

HENRY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MINUTES

January 23, 2018 – 3:00 p.m.

The Henry County Board of Supervisors held its regular meeting on January 23, 2018, at 3:00 p.m. in the Summerlin Meeting Room of the County Administration Building, King's Mountain Road, Collinsville, Virginia. The following Board members were present: Jim Adams, Chairman, Debra Buchanan, Vice-Chairman, Tommy Slaughter, David Martin, Joe Bryant, and Ryan Zehr.

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; Michelle Via, Human Resource Generalist; Jennifer Gregory, Administrative Assistant; and Susan Reynolds, Director of Human Resources/Public Information Officer.

Sheriff Lane Perry, Deputy Mike Hooper, Major Eric Winn and Lt. Steve Raines 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. 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 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.

ITEMS OF CONSENT:

Confirmation of Minutes of Meetings

Copy included in Board's File

- December 19, 2017
- January 3, 2018

Approval of Accounts Payable

Copy included in Board's File

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

REPORT ON DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTION EFFORTS

Mr. Scott Grindstaff was unable to attend today's meeting. A copy of the monthly delinquent tax collection reports was distributed.

MONTHLY UPDATE FROM THE MARTINSVILLE-HENRY COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Ms. Sarah Hughes, Director of Tourism of the Martinsville-Henry County Economic Development Corporation, and Ms. Valerie Harper, Director of Small Business Division were present to make the monthly update to the Board. They reviewed a summary of activities by division (Copy included in Board's File).

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION RE: SCHOOL NUTRITION BUDGET – SCHOOL BOARD

Mr. Hall said the Henry County School Board is requesting approval of an additional appropriation of \$175,400 to the School Nutrition budget to cover new revenues as a result of the expansion of the Community Eligibility Program (CEP) in the schools and the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) sponsoring the YMCA sites. Superintendent Dr. Cotton indicates that the additional funds will be used to cover the expenses associated with providing additional food services.

On a motion by Mr. Zehr and second by Mr. Martin, the Board unanimously approved additional appropriation as requested.

AWARD OF CONTRACT RE: SMITH RIVER SMALL TOWNS BUSINESS DISTRICT REVITALIZATION PROJECT

Mr. Clark, Director of Planning, Zoning & Inspections, asked the Board to award contracts to:

- 1) Frith Construction Company, Inc., Martinsville, VA in the amount of \$401,947 for improvements to the streetscape and grounds of the Fieldale Recreation Center, 70 Marshall Way, Fieldale;
- 2) Daniel & Company, Inc. Richmond, VA, in the amount of \$764,874 for improvements to the Bassett Historic Depot, 3536 Fairystone Park Highway, Bassett; contract negotiation will continue for the Bassett Streetscape Improvements portion of this project.

Funds for this project were previously appropriated from the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development, the Appalachian Regional

Commission, Bassett Furniture, Eastman, the Martinsville Henry County Economic Development Corporation, and the Harvest Foundation.

On a motion by Mr. Slaughter and second by Ms. Buchanan, the Board unanimously approved an award of contract to Frith Construction Company, Inc. in the amount of \$401,947 and to Daniel & Company, Inc. in the amount of \$764,874.

AWARD OF CONTRACT RE: AMBULANCE RE-CHASSIS – PUBLIC SAFETY

Mr. Tatum, Public Safety Director asked the Board to award a contract in the amount of \$131,299 to Vest Sales and Service, Inc. of Check, VA for the re-chassis of an existing ambulance module to a new 2018 Dodge chassis. In addition, Mr. Tatum asked for the Board to approve Vest Sales and Services as the sole source vendor for this work. Additional information is outlined in Mr. Tatum's memorandum (Copy included in Board's File).

On a motion by Mr. Bryant and second by Mr. Zehr, the Board unanimously approved awarding the sole source contract for an ambulance re-chassis in the amount of \$131,299 to Vest Sales and Services, Inc.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION AND AWARD OF CONTRACT RE: FIBER OPTIC CABLE NETWORK AT COMMONWEALTH CROSSING BUSINESS CENTRE

Mr. Hall said staff is asking the Board to appropriate a grant from the Virginia Tobacco Commission in the amount of \$566,052 for infrastructure work at Commonwealth Crossing Business Centre. Staff also is requesting the Board award a contract in the amount of \$472,468.22 to Mid-Atlantic Broadband Communities, Inc. for the design, engineering and installation of a fiber optic network that will provide broadband access to CCBC. Staff also is requesting authorization for the County Administrator to sign and execute any documents related to the broadband project.

On a motion by Mr. Slaughter and second by Ms. Buchanan, the Board unanimously approved the additional appropriation, awarding of the contract and the designation of the County Administrator to sign and execute the contract.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Comments from the Board

Mr. Martin asked Mr. Hall general information such as routing, maintenance, ownership, and funding for the Dick and Willie Trail. Mr. Hall said that approximately 80% of the trail is in the City of Martinsville but Henry County maintains the entire trail. The Harvest Foundation provides most of the funding with the EDC providing a portion. Henry County provides mainly in kind services including administration, engineering, and parks & recreation staff.

Mr. Hall said the next Household Hazardous Waste Day is set for Saturday April 28, 2018 from 9 a.m. to noon at the County PSA shop on Fairystone Park Highway. Mr. Hall read aloud a proclamation recognizing Ron Morris of WZBB-FM Radio for his combination of reporting skills, good humor, and concern for the community and as a model for anyone who utilizes a microphone, camera or keyboard for a living.

On a motion by Ms. Buchanan and second by Mr. Slaughter, the Board unanimously adopted the proclamation recognizing Ron Morris for his dedication to his craft, his employers, and the citizens of the region.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF LEGISLATION REGARDING INCOME TAX MODIFICATION FOR CERTAIN COMPANIES

Mr. Hall said the Board is being asked to consider a resolution in support of House Bill 222 that would provide a state income tax incentive for corporations who invest in certain localities, of which Henry County is one, and creates at least fifty jobs for residents of those localities.

On a motion by Mr. Slaughter and second by Mr. Zehr, the Board unanimously approved the resolution in support House Bill Number 222 for the purposes of increasing economic development opportunities for Henry County. The Board authorizes that this resolution be sent to our representatives in Richmond and to Del, Moorefield's office to indicate Henry County's support.

CLOSED MEETING

Mr. Slaughter moved that the Board go into a closed meeting at 3:35 p.m., seconded by Mr. Bryant 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.

OPEN MEETING

The Board returned to an open meeting at 4:55 p.m. on a motion by Ms. Buchanan, seconded by Mr. Zehr and unanimously carried.

CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED MEETING

Mr. Wagoner read the Certification of the Closed Meeting and took a roll call vote.

Board members voting in the affirmative were Mr. Zehr, Mr. Bryant, Mr. Kendall, Mr. Adams, Ms. Buchanan, and Mr. Slaughter.

Option of Contract– On a motion by Mr. Bryant and second by Mr. Zehr, the Board unanimously approved an option of contract between the County of Henry and Christopher E. Meeks (Copy included in Board’s File).

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

Mr. Adams welcomed everyone to the 6 p.m. meeting.

PRESENTATION OF 2017 JACK DALTON COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

Mr. Adams said the Jack Dalton Community Service Award is presented annually to the Henry County resident who best exemplifies the standards for community service set by the late Mr. Dalton, who served on the Board for more than 24 years.

Mr. Slaughter announced that John Thomas “Smokey” Pegram is the recipient of the 2017 Jack Dalton Community Service Award. Mr. Slaughter said “This year’s recipient has played an integral part in making our community a better place to live, work and play.” Mr. Slaughter said Mr. Pegram exemplifies the characteristics of selfless community service that make him a perfect candidate for the Jack Dalton Award. Mr. Pegram said he was overwhelmed by the honor and that any one of the volunteers within the Greater Bassett Area Community Inc. was just as deserving of the recognition and that he appreciated the recognition of this prestigious award.

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

GENERAL HIGHWAY MATTERS

Lisa Hughes, Resident Engineer for the Virginia Department of Transportation, updated the Board on several general highway matters.

Ms. Hughes said in December there was a public hearing about the safety at the intersection of 220 Business and Lee Ford Camp Road. Based on the comments received at the December meeting, VDOT is looking at alternatives outside of a signal and are exploring some other options. VDOT has also started some preliminary engineering work on the right turn lane into Drewry Mason Elementary School.

PUBLIC HEARING – REZONING APPLICATION r-18-01 – BERNICE J. CROWE, JR.

Lee Clark said the property is located at former 525 Pinewood Lane in the Blackberry District. The Tax Map number is 37.3/122. The applicant is requesting the rezoning of approximately 0.933 acre from Agricultural District A-1

to Suburban Residential District S-R. The applicant has removed the former unsafe structure from the property, and now intends to create two lots for the construction of site built homes. Mr. Clark said following a public hearing, both the Planning Commission and staff recommended that the rezoning request be approved.

Mr. Adams opened the public hearing at 6:17 p.m. There being no one present who wished to speak Mr. Adams closed the public hearing at 6:17 p.m. On a motion by Mr. Bryant and second by Mr. Slaughter, the Board unanimously approved the rezoning request.

MATTERS PRESENTED BY THE PUBLIC

There was no one present who wished to speak.

There being no further business to discuss, Mr. Adams continued the meeting until February 8, 2018 at 4 p.m.