

HENRY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MINUTES

April 24, 2018 – 3:00 p.m.

The Henry County Board of Supervisors held its regular meeting on April 24, 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. Debra Buchanan was not present at the 6:00 p.m. meeting.

Staff members present were Tim Hall, County Administrator; Dale Wagoner, Deputy County Administrator; Darrell Jones, Director of Finance; Richard Stanfield, Deputy Director of Finance; George Lyle, County Attorney; Susan Reynolds, Director of Human Resources/Public Information Officer; Michelle Via, Human Resource Generalist; Scott Grindstaff, Treasurer; and Jennifer Gregory, Administrative Assistant.

Sheriff Lane Perry, Deputy Mike Hooper, and Lt. Steve Raines of the Sheriff's Office were present. Also present was Ben Williams of the Martinsville Bulletin, and Charles Roark from Star News.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Mr. Adams gave the invocation and Mr. Zehr led 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

- March 27, 2018
- April 3, 2018
- April 5, 2018
- April 16, 2018

Approval of Accounts Payable

Copy included in Board's File

Proclamation Declaring May 5, 2018 as "Volunteer Fire & EMS Appreciation Day" in Henry County

Copy included in Board's File

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

MATTERS PRESENTED BY THE PUBLIC – MIKE SEIDLE

Mr. Seidle, a resident of the Reed Creek District, requested time on the agenda to discuss the topic of school consolidation. Mr. Seidle said he does not support the two school systems put together at this time.

PROCLAMATION ESTABLISHING MAY 15, 2018 AS "NATIONAL POLICE OFFICERS MEMORIAL DAY" IN HENRY COUNTY

Mr. Hall said Sheriff Perry is requesting that the Board designate May 13-19, 2018 as "National Police Officers Memorial Week" in Henry County. Six Henry County law enforcement officers – John Hughes Mitchell, George S. Frame, John J. Johnston, Willis Herman Ferguson, George Melvin Brown, and Paul Edward Grubb – have given their lives in the line of duty. Local law enforcement agencies will hold a memorial service to pay tribute to these fallen heroes on May 16th at 11:00 a.m. at the Henry County Administration Building in the Summerlin Meeting Room. Mr. Hall said the Board is invited to attend.

On a motion by Ms. Buchanan and second by Mr. Slaughter, the Board unanimously approved the proclamation.

REPORT ON DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTION EFFORTS

Mr. Grindstaff noted that 88.98% of 2017 personal property taxes have been collected; 90.89% of 2017 real estate taxes; and since January 1, TACS collected approximately \$103,682.65; and twenty-five VRW stops were collected in March.

MONTHLY UPDATE FROM THE MARTINSVILLE-HENRY COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Mr. Mark Heath, President and CEO 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).

ADOPTION OF THE FY 2018-19 HENRY COUNTY BUDGET

Mr. Hall said the Board is scheduled to set the tax rates and adopt the budget today. Appropriation of the budget is scheduled for May 22, 2018.

Tax Rates

On a motion by Mr. Zehr and second by Mr. Slaughter, the Board unanimously adopted the following tax rates for FY '19:

- Real Estate - \$.555 per \$100 assessed value
- Personal Property and Machinery and Tools - \$1.55 per \$100 of assessed value for personal property, including motor vehicles, and \$1.55 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 41.9 percent.
- Motor Vehicle License Fee: Cars - \$20.75, Motorcycles - \$12.00, and Trailers - \$12.00

School Budget

Dr. Martin moved that the Board adopt the proposed budget for school expenditures for FY 2019 by category as summarized in Exhibits A and B, subject to the state, federal, and local funds becoming available as estimated, seconded by Mr. Zehr and unanimously carried. (Exhibits included in Board File).

Total Budget

Mr. Zehr moved that the Board adopt the proposed FY'19 Budget for fiscal planning purposes as summarized in Exhibits A and B, seconded by Mr. Slaughter and unanimously carried. (Exhibits included in Board File).

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION RE: TRANSFER OF FY'18 FUNDS FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT ITEMS

Mr. Hall said during the recent budget presentation, he recommended using current year funds of \$383,000 to purchase several needed capital items, including the following:

- Copier/printer for Engineering and Mapping Department
- GPS equipment for Engineering and Mapping Department
- Server replacement for the I.S. Department
- Excavator for the Parks and Recreation Department
- Knuckle-boom truck for our Refuse Department
- Additional in-car cameras for the Sheriff's Office

In order to move forward with the purchase of these capital items, transfer appropriations must be approved.

On a motion by Mr. Bryant and second by Ms. Buchanan, the Board unanimously approved the transfer of current year funds as detailed for the purchase of capital items as outlined above.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION RE: CATEGORICAL TRANSFER – SCHOOL BOARD

Mr. Hall said the School Board is asking the Board of Supervisors to approve a categorical transfer of funds in the amount of \$400,000 from Instruction and Other Federal Programs categories to the Transportation Category for the purchases of buses and radio equipment.

On a motion by Mr. Zehr and second by Mr. Bryant, the Board unanimously approved the categorical transfer.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION – SCHOOL BOARD’S REQUEST FOR CARRYOVER FUNDS FROM FY’17

Mr. Hall said the School Board and Dr. Jared Cotton are asking the Board of Supervisors to approve the appropriation of FY’17 Carryover funds in the amount of \$489,184. Dr. Cotton indicates that the School Board will use the carryover funds for renovations at the new Career Academy, parking lot pavement work at Axton and Rich Acres elementary schools, and furniture for Meadow View Elementary.

On a motion by Mr. Slaughter and second by Dr. Martin, the Board unanimously approved the appropriation of FY’17 Carryover funds in the amount of \$489,184.

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

Mr. Hall said Commonwealth’s Attorney Andrew Nester is asking the Board to approve an additional appropriation of \$2,000 from State asset forfeiture funds to cover the cost of travel expenses.

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

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

Mr. Hall said Lee Clark, Director of Planning, Zoning and Inspections, is requesting the Board to appropriate \$12,500 received from The Harvest Foundation for participation in the S.E.E.D. Beautification Program. Funds will be used to create a landscape space at the intersection of T.B. Stanley Highway and Fairystone Park Highway.

On a motion by Mr. Slaughter and second by Mr. Bryant, the Board unanimously approved the appropriation of \$12,500 received from The Harvest Foundation for the S.E.E.D. program.

CONTRACT AMENDMENT FOR DICK AND WILLIE TRAIL SECTION 6B

Mr. Hall said staff is requesting the Board amend the contract for engineering services for Section 6B of the Dick and Willie Trail. The amended contract, with Dewberry, will address design changes for Section 6B necessitated by the recent decision to move a portion of the trail from county-owned property within the project area to a portion of Country Club Drive. The Martinsville-Henry County Economic Development Corporation partnered with Dewberry on the original contract, but Henry County took over the project and the contract in August 2017. Funding for the project is included in the County budget.

On a motion by Mr. Bryant and second by Mr. Slaughter, the Board unanimously approved the amended contract and the authorization of the County Administrator to sign and execute it.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Comments from the Board

Dr. Martin said that he and Ben Gravely would have a community meeting on May 31, 2018 at the Galilean House of Worship at 7:00 p.m. One of the topics will be water to Stoney Mountain Road.

Ms. Buchanan said the Fieldale Heritage Festival will be May 19, 2018.

Mr. Adams said the Volunteer Fire and Rescue Appreciation dinner will be May 5, 2018 at Freedom Baptist church at 6:00 p.m.

Mr. Hall reminded everyone of the Household Hazardous Waste day on Saturday, April 28th from 9:00 a.m. until noon at the PSA Shop in Bassett. VDOT will have a Southern Connector Study Scoping meeting on May 8, 2018 at Magna Vista High School from 4:30-6:30.

CLOSED MEETING

Dr. Martin moved that the Board go into a closed meeting at 3:27 p.m., seconded by Mr. Zehr and unanimously carried to discuss the following.

- 1) §2.2-3711(A)1 for Discussion of Appointees to Henry-Martinsville Social Services Board, Parks and Recreation Board, Patrick Henry Community College Board, and Piedmont Regional Community Services Board;
- 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 5:17 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.

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

Tax Refund Case 18-001 – On a motion by Mr. Zehr and second by Ms. Buchanan, the Board unanimously approved a tax refund to the tax payer in the amount of \$597,926.03 and to appropriate from the county fund balance.

Henry-Martinsville Social Services Board – On a motion by Ms. Buchanan and second by Mr. Slaughter, the Board unanimously approved the appointment of James C. Roberts, and Joshua B. Tucker, to a four-year term ending May 31, 2022.

Mr. Adams recessed at 5:19 p.m. until the 6:00 p.m. evening meeting.

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

PUBLIC HEARING – REZONING APPLICATION R-18-02 – JAMES TROY BOWLES

Mr. Clark said the property is located at 80 Huntington Hills Drive in the Blackberry District. The Tax Map number is 13.6(25)/2. The applicant is requesting the rezoning of approximately 0.4-acre from Suburban Residential S-R to Mixed Residential M-R. The applicant intends to place a double wide manufactured home with a permanent foundation on the property.

Mr. Adams opened the public hearing at 6:05 p.m. Mr. Gene Barrow; 240 Huntington Hills, Ridgeway spoke in opposition. There being no one else present who wished to speak Mr. Adams closed the public hearing at 6:07 p.m. On a motion by Mr. Bryant and second by Mr. Slaughter, the Board approved the rezoning request on a vote of 4-1 with Ms. Buchanan being absent.

GENERAL HIGHWAY MATTERS

Lisa Hughes, Resident Engineer for the Virginia Department of Transportation, updated the Board on general highway matters. Ms. Hughes said VDOT would present their 6 year plan at the May 22nd Board of Supervisors Meeting.

MATTERS PRESENTED BY THE PUBLIC

Mr. Adams recognized the number of people at the meeting and noting some prior knowledge of why they were there. Mr. Adams stated that the Board does not endorse any one specific private entity and that it is not the board's policy to endorse an ambulance service or other service that's in fair competition

and that they appreciate the interest by both entities to provide air medical service to our community.

Dr. Chad Miller, Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center spoke in favor of Air Care. Dr. Miller said starting May 2nd patients should see a tremendous reduction in air transport charges, somewhere around 30 or 40 percent due to a new charge structure.

David Paulson, Vice-President with Air Methods said no matter what business model provider's use, the actual cost of air medical transport is about the same.

Tim Martin of Martinsville, Carrie Martin an Employee of Air Care and a resident of Bassett, Billy Hanes as Program Manager for Air Care at Wake Forest Baptist; Logan Peters of Bassett, and Jacob Orr all spoke in favor for Wake Forest Air Care.

Doug Stegall of Collinsville suggested Matters Presented by the Public be moved on the agenda before General Highway Matters or that Lisa Hughes, Resident Engineer for the Virginia Department of Transportation, stay until the end of the meeting so that citizens could direct questions on highway matters to her.

There being no further business to discuss, Mr. Bryant moved to adjourn at 6:38 p.m., seconded by Mr. Zehr and unanimously carried 5-0 with Ms. Buchanan being absent.