

**HENRY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
MINUTES**

**Organizational Meeting  
January 4, 2021 – 5:00 p.m.**

The Henry County Board of Supervisors held its organizational meeting on January 4, 2021, at 5:00 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, David Martin, Joe Bryant, and Ryan Zehr. Tommy Slaughter was absent.

Staff members present were Tim Hall, County Administrator; Dale Wagoner, Deputy County Administrator; Darrell Jones, Director of Finance; Michelle Via, Director of Human Resources/Public Information Officer; and Jennifer Gregory, Administrative Assistant.

Sheriff Lane Perry and Lt. Col. Steve Eanes of the Sheriff's Office were present.

Also present were Kim Meeks of the Martinsville Bulletin and Brandon Martin of Henry County Enterprise.

**INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

Mr. Adams gave the invocation, and Dr. Martin 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.

On a motion by Mr. Zehr and seconded by Dr. Martin, the Board directed the County Administrator to chair the meeting during the election of Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson, by the following vote:

AYES: Adams, Buchanan, Bryant, Martin, and Zehr.

NAYS: None.

Mr. Hall reviewed the procedures for nomination of Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson and noted that nominations do not require a second.

**ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON FOR 2021**

Mr. Hall opened the floor for nominations for Chairperson.

Dr. Martin nominated Mr. Adams for the position. He noted he was making the nomination based on Mr. Adams' leadership, integrity, and communicative skills. There being no further nominations, the floor was closed for the office of Chairperson. The vote carried 5-0 by the following vote:

AYES: Adams, Buchanan, Bryant, Martin, and Zehr.

NAYS: None.

### **ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRPERSON FOR 2021**

Mr. Hall opened the floor for nominations for Vice-Chairperson. Mr. Bryant nominated Ms. Buchanan. There being no further nomination, the floor was closed for the office of Vice-Chairperson. The vote carried 5-0 by the following vote:

AYES: Adams, Buchanan, Bryant, Martin, and Zehr.

NAYS: None.

Mr. Adams thanked the Board for their confidence in him to serve as Chairman. Ms. Buchanan thanked the Board for their trust in her and said she appreciated working with each board member.

### **SETTING OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING DATES FOR 2021**

Mr. Adams said a proposed calendar of meeting dates for 2021 was included in the Board's working papers. The dates are based on the schedule for meeting every fourth Tuesday, with the exception of December to avoid the holidays.

Dr. Martin moved the Board approve the proposed Board Meeting Dates for 2021 seconded by Mr. Zehr and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Adams, Buchanan, Bryant, Martin, and Zehr.

NAYS: None.

### **ADOPTION OF 2021 BOARD BYLAWS**

Mr. Hall stated the Board traditionally adopts bylaws each year at its annual organizational meeting. Staff is recommending minor changes to the 2021 bylaws. (Copy Included in Board's file).

Mr. Zehr moved the Board approve the Bylaws as presented. It was seconded by Dr. Martin and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Adams, Buchanan, Bryant, Martin, and Zehr.

NAYS: None.

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

Mr. Hall said the Board had routinely held an annual planning session in late January or early February. The Board has clearly identified its priorities as economic development, education, and public safety/law enforcement.

Dr. Martin motioned to set the planning session's date on February 22, 2021, at 4:00 p.m. It was seconded by Mr. Zehr and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Adams, Buchanan, Bryant, Martin, and Zehr.

NAYS: None.

The planning session will be held at the Public Safety Complex on Dupont Road, Martinsville.

## **RENEWAL OF FINANCING ON THE PATRIOT CENTRE SHELL BUILDING**

Mr. Hall said Henry County currently provides loan financing to the Industrial Development Authority of Henry County for the Patriot Centre Shell building. The agreement requires annual approval by both the Board of Supervisors and the Industrial Development Authority. County Attorney George Lyle provided copies of the updated document for the Board's consideration at the meeting (Copy included in Board File).

Mr. Bryant moved that the Board renew the financing to the Industrial Development Authority for the Patriot Centre Shell building. It was seconded by Mr. Zehr and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Adams, Buchanan, Bryant, Martin, and Zehr.

NAYS: None.

## **ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION RE: APPALACHIAN REGIONAL COMMISSION GRANT FUNDS – COMMONWEALTH CROSSING BUSINESS CENTRE**

Mr. Hall said staff asks the Board to appropriate grant funds totaling \$1,502,500 received from the Appalachian Regional Commission and the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development for site improvements at Commonwealth Crossing Business Centre (CCBC). The funds will be used to assist with the cost of installing natural gas to the site.

Mr. Zehr moved the Board approve the additional appropriation of \$1,502,500 for site improvements at CCBC. It was seconded by Ms. Buchanan and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Adams, Buchanan, Bryant, Martin, and Zehr.

NAYS: None.

## **ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION FOR CAPITAL ITEMS**

Mr. Hall said capital items discussed in the FY' 20-'21 initial County Budget were deferred until staff understood the impact the pandemic would have on revenues. While there has been a modest decline in utility taxes, lodging taxes, food & beverage taxes, and EMS revenues, other categories, including personal property taxes, real estate taxes, and sales taxes, have remained stable. Staff feels it is important to fund many of the capital items requested in the budget document. A list of the suggested capital items is attached. If the Board agrees, funds of \$1,095,525 need to be appropriated from the General Fund balance. Also, staff recommends the Board appropriate the FY'19 carryover funds of \$939,997 for the future purchase of an aerial fire apparatus.

Dr. Martin moved to appropriate \$1,095,525 from the General Fund balance for the capital items, seconded by Mr. Zehr and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Adams, Buchanan, Bryant, Martin, and Zehr.

NAYS: None.

Ms. Buchanan moved to appropriate \$939,997 received as the County's share of the FY'19 schools' carryover funds for the future purchase of an aerial fire apparatus, seconded by Mr. Bryant and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Adams, Buchanan, Bryant, Martin, and Zehr.

NAYS: None.

## **ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION RE: GRANT FUNDS – PUBLIC SAFETY**

Mr. Hall said Public Safety Director Matt Tatum asks the Board to appropriate grant funds of \$24,441 received from the Virginia Office of Emergency Medical Services and \$15,000 received from the Harvest Foundation. The funds will be used collectively to purchase medical and training equipment. An additional \$10,000 needed for the match to this grant is included in the previous request for capital items.

Dr. Martin moved to appropriate grant funds of \$24,441 and \$15,000 to purchase medical and training equipment, seconded by Mr. Zehr and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Adams, Buchanan, Bryant, Martin, and Zehr.

NAYS: None.

## **CLOSED MEETING**

Mr. Zehr moved that the Board go into a closed meeting at 5:16 p.m. to discuss the following:

- A) §2.2-3711(A)5 for Discussion of As-Yet Unannounced Industries.

B) §2.2-3711(A)10 for Discussion of Special Awards.

C) §2.2-3711(A)7 for Discussion of Pending Legal Matters.

Dr. Martin seconded the motion, and it carried by the following vote:

AYES: Adams, Buchanan, Bryant, Martin, and Zehr.

NAYS: None.

### **OPEN MEETING**

The Board returned to open meeting at 6:05 p.m. on a motion by Ms. Buchanan, seconded by Mr. Zehr, and it carried by the following vote:

AYES: Adams, Buchanan, Bryant, Martin, and Zehr.

NAYS: None.

### **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. Adams, Mr. Bryant, Ms. Buchanan, Mr. Zehr, and Dr. Martin.

There being no further business to discuss, Mr. Bryant moved to adjourn at 6:11 p.m., seconded by Dr. Martin, and it carried by the following vote:

AYES: Adams, Buchanan, Bryant, Martin, and Zehr.

NAYS: None.