

**HENRY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MINUTES**

July 24, 2018 – 3:00 p.m.

The Henry County Board of Supervisors held its regular meeting on July 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, Joe Bryant, and Ryan Zehr. David Martin was absent.

Staff members present were Tim Hall, County Administrator; Dale Wagoner, Deputy County Administrator; 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 Everett Harper, Captain Eric Hairston, and Lt. Steve Raines of the Sheriff's Office were present. Also present was Ben Williams of the Martinsville Bulletin.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Mr. Bryant gave the invocation and Ms. Buchanan 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.

- June 26, 2018

Approval of Accounts Payable

Copy included in Board's File. Mr. Slaughter moved the Items of Consent be adopted, seconded by Mr. Zehr. The motion carried 5 to 0 with Dr. Martin being absent.

Resolution Honoring the Fieldale-Collinsville Volunteer Rescue Squad, Inc. on its 50th Anniversary

Mr. Bryant will present the resolution in honor of the squad on August 11, 2018, during the celebration event.

REPORT ON DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTION EFFORTS

Mr. Grindstaff noted that 93.23% of 2017 personal property taxes and 92.73% of 2017 real estate taxes have been collected. Since January 1, TACS has collected approximately \$221,828.90. There were 13 VRW stops collected in June.

MONTHLY UPDATE FROM THE MARTINSVILLE-HENRY COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Ms. Sarah Hodges, Director of Tourism for the Martinsville-Henry County Economic Development Corporation presented the monthly EDC update to the Board. Ms. Hodges reviewed a summary of activities by division (Copy included in Board's File).

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION RE: JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT – SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Mr. Hall said Sheriff Perry is asking the Board to appropriate grant funds in the amount of \$18,108 received from the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG). The grant funds will be used for overtime hours to provide high impact law enforcement activities in areas that are experiencing increases in crime.

On a motion by Mr. Slaughter and second by Mr. Bryant, the Board unanimously approved appropriating the grant funds of \$18,108 received from the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistant Grant (JAG).

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION RE: EMERGENCY MEDICAL DISPATCH SOFTWARE GRANT – 9-1-1 COMMUNICATIONS CENTER

Mr. Hall said the Martinsville-Henry County 9-1-1 Communications Center has been awarded a matching grant of \$10,000 from the Virginia Rescue Squad Assistance Fund for the purchase of emergency medical dispatch (EMD) software. Director J.R. Powell is asking the Board to appropriate the grant and the required matching funds totaling \$20,000. The matching funds were included in the 9-1-1 Center's FY'19 budget.

On a motion by Mr. Bryant and second by Mr. Zehr, the Board unanimously approved appropriating the grant and matching funds totaling \$20,000 for the purchase of emergency medical dispatch software.

AWARD OF CONTRACT RE: MEDICAL SUPPLIES – PUBLIC SAFETY

Mr. Hall said Public Safety Director Matt Tatum is asking the Board to award a contract to Bound Tree Medical of Dublin, Ohio for various medical supplies that are used by the department throughout the year. Mr. Tatum estimates the overall contract will be approximately \$20,000, based on usage in

prior years. Bound Tree Medical was selected as the recommended vendor following a careful review of proposals received from multiple vendors.

On a motion by Mr. Zehr and second by Mr. Slaughter, the Board unanimously approved the award of contract to Bound tree Medical for the purchase of various medical supplies.

AWARD OF CONTRACT RE: VALUE MANAGEMENT ANALYSIS – JAIL PROJECT

Mr. Hall said as part of the requirements to receive state funding for the jail project, the Virginia Department of Corrections mandates the County to have an independent value analysis of the facility specifications and design performed by an independent Certified Value Specialist firm. The analysis helps ensure the project is designed in the most cost-effective and practical manner. It also helps ensure the design meets all aspects of the Virginia Uniform Statewide Building Code. Following a careful review of several proposals, staff recommends awarding a contract to Downey & Scott, LLC of Warrenton, Virginia in the amount of \$69,920 for a value management analysis of the jail design.

On a motion by Mr. Zehr and second by Mr. Slaughter, the Board unanimously approved awarding a contract to Downey & Scott, LLC in the amount of \$69,920 for a value management analysis of the jail design.

AWARD OF CONTRACT RE: MOWING AND LANDSCAPING – COMMONWEALTH CROSSING BUSINESS CENTRE

Mr. Hall said staff is asking the Board to award a contract in the amount of \$24,900 to Prillaman Landscaping Dimensions, Inc. for turf mowing, landscaping, and other outdoor maintenance at Commonwealth Crossing Business Centre (CCBC). This contract includes the maintenance of the U.S. 220 median near CCBC and the entrances and roadways of the business park for FY'19. Pricing is based on an existing contract with Prillaman Landscape Dimensions.

On a motion by Mr. Slaughter and second by Ms. Buchanan, the Board unanimously approved awarding the contract to Prillaman Landscape Dimensions, Inc. in the amount of \$24,900.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Comments from the Board

Mr. Hall said there will be an open house at Meadowview Elementary School on Sunday July 29th from 2-4 p.m. The annual school convocation will be held August 6th at 8:00 a.m. at Bassett High School. The County is now using an online application process which will save on advertising cost for job openings and streamline the process. The County has a second promotional video which has been viewed online by 66,443 people. Mr. Hall read aloud a resolution recognizing Susan Reynolds, Director of Human Resources for her 15 years of service to Henry County. Mr. Hall stated we will miss her skill, her sunshine, and her impact on the Board of Supervisors, the County workforce, and the County as a whole and that each citizen would do well to model her attitude and work ethic.

On a motion by Ms. Buchanan and second by Mr. Zehr, the Board unanimously adopted the resolution 5-0 with Dr. Martin being absent. Ms. Reynolds said it had been a total honor to serve and that she loved every minute of it.

CLOSED MEETING

Mr. Slaughter moved that the Board go into a closed meeting at 3:22 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 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 4:14 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Bryant, 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.

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

Roanoke River Basin Association – On a motion by Ms. Buchanan and second by Mr. Bryant, the Board unanimously approved the appointment of Michael Ward to a one-year term ending August 31, 2019.

On a motion by Mr. Bryant and second by Ms. Buchanan, the Board unanimously approved the appropriation \$82,000 from the fund balance for the purchase of property located at 2899 Appalachian Drive.

On a motion by Mr. Zehr and second by Mr. Slaughter, the Board unanimously approved a 40 ft. right-of-way and easement with AEP on Eggleston Falls Road near the Gravely Nature Preserve.

Mr. Adams recessed at 4:16 p.m. until the 6:00 p.m. evening meeting.

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

UPDATE ON I-73 COALITION ACTIVITIES – ROB CATRON AND JOHN STIRRUP, ALCALDE AND FAY

Rob Catron and John Stirrup, principals in Alcalde and Fay, PLC gave an update to the Board on activities with Interstate 73 (Copy included in Board's File).

SPECIAL PRESENTATION – COMMUNITY CHAMPION

Mr. Slaughter read aloud a resolution recognizing David and Cynthia Wright as community champions. On a motion by Mr. Slaughter and second by Mr. Zehr, the Board unanimously adopted the resolution. Mr. and Mrs. Wright were in attendance to receive the resolution.

GENERAL HIGHWAY MATTERS

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

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION SUPPORTING SMART SCALE APPLICATION

Mr. Hall said the Virginia Department of Transportation now requires a resolution regarding the submission of projects for the Smart Scale program. In consultation with VDOT, staff is asking the Board to approve a resolution supporting two project submissions to the 2018 Smart Scale program. The first project proposes to relocate 2,500 feet of the northbound lanes of U.S. 220, Virginia Avenue, north of Bassett Forks, to improve the vertical and horizontal alignments. The second project proposes to add a lane to Route 174, Kings Mountain Road, to accommodate left-turn lanes onto Daniels Creek Road and Plantation Drive. The project applications cannot be submitted without a resolution of support by the Board of Supervisors.

On a motion by Mr. Slaughter and second by Ms. Buchanan, the Board unanimously approved the resolution supporting smart scale application.

PUBLIC HEARING – REZONING APPLICATION R-18-05 – PROPERTY UNLIMITED, LLC/DONALD G. GRAVELY

Mr. Hall said the property is located at 2070 A.L. Philpott Highway in the Iriswood District. The Tax Map number is 55.2/90C. The applicant is requesting the rezoning of approximately 1.5-acres from Neighborhood Commercial District B-2 to Commercial District B-1. The applicant intends to subdivide off the existing house and develop mini warehouse storage on the remainder of the property.

Mr. Adams opened the public hearing at 6:46 p.m. There being no one present who wished to speak, Mr. Adams closed the public hearing at 6:47 p.m. On a motion by Ms. Buchanan and second by Mr. Zehr, the Board unanimously approved the rezoning request.

PUBLIC HEARING – REZONING APPLICATION R-18-06 – TERRY MULLINS

Mr. Hall said the property is located at 5081 Kings Mountain Road in the Collinsville District. The Tax Map number is 29.41(13)C/13,14,15. The applicant is requesting the rezoning of approximately 0.7-acre from Suburban Residential District S-R to Commercial District B-1. The applicant intends to develop mini warehouse storage units and use the existing house as an office.

Mr. Adams opened the public hearing at 6:48 p.m. There being no one present who wished to speak, Mr. Adams closed the public hearing at 6:48 p.m. On a motion by Mr. Bryant and second by Mr. Zehr, the Board unanimously approved the rezoning request.

PUBLIC HEARING – REZONING APPLICATION R-18-07 – COLLINS WOLF AND WILDLIFE SANCTUARY

Mr. Hall said the property is located on the west side of Mary Hunter Drive, just south of Moses Moore Drive in the Blackberry District. The Tax Map number is 14.9/284F. The applicant is requesting the rezoning of approximately 103-acres from Industrial District I-1 to Agricultural District A-1. The applicant intends to use the property to develop a wildlife sanctuary.

The Planning Commission thoroughly discussed the issues surrounding the zoning of the property, and explained how it was originally zoned as Industrial I-1. The Planning Commission agreed that the property is more appropriately zoned as Agricultural A-1.

The issues related to the establishment and operation of a wildlife sanctuary are governed and inspected by the (USDA) United States Department of Agriculture under the Federal Animal Welfare Act and the (VDGIF) Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries. The proposed facility must obtain licensing through the USDA as a Zoological Park, and also the VDGIF must approve each individual animal that is intended to reside there.

The applicant will be keeping animals that have been neglected, abused or are unable to survive on their own. This will become their permanent home. Ms. Collins indicates that her facility will offer public educational opportunities including both onsite and offsite programs.

Mr. Adams opened the public hearing at 6:51 p.m. Numerous citizens spoke against the rezoning with concerns on the safety of the enclosures and the noise and smell from the animals. Mr. Adams closed the public hearing at 7:10 p.m. Ms. Buchanan stated that one of the Board's top priorities is safety and human life and the planned location for the wildlife sanctuary was too close to homes. Mr. Bryant stated he was concerned that an animal escape could cause havoc to the area. On a motion by Mr. Bryant and second by Ms. Buchanan, the Board unanimously voted to deny the rezoning application.

MATTERS PRESENTED BY THE PUBLIC

Clifford Stone of Blackberry asked if there were any plans to repair the creek in Blackberry that frequently washes water on to Blackberry Road.

There being no further business to discuss, Mr. Slaughter moved to adjourn at 7:35 p.m., seconded by Ms. Buchanan and unanimously carried.