSFER APPROPRIATION RE: HARDIDE COATINGS, PLC

Mr. Hall said as part of negotiations with Hardide Coatings, PLC, the County pledged to contribute \$150,000 toward relocation costs for an advanced manufacturing facility in Henry County. Mr. Hall said this appropriation would transfer the money from the Board's unencumbered fund balance to the Industrial Development Authority's account for payment to Hardide.

On a motion by Mr. Slaughter and second by Mr. Bryant, the Board unanimously approved the transfer appropriation of \$150,000.

UPDATE BY DR. JODY HERSHEY, DIRECTOR OF WEST PIEDMONT HEALTH DISTRICT

Dr. Jody Hershey was present to provide an update on activities at the Henry-Martinsville Health Department (Copy of presentation in Board's file). Dr. Hershey and other staff members outlined the organization's main focus, the "three P's": promotion of healthy behaviors; protection from health hazards in the environment; and prevention.

PRESENTATION BY CRAIG "ROCKY" ROCKWELL, OPERATIONS MANAGER AT PHILPOTT LAKE

Craig "Rocky" Rockwell requested time on the Board's agenda to provide an update on activities at Philpott Lake (Copy of presentation in Board's file). Also present was Greg Williams, the US Army Corps engineering branch chief and dam safety officer for the Wilmington District.

Mr. Williams reported that the Corps formally approved an Interim Risk Reduction Measures Plan (IRRMP) for Philpott Dam. The plan offers a timeline of improvements and investigations to be made at the dam over the next four years contingent on

necessary funding. Some improvements and recommendations include plans to revise its emergency action plan for the dam; increase crack monitoring and install new automated crack monitors at the site.

Mr. Williams explained the Corps uses a standard called "Dam Safety Action Classification" (DSAC) ratings to determine how urgently action must be taken to repair a dam. In 2008 Philpott Dam was rated DSAC 4, or low urgency of action. However, Mr. Williams said after team members put together some more detailed information to present to the Corps, the dam was upgraded to DSAC 3, or moderate urgency of action. Mr. Rockwell said based on a Corps assessment of flood damage prevented by dams, Philpott Dam has prevented about \$12 million per year in damage to the Henry County area since its completion in 1952.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Comments from the Board

Mr. Lyle told the Board that he met with County staff in December regarding how the County could enforce business licenses, and he hopes to present the Board with a draft ordinance for license enforcement soon.

Mr. Adams informed Board members and staff that the wife of former Henry County School Board member Rudy Law, passed away after a battle with cancer.

Mr. Hall reminded the Board of the Planning Session on February 2 at 3 p.m. and the joint meeting with the School Board on February 17 at 5 p.m.

Darrell Jones introduced Cody Prillaman, an intern who will be working in the Finance Department.

CLOSED MEETING

Ms. Buchanan moved that the Board go into a closed meeting at 4:23 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 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.
- 5) §2.2-3711(A)10 for Discussion of a Special Award.

OPEN MEETING

The Board returned to an open meeting at 5:34 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. Adams, Ms. Buchanan, Mr. Slaughter and Mr. Vaughn.

There being no action taken out of closed meeting, Mr. Vaughn recessed at 5:35 p.m. until the 6:00 p.m. evening meeting.

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

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION IN HONOR OF THE MAGNA VISTA HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL TEAM

Ms. Buchanan read aloud a resolution recognizing the Magna Vista High School football team for its first Virginia High School League Group 3A State Football Championship. Ms. Buchanan moved the Board adopt the resolution as presented, second by Mr. Bryant and unanimously carried.

Magna Vista High School Principal JaMese Black and Coach Joe Favero, as well as team members and other staff were present to accept the honor. Coach Favero presented the Board with a football from the state championship game signed by every member of the team. Chairman Vaughn said they would proudly display the ball in the fourth-floor conference room, where economic development prospects often meet with county staff. Mr. Vaughn called the football players "Henry County's newest ambassadors."

CONSIDERATION OF PROCLAMATION ESTABLISHING FEBRUARY 2015 AS "HEART DISEASE AWARENESS MONTH" IN HENRY COUNTY

Mr. Adams read aloud a proclamation declaring February 2015 as "Heart Disease Awareness Month" in Henry County. On a motion by Mr. Adams and second by Mr. Slaughter, the Board unanimously adopted the proclamation.

Tory Shepherd and Marcus Stone with Memorial Hospital of Martinsville-Henry County were present to receive the proclamation.

MATTERS PRESENTED BY THE PUBLIC

There was no one present who wished to address the Board.

GENERAL HIGHWAY MATTERS

Ms. Lisa Hughes, Resident Engineer for the Virginia Department of Transportation, reported on several highway matters. Ms. Hughes said bids for projects on Irisburg Road and Preston Road will open tomorrow and work on those projects should begin in March or April. Additionally, Ms. Hughes informed the Board of proposed legislation, House Bill 1887, that could change the way that jurisdictions receive transportation funding. Ms. Hughes said it is too early to say whether the bill would have a positive or negative impact on Henry County.

There being no further business to discuss, Mr. Slaughter moved to continue the meeting to February 2, 2015 at 3 p.m. for the Planning Session, seconded by Ms. Buchanan and carried 6 to 0.