

## **HENRY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MINUTES**

### **Organizational Meeting January 3, 2011 – 3:00 pm**

The Henry County Board of Supervisors held its organizational meeting on January 3, 2011, at 3:00 pm in the Board Meeting Room of the County Administration Building, King's Mountain Road, Collinsville, Virginia. The following Board members were present: Debra Buchanan, Chairman; H. G. Vaughn, Vice Chairman; Jim Adams, Tommy Slaughter, Joe Bryant and Milton Kendall.

Staff members present were Benny Summerlin, County Administrator; Tim Hall, Deputy County Administrator; George Lyle, County Attorney; Michelle Via, Administrative Assistant; Darrell Jones, Director of Finance; Richard Stanfield, Assistant Director of Finance; and Susan Reynolds, Director of Human Resources/Public Information Officer.

Also present were Debbie Hall and Mike Wray of the Martinsville Bulletin; Ron Morris of B-99; and Sheriff Lane Perry.

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

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Buchanan called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone present. She stated anyone who wishes to be on the Agenda for the Board's regular business meeting held at 3:00 pm must contact the County Administrator's Office seven days prior to a scheduled meeting. Anyone who wishes to speak at the Board's public meeting starting at 6:00 pm may do so under Agenda Item - Matters Presented by the Public without contacting the County Administrator's Office.

Mr. Adams moved that the County Administrator chair the meeting during the election of Chairman and Vice Chairman, seconded by Mr. Vaughn and unanimously carried.

Mr. Summerlin reviewed the procedures for nomination of Chairman and Vice Chairman and noted that nominations do not require a second.

### **ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN FOR 2011**

Mr. Summerlin opened the floor for nominations for Chairman.

Mr. Adams nominated Debra Buchanan. There being no further nominations the floor was closed for office of Chairman.

The vote carried 5-0. Ms. Buchanan abstained.

### **ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN FOR 2011**

Mr. Summerlin opened the floor for nominations for Vice Chairman.

Ms. Buchanan nominated Mr. Vaughn. There being no further nominations the floor was closed for office of Vice Chairman. The vote carried unanimously.

Mr. Summerlin congratulated Ms. Buchanan and Mr. Vaughn on their re-election as Chairman and Vice Chairman and turned the meeting over to Chairman Buchanan.

### **SETTING OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING DATES FOR 2011**

Ms. Buchanan said a proposed calendar of meeting dates for 2011 was included in the Board's working papers. The dates are based on the schedule of meeting every fourth Tuesday, with the exception of December as to avoid the holidays. Following is the proposed dates:

#### **Meeting Dates**

January 25  
February 22  
March 22  
April 26  
May 24  
June 28  
July 26  
August 23  
September 27  
October 25  
November 22  
December 13

#### **Deadline for Agenda Items**

January 18  
February 15  
March 15  
April 19  
May 17  
June 21  
July 19  
August 16  
September 20  
October 18  
November 15  
December 6

Mr. Kendall moved that the Board approve the proposed Board Meeting Dates for 2011, seconded by Mr. Slaughter and unanimously carried.

### **ADOPTION OF 2011 BOARD BYLAWS**

Mr. Summerlin stated the Board traditionally adopts bylaws each year at its annual organizational meeting. A copy of the existing bylaws adopted January 7, 2010, is included in the Board's package. (Copy included in Board's File).

Mr. Vaughn moved that the Board approve the Bylaws as presented, seconded by Mr. Bryant and unanimously carried.

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

Mr. Summerlin stated each year, the Board holds an annual Planning Session usually in late January or early February at the Public Safety Building. He stated the Planning Session will be facilitated by Diane Akers with ComBiz Solutions.

Mr. Kendall moved to schedule the Planning Session on Tuesday, February 8, 2011 at 3:00 pm at the Public Safety Building, seconded by Mr. Bryant and unanimously carried.

**CONSIDERATION OF INVESTMENT OF PUBLIC FUNDS TO LEVERAGE GRANT FUNDS FOR DEVELOPMENT OF COMMONWEALTH CROSSING BUSINESS CENTRE**

Mr. Mark Heath, President and CEO of the Martinsville-Henry County Economic Development Corporation, was present to address the Board on a funding plan for Commonwealth Crossing Business Centre (CCBC). To be competitive for industrial recruitment, a variety of sites is necessary. Currently, the Martinsville-Henry County area lacks larger tracts, particularly with access to rail. With this in mind, Henry County has partnered with the City of Martinsville, the EDC and many other entities to develop the CCBC, which will provide large building sites with access to rail service. So far \$9.4 million has been secured for acquisition, engineering, water and sewer extension, and environmental processes for development of CCBC. Of this amount, the Virginia Economic Development Partnership (VEDP) announced an award of \$1.5 million for grading at the site. The money must be used within two years.

In order to identify and leverage funding sources for grading of the site, officials recently met with representatives of the Tobacco Commission. The Tobacco Commission asked if Martinsville-Henry County could take \$5 million in funds and leverage the money into \$10 million from local partners for CCBC. This would result in a total of \$16.5 million, which would be adequate to prepare lots 1 and 2 at CCBC. Tobacco Commission staff has recommended to its Board that this \$5 million be distributed to Martinsville-Henry County, contingent on the \$10 million in local funding. The Tobacco Commission is scheduled to vote on this matter in January.

With this offer, it is incumbent on the localities to work toward the remaining \$10 million. Based on previous agreements, it would be logical for Henry County and Martinsville to divide the local governments’ share of this money. If the localities could commit to a total of \$5 million, the breakdown would be:

▪ Henry County	\$3,333,300
▪ City of Martinsville	\$1,666,700
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$5,000,000</b>

In addition, a request was made of the Harvest Foundation for \$5 million and has been approved by its Board, contingent on all parties specified above putting in the specified amounts. When all contributions are added up, the \$16.5 million needed to grade lots 1 and 2 at CCBC is achieved:

▪ VEDP	\$1,500,000
▪ Tobacco Commission	\$5,000,000
▪ Harvest Foundation	\$5,000,000
▪ City of Martinsville	\$1,666,700
▪ Henry County	\$3,333,300
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$16,500,000</b>

How would this project benefit Henry County?

- Approximately 200 acres of shovel-ready land for a “mega project” would be prepared. In the Commonwealth, this would be the only large site, under local government control, with a master plan that is ready for action.
- We would be positioned to recruit companies that need large sites with rail access, which we cannot do now.
- A locality with a shovel-ready site is attractive to potential employers because of the condensed lead time.
- There is potential for a large number of jobs and diversified employment.

City Council will consider a similar request for the City’s participation at its meeting today.

Mr. Vaughn moved that the Board participate in this project and direct the County Administrator to include the County’s contribution of \$3,333,300 from the County’s uncommitted fund balance in the FY 2012 County Budget and subsequent budgets based on the projected timeline of 24-30 months; and approve the Memorandum of Understanding with the City of Martinsville, seconded by Mr. Kendall and unanimously carried.

There being no further business to discuss, Mr. Adams moved to adjourn at 3:30 p.m., seconded by Mr. Kendall and unanimously carried.

**HENRY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
MINUTES**

**January 25, 2011 – 3:00 pm**

The Henry County Board of Supervisors held its regular meeting on January 25, 2011, at 3:00 pm in the Board Meeting Room of the County Administration Building, King's Mountain Road, Collinsville, Virginia. The following Board members were present: Chairman Debra Buchanan, Vice-Chairman H.G. Vaughn, Jim Adams, Milton Kendall, Tommy Slaughter, and Joe Bryant.

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

Sheriff Lane Perry, Major Steve Eanes, Sgt. Ronnie Minter, and Deputy Michael Hooper from the Sheriff's office were present. Paul Collins of the Martinsville Bulletin and Ron Morris of B-99 were also present.

**INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

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

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Chairman Buchanan called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone present. She stated that anyone who wishes to be on the Agenda for the Board's regular business meeting held at 3:00 pm 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 pm 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 14, 2010
- January 3, 2011 – Organizational Meeting

**Approval of Accounts Payable**

(Copy included in Board's File).

Mr. Adams moved that the Items of Consent be adopted as presented, seconded by Mr. Bryant. The motion carried 6 to 0.

### **CONSIDERATION OF PROJECTS FOR REGIONAL COMPREHENSIVE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY (CEDS)**

Mr. Summerlin said each year the West Piedmont Regional Economic Development District, which serves Henry, Patrick, Franklin and Pittsylvania counties, the cities of Martinsville and Danville and the town of Rocky Mount, compiles an updated *Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS)*. The plan will be forwarded to the U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA) to maintain the eligibility of the participating localities to receive EDA funding. The document must contain a list of prioritized projects and the WPPDC annually requests that each locality submit its proposed future projects in priority order. It is essential that all projects the Board will consider within the next year be included in the CEDS because only projects on the list are eligible for EDA funding. It also is recommended that projects may be funded from other sources be included in order to give the County maximum flexibility in the management of its resources.

County and PSA staff developed the attached proposed list of projects. Including a project in the CEDS does not commit the County to undertake the project. It is simply a listing of potential projects from which EDA representatives choose for investment of federal funds in this district. If the EDA invites the County to submit an application for a specific project from the list, the Board would then be required to commit the local funds necessary for implementation.

Mr. Bryant made a motion to approve the list of projects for submission in the regional CEDS, second by Mr. Vaughn and unanimously carried.

### **CONSIDERATION OF APPOINTMENT FOR THE HOUSING REHABILITATION BOARD (HRB) AND RIVERSIDE DRIVE IMPROVEMENT GRANT PROJECTS**

Mr. Summerlin said the two active grants on these projects are for the rehabilitation of owner-occupied family units and investor properties and for infrastructure improvements in both projects as part of funding received from the State of Virginia through the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD). These projects require the establishment of a Housing Rehab Board to oversee the projects and implement the guidelines of DHCD. In December, 2010, Randolph Lester, a member serving on these boards, retired and a replacement is needed. Staff recommends appointing William "Dub" Bennett, Henry County Building Inspector, to serve on the Housing Rehab Board and Management Team for both grant projects.

Mr. Adams moved to appoint Mr. Bennett to the Housing Rehab Board for the Riverside Drive project, seconded by Mr. Slaughter and approved 6 to 0.

### **REPORT ON DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTION EFFORTS**

Mr. Scott Grindstaff reviewed the monthly reports on delinquent tax collection efforts. Mr. Grindstaff said they periodically review the in-house accounts (currently

329) and send out reminders to those who are two months in arrears. If the taxpayer does not respond, then the account is turned over to TACS. Mr. Grindstaff said they are about three-quarters of the way through and have already pulled about 20 files to send reminders and referred six or so to TACS. Mr. Grindstaff said he will begin showing a calendar year comparison with the January collection reports. Mr. Grindstaff said Mr. Rife will be coming in this week to finish some training on the motor vehicle stops. Mr. Grindstaff said since TACS began collecting personal property taxes in September, they have collected approximately \$90,000 and another \$100,000 has been taken care of through abatements. Mr. Grindstaff said the December collection report shows receiving \$185,000 from TACS. Although we did have the money, we had not applied the payments because we were working on receiving the payments electronically and were not able to get that done until the first week of January; therefore, the January report will show a large collection but some of the money was actually received prior to December 30. Mr. Grindstaff said the electronic transfer of payments/funds is expediting the process for both his office and TACS.

Mr. Grindstaff also reported that a letter was distributed to department managers, including Social Services and the schools, in October concerning employees who are delinquent on their taxes. Mr. Grindstaff said the employees were to contact the Treasurer's office by December 1 to arrange payment. Mr. Grindstaff said fortunately there are not that many and some have brought their account current; liens will be placed on the January 31 payroll for those employees who aren't current on their taxes. Mr. Grindstaff said there are probably 10-12 employees county-wide but his office has not gone through the school system yet.

Mr. Grindstaff said there were four new delinquent alarm fees and the parties involved were notified by 9-1-1 Communications the first of January. If those parties do not respond, the Treasurer's office will follow-up and try to collect.

Mr. Grindstaff said they are making good progress on the unpaid meals taxes and are scheduled to go to court this Thursday to collect on the two turned over to the Commonwealth's Attorney in November; the third individual is paying. Mr. Grindstaff said there may one or two more that will need to be turned over to the CA's office.

Mr. Adams asked when the decal applications would be mailed. Mr. Grindstaff said due to the volume of work and staff reduction, he plans to mail them in mid-February in order to allow more time for processing. Mr. Grindstaff said the Commissioner of the Revenue's tangible personal property forms should also be mailed at this time.

Ms. Buchanan asked Mr. Grindstaff when he foresees completing the delinquent school employees list. Mr. Grindstaff said it should be finished by mid-February. Mr. Grindstaff said the County employees would be ready for the January payroll. Ms. Buchanan asked how often delinquent real estate and personal property accounts are reviewed. Mr. Grindstaff said they try to go through the files monthly; however, due to current collections, staff was not able to review in November and December. Ms. Buchanan asked if the Treasurer's office had procedures in place so that if a business is two months behind on meals taxes that it would receive a letter. Mr. Grindstaff said they pull the reports monthly, send out letters, and work closely with the Commissioner's office. If the businesses have not paid within two months they are turned over to the Commonwealth's Attorney.

## **MONTHLY UPDATE FROM THE MARTINSVILLE-HENRY COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION**

Ms. Leigh Cockram, Vice-President of the Martinsville-Henry County Economic Development Corporation, was present to make the monthly update to the Board. Ms. Cockram passed out a summary of activities by division (Copy included in Board's File).

### **TOURISM**

- Held five client meetings
- Developed looping slideshow on area venues and events for the Visitor Center television
- Provided 15 informative welcome totes to teachers and chaperones from Franklin County while on a field trip to VMNH
- Prepared small market meeting packets for Reston Bible Church (Dulles, Va.), Church of Christ (Fayetteville, NC), The Navigators (Colorado Springs, CO), Student Leadership University (Orlando, FL), Virginia State Council Apostolic, Inc. (Sandston, VA), and Kingdom Journey Enterprises (Atlanta, GA). Leads were provided by VTC's presence at the Rejuvenate Marketplace Conference in Louisville, KY
- Meetings for lodging providers and FAM tours were planned out for 2011 along with rotating displays for the Visitor Center
- Distributed Industry and Consumer e-newsletters
- Feedback from the consumer e-newsletter question: "What is your favorite area attraction and why?"
  - "I really enjoy the Dick & Willie Passage, as I'm a runner and it's nice to do longer runs on a paved path that is truly beautiful!" - Kari Y. (Collinsville, formerly of Lexington, KY)
  - "Museum of Natural History - my kids love the fossils and I love the events they host." - Deborah C. (Radford, VA)
  - "The reason I love the Dick & Willie is because it allows me to have a nice walk or workout on a bicycle without having to leave town." - Bill M. (Martinsville)
  - "The Martinsville Race because it brings in so much revenue for our community and puts Henry County on the map with something positive." - Cindy S. (Fieldale, formerly of Stuart, VA)
  - "We did the Motorcycle Grand Tour of Virginia and enjoyed the Speedway." (Richmond, VA)
- 306 visitors came to the center in December and 46 visitors signed the guest book. This is a 69% increase over visitation in December 2009
  - Visitors were from 12 Virginia communities (Top 5: Bristol, Lexington, Petersburg, Locust Grove, and Falls Church)
  - Visitors were from 7 states (Top 5: Virginia, North Carolina, Texas, Colorado, and Maryland)
- 33 information packets were prepared for individuals and groups requesting information
  - 1,124 brochures were distributed in December

- Out of this total, 50 were distributed to area libraries, 300 to the Martinsville YMCA for a swim meet, 50 to the Blue Ridge Airport, 225 to area businesses and 250 to visitors centers in Wytheville and Petersburg

## **RESEARCH**

- Updated the Case for the EDC document to include the most current data (January 2010 through December 2010)
- Updated all building brochures to reflect the new format; including new pictures and updating the individual listings on the yesmartinsville.com website
- Created a presentation on CCBC
- Created a presentation and packet of information for Project Ball Cap and Project Ellie
- Handled seven third-party requests for information
- Created drive time maps for five small business clients of Lisa Fultz
- Created a new brochure for Tract 8 in the Patriot Centre Industrial Park

## **SMALL, MINORITY & ENTREPRENEURIAL BUSINESS**

- Provided one-on-one assistance to eight total clients
- Provided business assistance to two new clients
- Completed three existing business site visits
- Website Co-op Grant Program - program closes March 11, 2011; \$3,435 remaining in the fund
- Small Business Investment Forum - business plan competition launched; deadline is March 25, 2011
- Met with Carrie Denny from Spencer Penn Center Community Kitchen to continue work on promoting kitchen incubator
- Business Networking and Referral Marketing Workshop will be held January 20, 2011 at the Uptown Southern Bistro
- Social Media Marketing Workshop is scheduled for February 16, 2011 in the New College Institute computer lab
- Matchmaking for Prime/Subcontractors is scheduled for February 23, 2011 at the West Piedmont Business Development Center
- Marketing Series Workshops are scheduled for March 24, June 22, and August 17 at the Uptown Southern Bistro
- Federal Procurement Workshop is scheduled for May 5, 2011 at the West Piedmont Business Development Center

## **MARKETING/RECRUITING**

- Conducted consultant mission meeting with six separate firms
- Hosted Project Ellie and Project Ball Cap
- Working with Martinsville Speedway on upcoming year's marketing efforts
- Met with former J&J Tire owner for building brochure to market property
- Met with Kimball Hospitality to coordinate a sales meeting in M-HC
- Worked on SVRA - budget, job description, invoicing, etc.
- Conducted 6 existing industry visits

- Completed funding process for the Commonwealth Crossing Business Centre, securing a total of \$16.5 million from the Tobacco Commission, Henry County, The City of Martinsville, and The Harvest Foundation
- Currently working with 22 Total Projects, comprised of 9 Inquiry Projects and 13 Active Projects
  - *An Inquiry Project is defined as a prospect that has not yet visited M-HC but has expressed interest in our area*
  - *An Active Project is defined as a prospect that has actually visited the M-HC area*

#### **ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION RE: INSURANCE REIMBURSEMENT FOR REPAIR EXPENSES AT THE CHESTNUT KNOB TOWER SITE – PUBLIC SAFETY**

Mr. Summerlin said Dale Wagoner is asking the Board to accept and appropriate insurance reimbursement in the amount of \$5,617.98 for the Chestnut Knob tower site. That site was damaged by a lightning strike. Mr. Wagoner is asking for the money to be placed in the tower maintenance line item.

Mr. Bryant made a motion to appropriate funds as requested, seconded by Mr. Kendall and approved 6 to 0.

#### **CONSIDERATION OF REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR THE WEST PIEDMONT PLANNING DISTRICT COMMISSION**

Mr. Summerlin said that Mr. Adams asked that this item be placed on the agenda but noted a correction on the cover page, the amount is \$1,513. For years the West Piedmont Planning District Commission (WPPDC) has used a per-capita rate of 55 cents for funding from its member localities. In light of the budget constraints felt by localities heading into the current fiscal year, WPPDC reduced its request by 5 cents, down to 50 cents per-capita funding. However, in determining the Henry County allocation, staff also reduced it by five percent. In effect that meant that Henry County was paying less on a per-capita basis than other WPPDC funding partners. The WPPDC is asking the County to reinstate its 5-cent reduction, which would result in Henry County contributing an extra \$1,513 in the current fiscal year.

Mr. Adams moved to appropriate an additional \$1,513 from the Contingency Fund to the WPPDC, seconded by Mr. Vaughn and unanimously carried.

#### **CONSIDERATION OF REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR THE VIRGINIA ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES (VACO)**

Mr. Summerlin said the Virginia Association of Counties (VACo) works on behalf of Henry County and other localities on issues of importance to County governments, including during the General Assembly session. One item facing the 2011 General Assembly is an attempt to shift the burden of proof in real estate and property assessment appeals from the individual to the locality. VACo believes this would be detrimental to local governments and has teamed with the Virginia Municipal League (VML) to hire consultants to fight this legislation. VACo is asking localities to contribute

at least \$3,000 to this effort. This would be in addition to the \$11,835 that the County is paying this year for membership to VACo.

Mr. Vaughn said he has some concerns with this request. First, it appears VACo is requesting a set amount from each locality which does not seem equitable when you have a locality like Fairfax who contributes much more to the association because they can afford it. Second, \$3,000 is 25% of our total annual contribution. Mr. Vaughn said he has calls in to delegates Armstrong and Marshall to see if the bill is even being reintroduced. Mr. Vaughn said he would like some questions answered before he commits the money. Additionally, Mr. Vaughn said there is some type of bill almost every session that can be detrimental to the locality and we cannot start contributing money every time. The Board was in agreement. Mr. Summerlin said they just received the letter and he has not talked to anyone. Mr. Adams asked what the anticipated cost of an appeal to the County would be. Mr. Lyle said this is a significant issue but he does not know how close this bill is to being passed. Mr. Lyle said it would be a dramatic change in the legal burden. Currently, the presumption is that the governing body's discretionary decisions are correct and when someone challenges those decisions, they have certain burdens they must prove. This bill says the burden of proof lies with the government. Mr. Lyle said this bill has come up multiple years.

Mr. Adams made a motion to draft a letter of opposition to each legislator including the governor, seconded by Mr. Vaughn and carried 6 to 0.

#### **ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION RE: DEPARTMENT OF MINES, MINERALS, AND ENERGY GRANT – SCHOOL BOARD**

Mr. Summerlin said Dr. Jackson is asking the Board to appropriate a grant from the Virginia Department of Mines, Minerals and Energy in the amount of \$130,162. The grant would be used to pay for a solar energy project at the Laurel Park greenhouse.

Mr. Kendall moved to approve the appropriation as requested, seconded by Mr. Bryant and unanimously carried.

#### **ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION RE: SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER POSITION – SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

Mr. Summerlin said Sheriff Perry is asking the Board to appropriate \$25,000 from the Henry County School Board into the Sheriff Office's budget to help pay for the School Resource Officer at Fieldale-Collinsville Middle School. According to Sheriff Perry, the School Board eliminated this position in the FY 2011 Budget but has chosen to continue with the position effective January 3, 2011.

Mr. Vaughn made a motion to approve the appropriation as requested, seconded by Mr. Kendall and carried 5 to 1. Mr. Slaughter abstained.

#### **AWARD OF CONTRACT RE: DATA BASE MAINTENANCE – SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

Mr. Summerlin said Sheriff Perry is asking the Board to award a contract in the amount of \$16,150 to Southern Software for maintenance on data bases used by the Sheriff's Office on its mobile data terminals. Southern Software was previously

approved as a sole-source vendor for the Sheriff's Office and funding is already included in the current budget.

Mr. Bryant moved to approve the award of contract to Southern Software in the amount of \$16,150, seconded by Mr. Slaughter and carried 6 to 0.

Mr. Hall provided an update on the VACo item from earlier in the meeting. Mr. Hall stated it is House Bill 1588 and it has been referred to a Finance Committee which referred it to a sub-committee of Finance; one of the members of the sub-committee is Delegate Armstrong.

## **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

### **Comments from the Board**

Mr. Summerlin reported that water infiltration from failed old caulking has caused some damage in the Sheriff's office conference room. Mr. Summerlin said the Sheriff's Office is preparing for accreditation the first of March so we need to move quickly with repairs. Mr. Summerlin said staff met with contractors today and it will cost \$4,986 to tear out the drywall in the conference room and replace it. Replacing caulking on the outside of the building will be an additional expense. Mr. Summerlin said we will need to transfer some funds within the existing County budget to help cover the cost. Mr. Slaughter asked if they had looked at any alternatives to the caulking like covering with aluminum. Mr. Summerlin said there is a company in Greensboro that specializes in this type of work and they did a really nice job on the new evidence room addition.

Mr. Summerlin said at the direction of the Board, he had contacted The Lane Group concerning an updated feasibility study on the marina and the cost will be approximately \$5,200. Mr. Summerlin said staff will need an appropriation from the Contingency Fund if the Board wishes to proceed. Mr. Adams made a motion to move forward with the feasibility study and appropriate \$5,200 from the Contingency Fund, seconded by Mr. Slaughter and approved 5 to 1. Mr. Kendall voted in opposition.

Mr. Summerlin said budget letters to managers and outside agencies will go out January 28.

Mr. Summerlin said the Board approved the \$1.5 million Major Employment Investment Grant from VEDP for Commonwealth Crossing in December. Since this is more than 1% of the Total County Budget, we need to hold a public hearing in order to appropriate funds. Mr. Summerlin said if the Board has no objections, staff will schedule the public hearing for the February meeting. The remainder of the money from the Tobacco Commission, Harvest, and other funding groups can be identified in next year's budget and will be a part of the overall budget public hearing. Mr. Vaughn made a motion to advertise a public hearing for the February meeting, seconded by Mr. Bryant and unanimously carried.

Mr. Summerlin said the Board will need to approve the FY 2010 County Audit at the Planning Session. Staff did not receive the audits in time for today's meeting. Mr. Summerlin said the auditors will be present to highlight key points of the audit.

## **CLOSED MEETING**

Mr. Adams moved that the Board go into a closed meeting at 3:40 pm, seconded by Mr. Vaughn and unanimously carried to discuss the following.

- 1) §2.2-3711(A)1 for Discussion of Appointees to the Industrial Development Authority, Redistricting Committee, Anchor Commission, Dan River Alcohol Safety Action Program Board, Fieldale Sanitary District Board, and Southern Virginia Recreation Facilities Authority.
- 2) §2.2-3711(A)7 for Consultation with the County Attorney re: Pending Legal Matters.
- 3) §2.2-3711(A)3 for Consultation with the County Attorney re: Acquisition/Disposal of Real Estate.
- 4) §2.2-3711(A)5 for Consultation with the County Attorney re: Discussion of As-Yet Unannounced Industries.
- 5) §2.2-3711(A)19 for Discussion of Plans Related to Security of Governmental Facilities.

## **OPEN MEETING:**

The Board returned to an open meeting at 4:59 pm on a motion by Mr. Slaughter, seconded by Mr. Bryant and unanimously carried.

## **CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED MEETING:**

Mr. Hall read the Certification of the Closed Meeting and took a roll call vote. Those voting in the affirmative were Mr. Slaughter, Mr. Bryant, Mr. Kendall, Mr. Vaughn, Mr. Adams, and Ms. Buchanan.

**ANCHOR COMMISSION** – Mr. Adams moved to appoint Peggie Powell to a four-year term beginning January 1, 2011, seconded by Mr. Vaughn and approved 5 to 0. Ms. Buchanan abstained.

Mr. Adams moved that the Board authorize the Chairman to accept an easement agreement from Donald Trantham for the purpose of a trail easement in Fieldale, seconded by Mr. Slaughter and carried 6 to 0.

The Board recessed its meeting at 5:00 pm until the 6:00 evening session.

Ms. Buchanan called the meeting back to order at 6:00 pm and welcomed everyone present.

Ms. Buchanan recognized two young men, Christian Keeler and David Shelor, Troop 167, who are working on their merit badge.

### **MATTERS PRESENTED BY THE PUBLIC**

Mr. Paul Roark, Horsepasture District, was present to address the Board concerning numerous break-ins in the Horsepasture, Ridgeway, and Bassett areas. Mr. Roark requested that the Board and media make the public aware of what is going on. Mr. Roark said most of the break-ins are homes and cars left unlocked. Mr. Roark said he feels it is drug-related and something needs to be done. Mr. Roark said his community is doing neighbor watch patrols and it has really helped. Mr. Roark said crimes have escalated over the last six months but if we all work together, we can try to address the problems. The Board thanked Mr. Roark.

### **SHERIFF'S OFFICE PRESENTATION OF "LIFE SAVE" AWARDS TO EIGHT EMPLOYEES**

Sheriff Lane Perry thanked the Board for their support and allowing this opportunity. Sheriff Perry said all of the men and women at the Sheriff's office are hard workers and very dedicated to their jobs. But on occasion, you have employees who go above and beyond the call of duty and sometimes face dangerous situations without regard for their own safety. So we have instituted a "Life Save Award" program to recognize employees who performed their duties in an exemplary manner. Major Steve Eanes and Tim Hall recognized the employees by reading a brief summary of their heroic acts and Sheriff Perry and Chairman Buchanan presented them with commendation bars.

Deputy James Ayers - On December 12, 2009, Deputy Ayers responded to a structure fire call on Colonial Drive in Collinsville. Upon arrival, Deputy Ayers was informed that the resident, Mrs. Wanda Conner, was still inside. Deputy Ayers, along with fire personnel that had arrived on the scene, tried beating on the door without a response. The smoke detector could be heard outside and smoke was seen coming out of the residence around the door. Deputy Ayers forced the door open, entered the apartment, and located Mrs. Conner lying in the hallway. She was disoriented and confused and was obviously severely affected by the smoke inhaled. Deputy Ayers assisted and escorted her out of the apartment. Rescue members on the scene treating Mrs. Conner stated that if Mrs. Conner had been inside the apartment under those conditions, within another minute or two, her prognosis would not have been a favorable one.

Deputy Michael William Hudson - On May 5, 2010 Deputy Hudson was in the parking lot of the Food Lion store in Bassett Forks area on Route 220. Deputy Hudson was approached by a very anxious lady that had been driving around looking for her distraught husband and had located him sitting in his vehicle in the parking lot. Deputy Hudson found him unresponsive with an IV and syringe in his hand. Deputy Hudson

requested EMS to respond and then administered first aid by removing the IV and performing CPR for approximately seven minutes before rescue arrived on the scene. The medical staff at Memorial Hospital of Martinsville-Henry County stated to the investigators that if it was not for the quick thinking and heroic actions of Deputy Hudson, this suicide attempt would have been successful.

Deputy Stephanie Felicia Clark - On June 14, 2010, Deputy Clark responded to a vehicle crash near 5478 Appalachian Drive with a person pinned inside the vehicle. Deputy Clark arrived within three minutes and found Ms. Donetta Davis trapped inside the overturned truck which was leaking gasoline from the fuel tank. Deputy Clark quickly evaluated the situation to determine the back glass was the only way to get out of the vehicle. Deputy Clark then assisted Ms. Davis in getting out of the vehicle. Three days later, Ms. Davis called the 9-1-1 center to thank Deputy Clark for getting her out of the vehicle and saving her life.

Sergeant James David Whitlow - On July 3, 2010, Sergeant Whitlow responded to a report of a possible jumper on the Route 220 south overpass bridge near Wendy's. Upon arrival, Sgt. Whitlow found deputies talking with an individual that was over the rail on the bridge. As talks were being unsuccessful and the person appeared to be saying an ending prayer, Sgt. Whitlow crept up behind the man and rapidly jerked him back onto the bridge and restrained him. Review of this incident shows that it was apparent that the individual did appear to be reading himself to jump to his death to the 220 bypass below. Had Sgt. Whitlow not acted in a swift and forceful manner, the person would have jumped to his death.

Corporal Steven Richard Ball - On, July 21, 2010, Ms. Ruth Thompson was at Fort Trial Baptist Church in Stanleytown when she collapsed unexpectedly. Cpl. Ball was on routine patrol when he heard the call come over the radio at 7:24 pm. Cpl. Ball is a trained EMS responder and was in the area so he responded. Two minutes later he arrived on the scene and determined she was in cardiac arrest. Cpl. Ball initiated CPR and helped in the ambulance en route to the emergency room. She was resuscitated several times during the transport to the ER. Ms. Thompson walked out of the hospital several weeks later.

Deputy Michael Paul Blevins and Rosie - On Thanksgiving Day, November 25, 2010, the Sheriff's Office was notified at 9:27 am that Ms. Gudrun Dodrill had been missing from her home at 54 Spencer-Preston Road since approximately 10:00 pm the previous evening. A search of the neighborhood and surrounding area did not produce any favorable results. Deputy Blevins with his tracking K-9 Rosie was called out to assist with the search. Upon arrival, Deputy Blevins obtained items with Ms. Dodrill's scent on them. Deputy Blevins and Rosie tracked from the home to an area approximately half a mile away to the edge of an embankment where some personal items of Ms. Dodrill was found. Deputy Blevins looked down the embankment and notice her clothing approximately 75 yards down the embankment in a thorn thicket. Ms. Dodrill was brought up the hill to rescue personnel. Rescue personnel on the evaluated her condition and found her to be extremely hypothermic from the cold temperatures and her blood sugar level was dangerously low. Due to these conditions and the forecasts for the temperatures to continue to drop throughout the afternoon, Ms. Dodrill could not have survived in those conditions much longer.

Major Steven Dale Eanes and Deputy Brian Keith Lawson - On October 14, 2010, an explosion occurred at approximately 6:30 pm on Hobson Road in Axton. Deputy Lawson, Cpl. Keen, and Major Eanes responded to the scene. Upon arrival, Deputy Lawson found a burning structure with additional explosions with flying debris. Deputy Lawson located a man down with multiple trauma injuries and unresponsive approximately 25 feet from the burning structure. He requested EMS response and initiated CPR. Major Eanes arrived on the scene and relieved Deputy Lawson with chest compressions. CPR was continued until EMS arrived and was ready to transfer Mr. Michael Venable from the ground to a stretcher. Mr. Venable was resuscitated while at Memorial Hospital of Martinsville- Henry County's ER and later flown to Roanoke. Unfortunately, Mr. Venable died as a result of his injuries from the explosion, but Mr. Venable was an organ donor and other lives were saved as a result.

### **GENERAL HIGHWAY MATTERS**

Ms. Lisa Hughes, Residency Administrator for the Virginia Department of Transportation, was present to update the Board on General Highway Matters.

- Three signal projects are scheduled to be completed this fall, two in Collinsville, Koehler Road and Wheeler Avenue, and the intersection of 57A and Blackberry Road; the new signals will include OPTICON devices. Upgrade at Koehler Road will include left turn
- Route 220 South Safety Improvement Project will go to advertisement this month; plans are to enclose the open ditch at Wayside Manor Apartments with a storm sewer and widen the shoulder for approximately 800-1,000 feet to give adequate recovery area for vehicles that run off the road
- Route 58/684 Safety Improvement Project – started design on Phase 1 improvements which will include detectors on Carver Road (684) alerting vehicles on 58 that a vehicle may be entering the intersection; long-term improvements (two years) are to improve sight distance by grading on 58 West
- Route 609/683 Intersection in Rangeley – submitted as a candidate for safety improvement funds; selection process will take a few months
- Preston Road – public hearing still on schedule for later spring
- Line painting projects on hold until warmer weather; did not get to the Patriot Centre but still plan to

There being no further business to discuss, Mr. Adams moved at 6:25 pm to continue the meeting until February 8 at 3 p.m. for the Board's annual Planning Session at the Public Safety Center, seconded by Mr. Vaughn and carried 6 to 0.

**HENRY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
MINUTES  
Planning Session**

**February 8, 2011 – 3:00 pm**

The Henry County Board of Supervisors held its annual Planning Session on February 8, 2011, at 3:00 pm at the Emergency Services Training Center, DuPont Road, Martinsville, Virginia. The following Board members were present: Chairman Debra Buchanan, Vice-Chairman H.G. Vaughn, Jim Adams, Milton Kendall, Tommy Slaughter, and Joe Bryant.

Staff members present were Benny Summerlin, County Administrator; Tim Hall, Deputy County Administrator; George Lyle, County Attorney; Susan Reynolds, Director of Human Resources; Darrell Jones, Director of Finance; Richard Stanfield, Deputy Director of Finance; Dale Wagoner, Public Safety Director; Matt Tatum, Deputy Director of Public Safety; and Suzie Helbert with the Public Safety staff.

Sheriff Lane Perry, Major Steve Eanes, Sgt. Ronnie Minter and Officer Michael Hooper from the Sheriff's office were present. Dr. Anthony Jackson, DeWitt House, and Bill Wingfield of Henry County Schools were present. Debbie Hall of the Martinsville Bulletin, Ron Morris of B-99 and Diane Akers of ComBiz Solutions were also present.

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Chairman Buchanan called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone present.

**STATEMENT FROM COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR BENNY SUMMERLIN**

Mr. Summerlin released a statement regarding his health issues. The statement was as follows:

Recently I went to my physician for a routine physical and after several subsequent tests I was shocked to learn that I have colon cancer. My treatment will consist of chemotherapy beginning this week and continuing for six months. Surgery will probably follow after chemotherapy.

I feel fine and my physicians indicate my condition is very treatable and have encouraged me to keep up my normal activities as much as possible. I will need to take accrued medical leave periodically to attend medical appointments. If things change I will make adjustments as necessary.

My wife Robin and I appreciate all the prayers and words of encouragement we have received over the past two weeks and ask you to continue to keep us in your thoughts and prayers.

Lastly, more than 40 million men in the United States over the age of 50 have not been screened for colon cancer. If you are in that age category, please get tested.

Ms. Buchanan said on behalf of the Board that if they could do anything to assist Mr. Summerlin during this time, to please let them know.

### **UPDATE ON HENRY COUNTY EMS PROGRAM – DALE WAGONER**

Mr. Wagoner reviewed for the Board the County's EMS program, which was altered in November 2010 to include some paid staff to augment volunteers. Implementation included:

- o Creating EMS Advisory Committee
- o Changes in County Code
- o Adjusting Response Boundaries
- o Collaboration with Rescue Squads
- o Supplemental Staffing

Mr. Wagoner said the Board's instructions for the new system included several guidelines. He listed those items and how they have been included in the new system:

- Preserves volunteer rescue squads as an essential part of the EMS system
  - o None of the changes by the County will prevent volunteer rescue squads from remaining a primary part of EMS
  - o Volunteers have first opportunity to run the call in their district
  - o Resource sharing and mutual aid between volunteer squads are encouraged.
  - o Revenue sharing agreement with volunteer squads
  - o Rescue Squads' involvement in the EMS Advisory Committee
- Utilizes paid personnel or contracted services to cover service gaps  
Implemented County supplemental staffing
  - o (2) Advanced Life Support Providers available for all hours of the day, every day of the year.
  - o (5) Full-time Paramedics
  - o Cadre of Part-time Paramedics/EMT-I
  - o Martinsville Station
  - o (1) Ambulance
  - o (1) Response Vehicle
- Operates in a way that does not expect new revenue but redirects current revenue and utilizes revenue options
  - o Using a compassionate billing process (soft-billing) the County has generated the additional revenue necessary to launch the supplemental staffing
  - o No new taxes

Other key points and how they were addressed included:

- Supplemental Staffing Goals:
  - Integrate seamlessly into the existing system of volunteer rescue squads
  - Improve Patient Care
  - Increase ALS Availability
  - Reduce Response Time
  - Ensure every County citizen has access to quality care, when needed, regardless of their ability to pay
- Program Overview
  - 5 Full Time Paramedic/FF
  - 9 Part Time Intermediate or Paramedic/FF
  - 2 Staff members working 24/7
  - 12 Hour Shifts
  - 1 Ambulance
  - 1 Quick Response Vehicle
  - Utilizing Martinsville Station as base
- Program Responses
  - 315 Ambulance Responses
  - 268 with County Ambulance
  - 37 with loaner ambulance from Bassett due to mechanical failure of county ambulance
  - 10 with loaner ambulance from Horsepasture due to inclement weather
  - 506 Assisted calls
- Program Strengths
  - Centralized system
  - Reduced fiscal strain to the citizen
  - Compassionate Billing
  - Improved Quality of Service/Patient Care
  - Improved public perception of volunteers
  - Volunteer mentoring
  - Improved collaboration with other organizations – Hospital, PHCC, Martinsville, Franklin Co.
  - Improved Revenue Recovery for the Volunteer Rescue Squads
    - In three months, supplemental staff assisted volunteer rescue squad on 506 calls. Prior to implementation, these calls would have been turned over to a private contractor and resulted in lost revenue for the volunteer rescue squad.
- Program Weaknesses
  - Limited availability to assist volunteers and respond to calls with only two staff members at any given time.
  - Had hoped that staff would have time to assist volunteers with non-response activities such as training, station duties, grants, etc.
  - Fire Departments had hoped that staff would be available to assist with fire calls during critical times
  - Logistical issues at times because of varying volunteer availability.
- Program Opportunities

- Organizational structure is now in place to monitor improvements, make recommendations for future actions, and implement any approved improvements.
- Implementation of modern, state-of-the-art medical science and devices as they evolve.
- Grants
- Program Threats
  - System is operating at its maximum capacity!
  - Supplemental staff has earned holidays, vacation, and sick time
  - Quality providers require on-going quality training. Paramedics must complete a minimum of 72 hours of continuing education every two years
  - A tremendous amount of staff time is committed to:
    - scheduling and operational matters
    - managing the revenue sharing agreement and other aspects of revenue recovery
  - Emergency Vehicles
    - Both the ambulance and response vehicle were well-used prior to use by supplemental staff
    - The ambulance is running more calls than expected
    - The life expectancy of the ambulance will be much shorter than planned
    - Maintenance costs have been higher than expected
    - Vehicle issues at shift change
    - Backup System
      - Martinsville Fire Department when available
      - Private Ambulance Service when available
      - A few incidents where neither of the backups was available; fortunately none of the incidents had negative outcomes
      - County still depends on the “Backup System” as a primary responder – Over 30 calls per month.
  - Revenue
    - A large percentage of the County population does not have health insurance (diminishes revenue derived from soft-billing)
    - Continued upward inflationary trend in the purchase of medical devices and maintenance of medical devices
    - Potential for reduction in funding from other sources (both volunteers and County)
  - Volunteers
    - Still a need for quality volunteers
    - Conflict and lack of leadership continue to be a problem in volunteer rescue squads
- Summary
  - These changes have had a tremendously positive impact on emergency medical service in Henry County.

After some general discussion, the Board thanked Mr. Wagoner for his presentation.

## **CONSIDERATION OF FY 2010 COUNTY AUDIT – CREEDLE, ALGA AND JONES, PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS**

Ms. Robin Jones of Creedle, Jones, and Alga, Public Accountants, presented her firm's audit of County finances for FY 2010. She said the audit shows no issues with County finances and is a clean opinion. She said the County ended the year on sound footing financially. On a motion by Mr. Vaughn and a second by Mr. Bryant, the Board voted 6-0 to accept the audit report.

## **UPDATE ON SCHOOL SYSTEM ISSUES – DR. ANTHONY JACKSON**

Dr. Jackson thanked the Board for the opportunity to update the Board on issues regarding the Henry County school system. Dr. Jackson's presentation included:

- Vision Statement
  - Henry County Public Schools where critical thinking is expected, creativity is nurtured, technology and innovation are embraced, and learning is celebrated.
- Mission Statement
  - Henry County Public Schools, a high-performing school division, provides all students with an exemplary education in a safe, supportive environment that promotes self-discipline, motivation, and excellence.
- Beliefs
  - School Safety
    - We believe respect cultivates success and is the foundation for a safe school environment.
  - Educating All Students
    - We believe all students are entitled to an education rich with opportunities that focuses on their emotional, physical, and intellectual needs and prepares them for lifelong learning.
  - Diversity
    - We believe that respect for diversity enables adaptability in a competitive global environment and nurtures student talents.
  - Rigorous and Relevant Curriculum and Instruction
    - We believe that a rigorous and relevant curriculum is student-centered and ensures opportunities for intervention, enrichment and extension for all students.
  - Technology and Innovation
    - We believe that students must be prepared to seek options and take advantage of opportunities using cutting-edge technology.
  - High Quality Professionals
    - We believe that high quality, well-trained, caring professionals are essential to the success of the school division.
  - Family and Community Involvement



- Bassett High School Marching Band received second place honors at the U.S. Scholastic Band Association's 2010 competition.
- Fieldale-Collinsville Middle School was one of five middle schools in the country to receive the National Breakthrough School of the Year Award by the National Association of Secondary School Principals.
- All schools are fully accredited.
- 93% of schools and the Henry County Public School Division made AYP.
- Magna Vista High School Floriculture Team placed 4th in the nation at the National FFA Floriculture Career Development Event.
- The school division received a Golden Achievement Award from the National School Public Relations Association for the Helping Hands volunteer program.
- Bassett High School Marching Band received first place honors in the State U.S. Scholastic Band Association's 2010 competition.
- Bassett High School student Megan Smallwood was selected to the All State Band.
- Career Hub received the VA Dept. of Education 2009 Creating Excellence Award for Region VI and Virginia for outstanding contributions to career and technical education.
- 42% of HCPS teachers have an advanced degree.
- Fieldale-Collinsville Middle School was one of five schools in Virginia to be selected as a School to Watch for 2010 by Virginia Schools to Watch®.
- Laurel Park Middle School was selected by Motorola to serve as the national showcase school for Motorola technology.
- Fieldale-Collinsville Middle School student Joshua Amos' artwork was selected as the Blue Ridge Regional middle school winner in the annual VA School Boards Association art contest.
- Magna Vista High School student Jonathan Penn was selected to the All State Choir.
- Magna Vista High School agriculture teacher Darryl Holland received the VA Dept. of Education 2010 Creating Excellence Individual Award for Region VI for exceptional and exemplary contributions to career and technical education.
- 57.5% of HCPS students scored pass advanced on one or more VA SOL tests.
- Rich Acres Elementary School student Evan Pruitt's artwork was selected as the Blue Ridge Regional elementary school winner in the annual VA School Boards Association art contest.
- iPad Initiative
  - 1,700 iPads in use by students each day
  - State Superintendent Dr. Patricia Wright made Beyond Textbooks announcement at Rich Acres Elementary School
  - Partners include Adobe, Apple, and Pearson
  - HCPS was featured on the front-page of the Business & Innovation Section of The Boston Globe January 31, 2011.

- Highlights of Significant Budget/Program Cuts Impacting FY2011
  - Consolidated Axton/Irisburg Elementary Schools
  - Closed the South Martinsville Facility
  - Contracted Custodial Services
  - Eliminated EMT/Firefighting Program
  - Eliminated 70 Teaching Positions
  - Eliminated 45 Support Positions (nurses, counselors, safety officers)
  - Reduced Hours of Special Population Drivers
  - Salaries Remain at FY09 Levels
  - Reduced School Based/Central Office Administrators
  - Reduced Locally Funded Travel
  - Delayed Equipment Purchases/ Capital Improvements

Dr. Jackson also presented the Board with a request to restore items cut out of last year's budget (a complete list of those items is filed with the records of this meeting). He also covered the School System's major capital and maintenance needs and ways to fund those needed items. After considerable discussion on the items, the Board thanked Dr. Jackson for his presentation.

### **CONSIDERATION OF APPOINTEES TO REDISTRICTING COMMITTEE**

Mr. Summerlin informed the Board that with the Census data being compiled every 10 years, it was time for the County to consider any changes needed to its magisterial and voting districts. In the past the County has appointed a Redistricting Committee to assist staff with that process.

The following were presented by Board members as candidates on that committee:

- Judy Forsythe, Horsepasture District
- Melody Turner, Collinsville District
- Randy Dyer, Reed Creek District
- Rita Shropshire, Ridgeway District
- Deborah Hairston, Blackberry District
- Skip Ressel, Iriswood District
- Bob Petty, At-Large Representative

On a motion by Mr. Adams and a second by Mr. Slaughter, the Board voted 6-0 to appoint the citizens listed above to the County's Redistricting Committee.

### **PREVIEW OF FY 2011-2012 BUDGET PROCESS**

Mr. Summerlin briefed the Board on issues regarding the upcoming budget cycle. He began with a brief review of the current budget year. This review included:

- Reduced appropriations by most departments
- School Division level funded
- Plant closures

- American of Martinsville
- Stanley Furniture
- Hiring Freeze
- Fund Balance strong

For the FY 2012 Budget, Mr. Summerlin said the issues would include:

- Reduced aid from the Commonwealth
- General Assembly action
  - Machinery and Tools/BPOL
- Reduced local revenues
- Fuel costs?
- State shifting “line of duty” benefits
- Virginia Retirement System?
- Employee compensation/Health insurance
- Capital expenditures?

### **REVIEW OF BOARD’S 2010-2011 GOALS AND OBJECTIVES AND CREATION OF 2011-2012 LIST**

Mr. Hall introduced Ms. Diane Akers of ComBiz Solutions, who has assisted the Board with its Planning Session for the past four years. Ms. Akers led the Board through the rest of the Planning Session. Ms. Akers reviewed the Board’s short-term and long-term/continuing goals from last year and provided updates to those items.

- Short-Term Goals
  - Get through FY 11 budget cycle
    - Done
  - Provide essential services with reduced resources
    - Done
  - Maintain fund balance
    - Preliminary audit figures show an increase of about \$4 million
  - Develop and implement plan for EMS and Rescue under Public Safety
    - Implemented November 2010
  - Develop ED infrastructure
    - Water and sewer for CCBC
    - Partnership with City, Tobacco, EDC in motion
    - Dick and Willie Trail
      - Opened October 2010
  - Broadband implementation
    - Working with Mid-Atlantic Broadband to get service throughout County
  - Develop and implement energy efficiency process
    - Energy project nearing completion
  - Job Creation
    - Job Announcements:
      - Monogram Snacks, 150 jobs/\$4 million investment

- Kimball, 67 jobs/\$1 million investment
    - SleepSafe Beds, 13 jobs/\$1 million investment
    - Tile Shop, 25 jobs/\$1.3 million investment
  - Martinsville Speedway guaranteed two races per year for at least the next five years
  - RTI/Airbus Event – RTI ramping up to opening
- Sheriff's Office Accreditation
  - Ongoing process
- 58 West water project
  - Staff continues to work on this project
- Long-Term/Continuing Goals
  - Push for NCI to become a 4-year university
    - Commission recommended NCI become a branch of an existing 4-year university; SCHEV recommendation due in 2012
  - Continue to support infrastructure needs for school system
    - Ongoing
  - Emphasize energy efficiency/green initiatives
    - Energy project about to be completed
  - Promote community health care resources
    - Ongoing
  - Address jail needs
    - Little progress
  - Work with the Corps of Engineers to improve the flow of water through the Smith River
    - Ongoing
  - Initiate a Comprehensive Plan update
    - No progress
  - Work to improve "County pride"
    - Ongoing
  - Work to improve our educational facilities
    - See above
  - Support the Martinsville-Henry County EDC and continue to fund its efforts, and support its tourism initiatives
    - Ongoing
  - Continue to pursue delinquent taxes
    - Ongoing
  - Endorse and participate in regional cooperation
    - Ongoing
  - Endorse and participate in cooperative efforts with City of Martinsville
    - Ongoing
  - Continue to support the New College Institute and Patrick Henry Community College
    - Ongoing
  - Continue to support Blue Ridge Airport
    - Ongoing

Ms. Akers then instructed the Board and staff to divide into two teams and select three top goals from 2010 and three new goals. The groups then were asked to select their highest priorities based on the overall items considered. The top priorities were:

1. Expansion of New College Institute into a four-year university or a branch campus of an existing four-year university.
2. Continued support of the Martinsville-Henry County Economic Development Corporation's efforts including tourism and retail development.
3. Continued development of the County's industrial sites.
4. Addressing school facilities and infrastructure needs.
5. Addressing transportation needs and improvements.
6. Endorsing regional cooperation.
7. Addressing Community pride/appearance
8. Improving the viability of the EMS system
9. Addressing needs for jail space
10. Continuing to address collection of delinquent taxes.

The Board and staff then agreed to Ms. Akers' suggestion of a "parking lot" of additional needs, and placed the jail space, collection of delinquent taxes, and the community pride/appearance issues on that list as ongoing concerns. The Board also added items concerning support of Blue Ridge Airport and health care resources to that list.

Ms. Akers then asked Board and staff how they could work to move the top priorities forward. She asked for suggestions for each item. The consensus on those items included:

1. NCI
  - a. Lobby legislators for support
  - b. Appoint a small support team of County and City staff to assist with any issues
  - c. Encourage local students to enroll at NCI
2. EDC
  - a. Provide products for sale – sites, buildings, infrastructure
  - b. Provide a good workforce
  - c. Provide adequate funding
  - d. Create a retail emphasis
3. Industrial parks
  - a. Get electrical substation and natural gas for Commonwealth Crossing Business Centre
  - b. Grading and infrastructure improvements for CCBC
  - c. Grade Lot 2 at Patriot Centre
  - d. Develop Bryant property and explore funding partners
4. School facilities and infrastructure
  - a. Work toward approval of pending application for \$6 million in school bonds to be spent on Magna Vista HVAC and various roofing projects

- b. A community discussion of how to replace Collinsville Primary and John Redd Smith Elementary with one new building, and funding options.
- 5. Transportation improvements/build Interstate 73
  - a. Review report on alignment alternatives
  - b. Keep the issue in front of the Commonwealth Transportation Board, the legislature, and the federal government.
  - c. Ask the Virginia Department of Transportation to mow each median in the County at least once a year.
- 6. Sustainability of the EMS system
  - a. Address the local match for a new ambulance that may be funded at 80% by a grant.
  - b. Provide additional maintenance for the facility on Hooker Street.
  - c. Address future staffing needs.

After some additional discussion about the various items, Ms. Buchanan thanked Ms. Akers for her help with this year's session.

On a motion by Mr. Kendall and a second by Mr. Bryant, the meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

**HENRY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
MINUTES**

**March 22, 2011 – 3:00 pm**

The Henry County Board of Supervisors held its regular meeting on March 22, 2011, at 3:00 pm in the Board Meeting Room of the County Administration Building, King's Mountain Road, Collinsville, Virginia. The following Board members were present: Chairman Debra Buchanan, Vice-Chairman H.G. Vaughn, Jim Adams, Milton Kendall, Tommy Slaughter, and Joe Bryant.

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

Sheriff Lane Perry, Sgt. Ronnie Minter, and Deputy Mike Hooper from the Sheriff's Office were present. Debbie Hall and Paul Collins of the Martinsville Bulletin and Ron Morris of B-99 were also present.

**INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

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

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Chairman Buchanan called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone present. She stated that anyone who wishes to be on the Agenda for the Board's regular business meeting held at 3:00 pm 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 pm 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).

- February 22, 2011

**Approval of Accounts Payable**

(Copy included in Board's File).

Mr. Adams moved that the Items of Consent be adopted as presented, seconded by Mr. Vaughn. The motion carried 6 to 0.

### **CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING APRIL 2011 AS CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH IN HENRY COUNTY**

At the request of the Martinsville-Henry County Exchange Club, staff prepared a resolution establishing April 2011 as Child Abuse Prevention Month in Henry County. Mr. Kendall read the resolution aloud.

Mr. Slaughter moved to adopt the resolution as presented, seconded by Mr. Bryant and unanimously carried. Mr. Ralph Lawson, along with a member of the Board of Directors of the Exchange Club was present to accept the resolution.

### **CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING APRIL 2011 AS FAIR HOUSING MONTH IN HENRY COUNTY**

The County's grant contracts with the Virginia Department of Housing & Community Development (VDHCD) require that for each grant year that a CDBG project is active, the County must conduct one activity that promotes fair housing. Staff recommends adopting a resolution declaring April as "Fair Housing Month."

Mr. Adams made a motion to adopt the resolution as presented, seconded by Mr. Slaughter and carried 6 to 0.

### **MATTERS PRESENTED BY THE PUBLIC – PHIL SPARKS**

Mr. Phil Sparks of Martinsville was present to ask the Board to consider renaming Greensboro Road to Speedway Blvd. in Henry County. Mr. Sparks distributed a handout (Copy included in Board's File) outlining his remarks. Mr. Sparks said he began to explore the feasibility of renaming the road after he received numerous positive responses to a letter he wrote to the Martinsville Bulletin. Mr. Sparks said he checked with the Virginia Department of Transportation and the postal service to ensure the road name could be changed without creating a hardship on affected residents and businesses. Also, Mr. Sparks spoke with the director of the Darden School of Business at UVA who concurred that Speedway Blvd. would promote the community. Mr. Sparks said the Chamber of Commerce fully endorsed the idea and there were no objections in a random sampling of affected businesses. Mr. Sparks stated that a study released in 2009 put the local economic impact of the Martinsville Speedway at \$170 million a year and the change would help promote Henry County, Martinsville and the Martinsville Speedway.

Mr. Lee Clark, Director of Planning and Zoning, said that he does not disagree with Mr. Sparks in theory, but logistically, the change would be a challenge. Mr. Clark said he knew from experience that when a road is renamed, you have affected a lot more than a handful of people living or working in the immediate area. Although the change could be implemented locally within the 911 Center, GIS, and other areas, Mr. Clark said the renamed road likely would not appear on Google Maps, MapQuest and other online sources until those companies update their information. Mr. Clark said

reprinting business materials such as letterhead and envelopes is an added expense for affected businesses as well.

Mr. Clark stated that the Board adopted a moratorium and set criteria on road name changes in 2009 including that only a County resident can initiate a change. In addition, that person is required to contact County staff to ensure the name is unique and is not being used in another area of the county or the city, and the person initiating the change also is required to collect 100 percent of the signatures of residents and property owners along the affected road.

Mr. Vaughn asked if a road name could be changed for a specific span of road. Mr. Clark said it can be done but is discouraged for public safety reasons. Mr. Summerlin said Speedway Road already exists. Mr. Clark said there is also a Speedway Blvd. that was named privately by the Martinsville Speedway on its property at the new entrance.

Mr. Adams said Knauss Drive in the Patriot Centre has been an established road for seven years and still does not show on any major search sites. Ms. Buchanan asked how many businesses and residents would be affected. Mr. Clark said he does not readily have that information.

Mr. Vaughn said Mr. Sparks contacted him several weeks ago to discuss the idea. Mr. Vaughn said he also agrees with the concept and asked Mr. Sparks to present it to the Board. Mr. Vaughn said he has not really had an opportunity to poll residents and businesses other than the Martinsville Speedway. Mr. Vaughn said Clay Campbell was receptive to the idea and stated that many of the other tracks' thoroughfares are named Speedway Blvd. Mr. Vaughn commended Mr. Sparks on his creative thinking and said he did not want to shelve this idea permanently. Mr. Vaughn said his initial thoughts were that the ideal time to consider renaming the road would be when I73 is built, but we do not know when that may be. Mr. Vaughn said he would like to talk to citizens and businesses along Greensboro Road in the coming months to get their input.

### **CONSIDERATION OF DESIGN PLAN REVISIONS FOR THE SOUTH STREET AND RIVERSIDE DRIVE NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS**

Mr. Summerlin said the Program designs for the South Street and Riverside Drive improvement projects are the administrative guidelines to be utilized by the Housing Rehab Boards and the Management Teams. Recently both plans were revised to convert our programs from a loan/grant program to a grant program. In order to encourage more program participation and to simplify the housing rehab program, projects will no longer implement a loan/grant program based on the client's ability to pay and to now operate the program(s) as a grant only and recapture the rehab investment if the property is occupied by a non-low-to-moderate income household within ten years of the completion of construction. The boards for these projects have approved these changes.

Mr. Adams moved that the Board approve the new Program designs for the South Street and Riverside Drive improvement projects, seconded by Mr. Slaughter and unanimously carried.

## **REPORT ON DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTION EFFORTS**

Mr. Scott Grindstaff reviewed the monthly reports on delinquent tax collection efforts. Mr. Grindstaff noted a significant spike in TACS February collections due to 650 DMV stops placed. Mr. Grindstaff said his office is now processing decal sales. Mr. Grindstaff said in the next few months, he would like to meet with the Board to discuss some different billing methods for decals used by other localities.

## **MONTHLY UPDATE FROM THE MARTINSVILLE-HENRY COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION**

Ms. Leigh Cockram, Vice President of the Martinsville-Henry County Economic Development Corporation, was present to make the monthly update to the Board. Ms. Cockram reviewed a summary of activities by division (Copy included in Board's File) and reported that the Tourism Division has launched a new film office website featuring areas to shoot movies and films. Ms. Cockram said the EDC is working with a total of 17 projects, including 12 active projects.

## **AWARD OF CONTRACT – HOUSING REHABILITATION FOR RIVERSIDE DRIVE PROJECT**

Mr. Summerlin said this item was not complete prior to the Board's packet being sent out. County staff has received bids for housing rehabilitation work at 3171 Riverside Drive in Bassett and the low bid was Rodney Wood Construction in the amount of \$21,120.00. Contingent upon approval by the Riverside Drive Housing Rehabilitation Board, staff recommends the award of contract to Rodney Wood Construction. Mr. Summerlin said the project would be paid for with grant funds.

Mr. Bryant moved to award the contract to Rodney Wood Construction in the amount of \$21,120.00, seconded by Mr. Kendall and approved 6 to 0.

## **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

### **Comments from the Board**

Ms. Buchanan announced she will be having a Horsepasture District Community Meeting on Tuesday, April 19 beginning at 7:00 p.m. at the Fieldale Community Center.

Mr. Summerlin reminded the Board of several upcoming events: the employee awards dinner on Thursday, March 24 at Chatmoss Country Club; the public hearing on Interstate 73 is March 29 at 7:00 p.m. at Laurel Park Middle School; the Sprint Cup race will be at Martinsville Speedway April 3; and the Total County Budget presentation is April 5 at 5:00.

Mr. Summerlin said the County was recently contacted by the State Rescue Squad Association. Mr. Summerlin said the association hosts an annual training program in Blacksburg and is looking for surplus school buses to be used in training. Mr. Summerlin said the school division has an old bus without a motor or transmission that they can donate to the County which can then donate it to the rescue association.

Mr. Summerlin said the association will be responsible for disposal of the bus once their training is complete.

Mr. Summerlin stated that the Sheriff's Office and Martinsville-Henry County SPCA partnered last May in an effort to adopt out more animals. The SPCA provides for an employee to work at the animal shelter for adoption, entering data, cleaning and other duties. Mr. Summerlin said the arrangement also helps the animal control officers. Mr. Summerlin said the position was initially funded by donations and if the Board has no objections, he would like to partially subsidize it beginning now through the next fiscal year. Mr. Summerlin said it would cost approximately \$10,000 annually, about one-third of the total salary.

### **CLOSED MEETING**

Mr. Adams moved that the Board go into a closed meeting at 3:45 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 Henry-Martinsville Social Services Board, Patrick Henry Community College Board, and Southern Area Agency on Aging Board.
- 2) §2.2-3711(A)7 for Consultation with the County Attorney re: Pending Legal Matters.
- 3) §2.2-3711(A)3 for Consultation with the County Attorney re: Acquisition/Disposal of Real Estate.
- 4) §2.2-3711(A)5 for Consultation with the County Attorney re: Discussion of As-Yet Unannounced Industries.
- 5) §2.2-3711(A)1 for Discussion of Personnel Matters.

### **OPEN MEETING:**

The Board returned to an open meeting at 5:27 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Slaughter, seconded by Mr. Bryant and unanimously carried.

### **CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED MEETING:**

Mr. Summerlin read the Certification of the Closed Meeting and took a roll call vote. Those voting in the affirmative were Mr. Slaughter, Mr. Bryant, Mr. Kendall, Mr. Vaughn, Mr. Adams, and Ms. Buchanan.

The Board recessed its meeting at 5:27 p.m. until the 6:00 evening session.

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

Ms. Buchanan recognized several scouts from Troop 167 of Bassett who are working on their citizenship in the community badge.

### **MATTERS PRESENTED BY THE PUBLIC**

Ms. Dorothy Carter of the Reed Creek District, and President of the Henry County Education Association, was present to address the Board concerning the upcoming budget and urged the Board to consider what is best for the children. Ms. Carter stated that the education of our children plays a vital role in bringing Henry County out of its economic recession. Ms. Carter said today's children are concerned about their education unlike 13 years ago when she first came to the area. Ms. Carter thanked the Board for their past and future support.

### **PUBLIC HEARING – SCHOOL BOARD REQUEST TO RETAIN FY 2010 CARRY-OVER FUNDS**

Mr. Summerlin said at the Board's February meeting, School Superintendent Dr. Anthony Jackson asked the Board for permission for the School Board to retain \$1,518,992 carry-over funds from the FY 2010 budget. Dr. Jackson indicated that the School Board would use the funds for multiple items, including operations and maintenance issues and to expand the I-Pad initiative to third grade students. This budget amendment would be greater than 1% of the Total County Budget of just over \$109 million, so a public hearing is required.

Ms. Buchanan opened the public hearing at 6:04 p.m. There being no one present who wished to speak, Ms. Buchanan closed the public hearing at 6:05. Mr. Bryant made a motion to approve \$1,528,992 in school carry-over funds, seconded by Mr. Adams and carried 6 to 0.

### **PUBLIC HEARING – DISPOSITION OF FORMER IRISBURG ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND FORMER SOUTH MARTINSVILLE COMPLEX**

Mr. Summerlin said the Henry County School Board recently declared the former Irisburg Elementary School and the former South Martinsville Annex to be surplus property and returned the facilities to the County. In order to dispose of the properties, the Board must hold a public hearing to receive community input on the process. Ms. Buchanan opened the public hearing at 6:06 p.m.

Mr. Carl Keith, Pastor of CrossPoint Church, was present to express his organization's interest in the former South Martinsville facility and said they have already submitted a written proposal. Mr. Keith stated the church has been established three years and currently rents Bassett High School. Mr. Keith said plans for the facility include providing office space, outreach, and leadership training.

There being no one else present who wished to speak, Ms. Buchanan closed the public hearing at 6:07.

Mr. Adams asked Mr. Summerlin to explain the Board's procedure for the disposition of property in the past. Mr. Summerlin said the Board has disposed of a number of buildings, most recently Ridgeway Elementary School. Mr. Summerlin said the Board accepts proposals and takes into consideration the future use of the facility and how that use will fit in with the community, as well as the proposed purchase price, and makes a decision based on those factors.

Mr. Vaughn moved that the Board direct the County Administrator to accept proposals on the disposition of both school facilities through Monday, May 2, 5:00 p.m. Mr. Vaughn said the proposal should include the name of the person or group proposing to buy the property; the proposed use of the facility; how the proposed use will fit in with the surrounding community; and the best purchase price the applicant can offer based on a starting minimum bid of \$100,000 for Irisburg Elementary School, and South Martinsville Annex, \$75,000. Mr. Vaughn said the Board reserves the right to reject any and all proposals. Mr. Bryant seconded the motion which carried unanimously. Copies of the motion were available upon request from Mr. Hall.

### **PUBLIC HEARING – REZONING APPLICATION R-11-01 – HENRY COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**

Mr. Clark said the property is located in the northeast corner of the intersection of Beaver Creek Drive and Nautica Way in the Collinsville District and shown as part of Tax Map 30.4/41X. The applicant is requesting the rezoning of approximately 24.6 acres from Industrial District I-1 to Limited Industrial District I-2. The property is identified as Lot 6 of the Industrial Park Expansion Master Plan of the Patriot Centre at Beaver Creek, prepared by Wiley and Wilson, dated January 8, 1999. The applicant wishes to make certain additional uses available at this site that are not currently available in order to approve the marketability of the site. Mr. Clark said following a public hearing, both the Planning Commission and staff recommended approval of this request.

Ms. Buchanan opened the public hearing at 6:12 p.m. There being no one present who wished to speak, the public hearing was closed at 6:12. Mr. Adams moved that the Board follow the recommendation of the Planning Commission and approve the rezoning request, seconded by Mr. Kendall and carried 6 to 0.

### **PRESENTATION ON PROPOSED HENRY COUNTY MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT REALIGNMENT**

Mr. Clark said with the release of updated Census information every 10 years, localities are required to revisit their magisterial district borders to ensure they still meet all requirements based on population. At its planning session, the Board appointed a Redistricting Committee, one representative from each district and an at-large representative. The committee met and suggested changes based on general guidelines provided to all localities. Mr. Clark said you basically take the new 2010 Census figure for the County, 54,151, and divide it by six, which is the number of magisterial districts, to get the ideal population for each district.

Mr. Clark said the committee tried to follow existing block lines so as to remain relevant to the Census data gathered. The recommended changes are to move 322 voters from the Hillcrest precinct in the Ridgeway District to the Horsepasture Ruritan precinct in the Horsepasture District. Also, 134 voters would be moved from the Mountain Valley precinct in the Iriswood District to Dyers Store precinct in the Reed Creek District. Mr. Clark said the next step is for the Board to schedule a public hearing for the April meeting. Mr. Clark said he has already prepared the proposed ordinance changes and public hearing notice.

Mr. Vaughn questioned the variance between districts. Mr. Clark explained that the acceptable range must be no more than 5 percent deviation from the median in order to be in compliance with state guidelines.

Mr. Adams moved that the Board follow the recommendation of the Redistricting Committee as presented and set a public hearing for the April meeting, seconded by Mr. Vaughn and unanimously carried.

### **GENERAL HIGHWAY MATTERS**

Ms. Lisa Hughes, Residency Administrator for the Virginia Department of Transportation, was present to update the Board on General Highway Matters.

Ms. Hughes reminded the Board of three upcoming hearings: the I-73 public hearing on the environmental assessment on March 29 at 4:00 p.m. at Laurel Park Middle School; the Secondary Six-Year Plan hearing will be held at the April 26 Board meeting; and the Interstate and Primary Six-Year Plan hearing will be May 12 in Salem. Mr. Summerlin asked Ms. Hughes if the Board needs to take action on its primary list. Ms. Hughes said yes, that should be done next month.

Mr. Summerlin invited the Board to a ribbon-cutting ceremony at Martinsville Speedway on March 31 at 11:00 a.m. to unveil the new renovation improvements.

There being no further business to discuss, Mr. Slaughter moved at 6:28 p.m. to continue the meeting to April 5 at 5:00 p.m. for the presentation of the FY 2012 Budget, seconded by Mr. Kendall and carried 6 to 0.

**HENRY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
MINUTES**

**April 5, 2011 – 5:00 pm**

The Henry County Board of Supervisors met on April 5, 2011, at 5:00 pm in the Fourth Floor Conference Room of the County Administration Building, King's Mountain Road, Collinsville, Virginia. The purpose of the meeting was to present the FY 2011-'12 County Budget. The following Board members were present: Chairman Debra Buchanan, Vice Chairman H. G. Vaughn; Jim Adams, Milton Kendall, Joe Bryant and Tommy Slaughter.

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

Debbie Hall of the Martinsville Bulletin was present. Also present were Sheriff Lane Perry and Dr. Anthony Jackson and Dawn Lawson of the Henry County School Board.

Chairman Buchanan called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone present. She stated this is a continuation of the Board's March 22, 2011 meeting. Ms. Buchanan recognized Alex Stone who is working on his Eagle Scout requirements.

**AWARD OF CONTRACT – SOUTH STREET HOUSING REHABILITATION PROJECT**

Mr. Summerlin stated that the South Street Housing Rehab Board reviewed and approved an award of contract to Lawson Brothers Contractors in the amount of \$79,500 for the substantial reconstruction of a property located at 82 South Street in Bassett. Mr. Summerlin said the project would be paid for with grant funds.

Mr. Slaughter made a motion to award the contract to Lawson Brothers Contractors in the amount of \$79,500, seconded by Mr. Bryant and unanimously carried.

**PRESENTATION OF COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S PROPOSED 2011-2012 BUDGET**

Mr. Summerlin gave an overview of the Discussion and Analysis for Fiscal Year 2011-2012 Proposed Operating Budget for the County of Henry and Capital Improvements Plan as outlined below:

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**“If you close your eyes, I can see a college town in 10 years.”**

*Dr. Shirley Travis  
Dean of College of Health and Human Services  
George Mason University*

If we could actually see 10 years into the future, the process of putting together a budget would be greatly enhanced. Obviously we can't do that; all we can do is plan, estimate, extrapolate, and rely on trends to make projections.

But sometimes it really comes down to faith – is this community ready to take the next big step? When Dr. Travis made the comment above to the *Martinsville Bulletin* earlier this year, she obviously felt the answer was yes. Your administrative staff votes “yes” too.

The Martinsville-Henry County community is starting to peek out of the bunker. The local economy still lags the national trends, but some progress is being made. New jobs have been landed through both new and existing companies. We are optimistic that more good news is on its way.

Foremost in that category is the transformation of New College Institute that Dr. Travis references in her remark above. The development of NCI 2.0, and whatever form it takes, is the most important item we will track over the next 12 months.

As reflected in the cover of this year's budget presentation, we think the sky is the limit for NCI, regardless of its dance partner. The process is filled with quality candidates. George Mason? Radford? Virginia Commonwealth? Virginia State? That decision is still to come. But the fact that there will be a decision, and this dream of a four-year university becomes closer to reality, the more excited we are. From where we stand, we see the same thing Dr. Travis sees – a community ready for its close-up.

Before we get into what's to come, let us take a look at what FY 2010-2011 handed us. It was not an easy year, but we were able to maneuver through a difficult time thanks in part to our outstanding staff. We are blessed to have high quality employees who truly care about this community and its future. As this ship begins to turn, we are comfortable in the knowledge that we do so with the best crew possible.

### ***FY 2010-11 Highlights***

- Employment opportunities always drive the bus. We were fortunate to have four announcements of new or expanding businesses in Henry County. They were:
  - Monogram Foods - 150 new jobs and a \$4 million capital investment
  - Kimball Hospitality – 67 new jobs, \$1 million capital investment
  - SleepSafe Beds – 13 new jobs, \$1 million capital investment
  - The Tile Shop – 25 jobs, \$1.3 million capital investment

According to the Virginia Economic Development Partnership, Martinsville-Henry County ranked second in the number of new jobs announced (538) and capital investment (\$12.4 million) from January 2010 through September 2010.

- We continued to work on our next big economic development project, the Commonwealth Crossing Business Centre. The Virginia Economic Development Partnership provided a Major Employment and Investment Grant of \$1.5 million to be used on site preparation for CCBC. We also worked to cobble together money to extend utilities to the site, and even though the Economic Development

Administration refused to consider our request for funding, other partners stepped up. Contributions for the water and sewer extensions included:

- The Tobacco Commission, \$1.7 million
- The Harvest Foundation, \$860,000
- City of Martinsville, \$292,400
- Small Business Administration, \$800,000

Coupled with Henry County's cash commitment of \$567,600 and our staff's incredible hard work, we were able to open bids for the water line extension February 16. The low bidder was the E.C. Pace Construction Co. of Roanoke in the amount of \$1,079,990, which was considerably under the estimate of roughly \$1.6 million.

- Martinsville Speedway and parent company International Speedway Corporation announced that the Speedway would continue to play host to two NASCAR Sprint Cup races per year for at least the next five years. The Tobacco Commission awarded Martinsville Speedway a grant of \$1.5 million, which was matched by Martinsville Speedway for a \$3 million project to upgrade facility infrastructure. VDOT constructed a new on/off ramp on US 58 adjacent to the Speedway, which helps traffic flow on race weekends. All of the improvements were on display this past weekend for the first Sprint Cup race of the season, and the fan reaction was overwhelmingly positive.
- The Virginia Tourism Corporation has also committed to help promote Martinsville Speedway's Sprint Cup events in its nationwide marketing campaigns. The VTC also is the sponsor for the Speedway's annual Late Model Stock Car event, which is now The Virginia is for Racing Lovers 300.
- The Dick and Willie Trail was unveiled and has been a tremendous drawing card for the area. Our partners on this project included the City, Congressman Rick Boucher, Congressman Tom Perriello, DRBA, Martinsville-Henry County Rivers and Trails, the Virginia Department of Transportation, Norfolk Southern Railroad, and the Commonwealth Transportation Board. A good indication of the trail's popularity? Try finding a parking spot at any of the trailheads on a nice weekend day. The \$1.3 million project was entirely funded by grants.
- We are in the process of having the Philpott Lake marina study updated. The Board authorized \$5,200 towards the cost of the update, which will be done by the Lane Group. The Corps of Engineers has asked the County to consider operating a small marina at Philpott Lake.
- Our recreational opportunities continued to grow. In addition to the Dick and Willie Trail's debut, we added a new river access point on the Great Road in Fieldale. Solutia was a tremendous partner in this venture. Our Parks and Recreation Department again co-sponsored the Smith River Festival with Franklin County, the Dan River Basin Association, and the EDC. The Smith River Sports Complex showed considerable improvement in all aspects, including operations and scheduling. The facility is becoming a destination for college, high school and community events. In addition, the County contributed \$10,000 toward the construction of the skateboard park at Frank Wilson Park in the City.
- Staff feels it is important to continue pushing the Commonwealth of Virginia toward development of the Mayo River State Park. This park would mirror one in

North Carolina and could add significantly to our tourism efforts. The Commonwealth is scheduled to start work soon on a master plan for the park. Currently the state owns approximately 350 acres for the park.

- The Piedmont Area Regional Transit system, or PART, continues to grow. Ridership was up more than 30% year-to-date from March 2010 (1,020 riders) to March 2011 (1,325 riders). Henry County's share of the funding was \$10,556 in 2010, as part of an overall budget of about \$240,000; however, funding from the Commonwealth's Department of Rail and Public Transportation for FY 2012 is likely to be cut by \$27,500. If Henry County and Martinsville make up that difference on an even split, Henry County's cost for FY 2012 would be \$22,146. Staff will bring this item to the Board, along with the updated passenger numbers, at the April 26 Board meeting. A decision on whether to continue the program would be needed at that time.
- The Board of Supervisors presented its two community awards to very deserving recipients. The "Jack Dalton Award" went to Pat Ross of the Bassett Historical Center, and the "Outstanding Military Veteran" was presented to Olaf Hurd, Jr. In the past these two awards have been given out in consecutive months – one in November and one in December. Staff recommends that these be separated a bit by giving out the "Jack Dalton Award" in January for service to the community in the previous year.
- We worked with the Martinsville-Henry County Historical Society to transition ownership of the old Henry County Courthouse in uptown Martinsville. The facility officially became the property of the Historical Society on June 30, and the grand re-opening of the facility in March was spectacular.
- Thanks to the incredible hard work by Public Safety Director Dale Wagoner and his staff, the County was able to kick off our new Emergency Medical Services plan in November. As you recall, that plan blended paid personnel on the County's side with our hardworking volunteers, with revenue recovery as a vital component. As part of this new initiative, the County acquired the former Martinsville-Henry County Rescue Squad building for use as a base for our paid personnel. In the program's first four months, our supplemental staff assisted volunteer rescue squad on 999 calls, or 249.75 calls per month. Of those calls, 61.8% were the County assisting one of the squads and 38.2% were the County crew on the County ambulance. Prior to implementation, these calls would have been turned over to a private contractor and resulted in lost revenue for the volunteer rescue squad. Even with the new approach, we still average 36.75 calls per month that are turned over to an outside agency. Details on how to enhance the program in FY 2012 are included below.
- The energy efficiency project, under the leadership of Tim Byrd, is nearing completion. The project cost \$884,998 and was funded through block grants (\$779,998) and matching funds (\$105,000). Through this project we were able to make many improvements to the administrative complex, including energy education (\$49,000), lighting retrofit (\$325,998) and supplemental solar hot water heat for the jail (\$510,000). Staff is beginning to track electricity usage and cost reductions and the initial trend shows some savings in both categories.

- The decision to use an inmate workforce for trash pickup has been a good one. The program has picked up 4,646 bags of trash from its inception in May 2010 through February 2011. That's a per-month average of 464 bags, which far exceeds our monthly pickups under the former Assign-A-Highway program.
- The Martinsville-Henry County 9-1-1 Communications Center installed next-generation call processing equipment using \$502,000 in grant funds.
- The Sheriff's Office received a \$422,919 grant from the Justice Department to three years to hire a Community Oriented Policing (COPS) officer, a crime analyst, and a gang/drug intelligence officer. The grant was the largest in Virginia and one of just six received state-wide.
- Our school system had an exceptional year. It received a grant to participate in a Beyond Books pilot program using I-Pads for all fourth- and fifth-grade students, and now is playing host to teachers from all over the country to show them how to upgrade to the digital age. The partnership included international companies such as Apple and Adobe. One extra benefit of this initiative was the opportunity for County employees to purchase I-Pads through the school system's contract. The school system was one of eight systems in the entire Commonwealth to earn the 2011 Board of Education Excellence Award, and each school in the system is fully accredited. Carver Elementary, Fieldale-Collinsville Middle, and Sanville Elementary received the Virginia Board of Education's VIP Excellence Award, and FCMS was one of only five middle schools in the country to receive the National Breakthrough School of the Year Award from the National Association of Secondary School Principals.
- The Bassett High School Marching Band won its fourth straight state championship and finished third in its division at the United States Scholastic Band Association national championships.
- Finally, the school system received \$3.4 million in qualified school construction bonds from the Commonwealth of Virginia for the replacement of the HVAC system at Magna Vista High School.
- The school system returned the former Irisburg Elementary and South Martinsville facilities to Henry County. The Board held a public input session on these buildings March 22 and will receive proposals by May 2.
- The school system placed its maintenance offices at the Henry County Service Center, making this site a one-stop-shop for County, PSA and school system maintenance needs.
- The school systems of Henry County and the City of Martinsville agreed to investigate merger options. The Board of Supervisors and City Council passed resolutions endorsing the merger studies, and discussions are ongoing.
- Our office of Planning, Zoning and Inspections was busy this year. The department continues to manage the Riverside Drive and South Street rehabilitation projects in Bassett, as well as the Virginia Avenue Transportation Enhancement Project. That project, funded by \$371,000 in grants, will be phased in and will result in improvements to the Virginia Avenue corridor from Bassett Forks to Commonwealth Boulevard. We should know by June if our current application will be funded so Phase I may begin.

- Our Sheriff's Office continues to work the accreditation process. A site visit, a major part of the process, will be held in April.
- Our Human Resources office worked hard this year on two major projects – updating our personnel manual and implementing flexible spending accounts for employees. The personnel manual update was the first comprehensive update since 2002.
- We continue to receive money from the 5B's case. In the current fiscal year we've received \$171,549 in principal and interest payments from the company.
- We are partnering with the Phoenix Community Development Corporation to analyze the former Social Services building in uptown Martinsville. Phoenix will study future options for the building.
- There was some movement on the Interstate 73 front. The Commonwealth Transportation Board released an environmental assessment of the alternate route endorsed by the Board of Supervisors and found no significant environmental issues with it. A public hearing on the alternative route was held March 29. The Board will need to decide if it wants the CTB to change the route from the approved alignment to the Henry County alternative.
- The 2010 Census showed a declining population for Martinsville-Henry County. Staff is confident that with more job opportunities will come more residents, which only underscores how important economic development is to our community. The updated Census will result in redistricting for magisterial districts, as well as the re-drawing of state and federal lines too.
- According to our FY 2010 audit, our Fund Balance increased \$1,288,048 during the year. That is a reflection of our conservative budgeting approach and our conservative spending approach. We have included separate pages showing our reserve accounts later in this document. We collected \$937,740 in back taxes for FY 2011 through February 28, and the effort put forth is proving to be fruitful. Staff believes it is important to continue this effort with TACS and through our County Treasurer's Office.

### ***Proposed FY 2011-2012 County Budget***

The proposed FY 2011-12 Henry County budget is \$126,221,132. That amount is 15.3% more than last year's budget of \$109,444,497. However, the increase is overwhelmingly due to the grant funds and other outside funding (a total of \$15 million) for the Commonwealth Crossing Business Centre grading project.

Staff is recommending that the school system receive an allocation of \$16,577,895 from the County this year, which is \$500,000 less than the current year's allocation. Staff and the Board went to extraordinary means last year to provide level funding to the school system because of its potential overall reduction of \$8 million from state and federal sources. That outside funding has stabilized, and staff believes that a reduction of \$500,000 would not cause undue hardship on the school system and would provide some breathing room in the overall County budget.

Staff is not recommending a pay raise for County staff this year, marking the third consecutive year that our employees will go without a pay raise. Staff recommends that the County continue to pick up the cost of our employees' single-subscriber health insurance premiums, which will rise 15.6 percent in FY 2012. Our employees continue

to work harder while their buying power gets weaker. However, the same can be said for everyone drawing a check at any company, and any compensation increase for County employees that adds to ongoing costs such as retirement and fringe benefits would be difficult to swallow.

In lieu of a pay raise, we recommend that the Board approve a one-time 3% stipend to full-time employees, from funds within the current year's budget and payable in May. Part-time employees who have worked for at least six months and worked at least 60 hours a month are recommended to receive a flat \$300 stipend. Staff has worked diligently to save money over the past 12 months, and as we've outlined, is working harder without compensation increases. This approach would reward them while also eliminating any ongoing costs associated with a pay raise.

Many localities in the Commonwealth are taking this approach this year, including neighboring Franklin County. The Henry County school system is proposing a 3% pay raise for its employees this year.

Staff also is recommending a significant change in how business equipment and machinery and tools are taxed and assessed. Henry County assesses fair market value of business equipment and machinery and tools at 71% of the original purchase price regardless of the age of equipment. The tax rate is \$1.19 per \$100 of assessed value. The assessment ratio is constant and does not decline as the equipment ages. This is an antiquated method, and staff has worked with the Commissioner of the Revenue to propose a new path forward.

We are recommending that, effective for new equipment purchased in 2011, a sliding scale is implemented as follows:

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| ○ Year 1                | 97% |
| ○ Year 2                | 87% |
| ○ Year 3                | 77% |
| ○ Year 4                | 67% |
| ○ Year 5 and thereafter | 57% |

Most new equipment is purchased by companies in our Enterprise Zones and therefore subject to tax rebate for five years, with Year 1 at 100% rebate and years 2-5 at 50% rebate. For all purchases in year 2010 and prior, fair market value would be calculated at 57% of original cost.

In order to make these changes revenue-neutral (the County would not receive any additional tax revenue from companies), the tax rate will require adjustment from \$1.19 per \$100 to \$1.48 per \$100. **Since the tax rate would change, the Board would have to advertise the change as a tax increase; however, companies would pay exactly the same amount of taxes and the County would receive the same amount, which effectively means no tax increase.** Currently the County collects approximately \$4,931,823 in business equipment and machinery and tools taxes.

The entire budget is presented within this document in great detail and we encourage anyone reading it to do so in great detail. However, some highlights of the proposal are as follows:

- The Budget funds our Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) obligation of \$40,000 in the employee benefits cost center.

- A vacant position in the Clerk of Circuit Court's office that was eliminated in previous budgets has been reinstated. A portion of this position would be paid for by the Compensation Board.
- The County's hiring freeze will continue. All positions were reviewed to determine if the County could operate without them. We have eliminated a position in the Building Inspection office because the number of permits and inspections is down. We also eliminated a position in the Treasurer's Office that currently is vacant.
- A part-time paramedic position is elevated to full-time status. The EMS budget accounts for providing the service for the entire fiscal year. The program began in November 2010, so we have provided services for eight months. Because of the expected time frame needed for the paperwork, we have three months' of soft-billing data. However, if that data is projected over 12 months, the following annual amounts would be realized by each squad:
  - Axton - \$72,240
  - Bassett - \$168,912
  - Fieldale-Collinsville - \$142,236
  - Horsepasture - \$13,840
  - Ridgeway - \$78,840
- Staff recommends inclusion of \$175,000 for a fire truck for the Dyers Store Volunteer Fire Department and \$95,000 for an ambulance for the Ridgeway Rescue Squad.
- The Board's contingency fund is proposed to increase to \$150,000 and would include a \$50,000 fuel contingency for all departments. The volatility of gas prices makes it difficult to adequately budget in each cost center; therefore a contingency pool is needed.
- The Budget provides for manning another Convenience Center, this time the one on Country Road. This leaves only the Stoney Mountain site without onsite staffing.
- The Refuse Collection budget reflects continued operation of the inmate work program with the Martinsville Sheriff's Department. The program's success in its first year was outlined above.
- The Voter Registrar's budget reflects the possibility of four different elections and/or primaries this year, and the required legal notices for redistricting.
- The Commissioner of the Revenue's budget includes increased funding for the four-year reassessment, which our assessors began working on January 1. The new assessments would be effective January 18, 2013.
- The Budget reflects level funding for the Martinsville-Henry County Economic Development Corporation, with the understanding that \$100,000 of the County contribution continues for debt service obligations on industrial land purchases.
- The Commonwealth transferred to localities the obligation of funding the Line of Duty benefit for law enforcement, fire and rescue personnel. Staff is analyzing options for the best way to manage this unfunded mandate, and \$50,000 is included in the FY 2012 budget to move forward.

- The Sheriff's Office budget reflects the replacement of eight patrol cars, the same number we replaced in the current year. We also recommend the replacement of a vehicle for the animal control office.
- The budget includes a third School Resource Officer position, funded by the school system, which was added during the current fiscal year.
- The Animal Control budget reflects contracted services with the local SPCA to help operate the animal shelter. The budgeted amount of \$10,000 will pay a portion of a position at the shelter, with the SPCA picking up the rest of the cost. The office and the SPCA have worked together to operate the shelter since May 2010 and the partnership has increased the adoption rate and has provided assistance to the Animal Control officers with their shelter duties.

### ***Revenues and Expenditures Details***

Some notes on specific revenues and expenditures in the FY 2012 Budget:

- General property taxes are down \$278,191, or 1.3%
- Local sales taxes are up \$133,252, or 3.7%
- Utility taxes are up \$87,000, or 3.3%
- Transient occupancy taxes are up \$9,000, or 9.9%
- Food and beverage taxes are up \$25,000, or 1.4%
- Miscellaneous revenue is up \$20,000, or 50%, due to the increased sale of recyclables.
- Interest on deposits is down \$52,000, or 17.8%, due to lower interest rates.
- Rent of property revenue is up \$33,000 or 25%, due to new leases with wireless companies on County towers.
- Recreation fees are up \$6,000, or 14%, reflecting increased participation in Parks and Recreation programs.
- School Resource Officer revenue is up 39.9%, reflecting the third officer added in the current year and reimbursed by the school system.
- EMS fees are up 84.2% reflecting operation of the program for a full year and revenue sharing among the rescue squads.
- Reserve funds for the County's share of the CCBC project are budgeted at \$3,333,000

### ***Amendments to the FY 2011 Budget***

Thanks in part to the conservative spending habits of our staff, and thanks in part to money budgeted for economic development projects that went unspent, we have money available to address some capital improvement projects in the current budget. By spending that money in the current year, we can keep significant capital and operational expenditures out of the FY 2012 budget.

Staff recommends the following expenditures out of the current year's budget:

- \$9,000 for HVAC repairs to the Martinsville EMS Station
- \$10,000 for replacement of the Novell computer system
- \$11,200 for HVAC repairs to the Animal Control office in Jack Dalton Park
- \$20,000 toward repairs at the jail
- \$20,000 to replace the tennis court lights at Jaycee Park
- \$28,000 toward repairs at the Sheriff's Office administration building

- \$30,000 to replace the vehicle used to transport the inmate work crew
- \$47,000 to upgrade our PBX telephone system
- \$50,000 toward a video visitation system for the jail
- \$395,587 for full- and part-time employees' 1-time stipends

**The following capital improvement items are budgeted for the FY 2012 year:**

- \$243,200 to replace 8 sheriff's patrol cars
- \$175,000 for fire truck for Dyer's Store Volunteer Fire Department
- \$95,000 for ambulance for Ridgeway Rescue Squad
- \$32,000 to provide match for ambulance grant for Public Safety
- \$30,400 to replace a truck for Animal Control
- \$18,000 for computer upgrades

### ***Outside Agencies***

Outside agencies are being recommended for level funding in FY 2012. The only exception involves the Fieldale Sanitary Board and the extra sheriff's office patrols in Fieldale. The Sanitary District Board indicated that it would no longer request the money for extra patrols, which was \$4,691 in FY 2011.

Four new outside agencies requested funding. The four were STEP, the Roanoke River Basin Association, the Southwest Virginia Cultural Heritage Commission, and the Martinsville-Henry County Historical Society. Staff does not recommend funding any new outside agencies at this time.

### ***Goals and Objectives***

The Board held its annual Planning Session in February and produced a list of items that the Board deemed most important to the County's sustainability. Those items were:

- Expansion of New College Institute into a four-year university or a branch campus of an existing four-year university.
- Continued support of the Martinsville-Henry County Economic Development Corporation's efforts including tourism and retail development.
- Continued development of the County's industrial sites.
- Addressing school facilities and infrastructure needs.
- Addressing transportation needs and improvements.
- Endorsing regional cooperation.
- Addressing Community pride/appearance
- Improving the viability of the EMS system
- Addressing needs for jail space
- Continuing to address collection of delinquent taxes.

The Board then came up with several action points for the most pressing items and discussed the best way to move these projects forward. That list was as follows:

- NCI
  - Lobby legislators for support

- Appoint a small support team of County and City staff to assist with any issues
- Encourage local students to enroll at NCI
- EDC
  - Provide products for sale – sites, buildings, infrastructure
  - Provide a good workforce
  - Provide adequate funding
  - Create a retail emphasis
- Industrial parks
  - Get electrical substation and natural gas for Commonwealth Crossing Business Centre
  - Grading and infrastructure improvements for CCBC
  - Grade Lot 2 at Patriot Centre
  - Develop Bryant property and explore funding partners
- School facilities and infrastructure
  - Work toward approval of pending application for \$6 million in school bonds to be spent on Magna Vista HVAC and various roofing projects
  - A community discussion of how to replace Collinsville Primary and John Redd Smith Elementary with one new building, and funding options.
- Transportation improvements/build Interstate 73
  - Review report on alignment alternatives
  - Keep the issue in front of the Commonwealth Transportation Board, the legislature, and the federal government.
  - Ask the Virginia Department of Transportation to mow each median in the County at least once a year.
- Sustainability of the EMS system
  - Address the local match for a new ambulance that may be funded at 80% by a grant.
  - Provide additional maintenance for the facility on Hooker Street.
  - Address future staffing needs.

### ***Looking Ahead***

Staff is cautiously optimistic about Henry County's immediate future. As we touted above, the evolution of NCI is the key component in our transformation. The changing economic times have essentially done all the damage they can do to our community; it is time to concentrate on where we are going instead of lamenting where we used to be.

As stated the past several years in this budget message, it is the belief of the County Administrator that this community cannot continue to support at least two of everything. This applies to programs between divisions of the County, the school systems, the Public Service Authority, etc., as well as the City of Martinsville and various non-profits. There needs to be a concentrated effort to reduce redundancy and increase efficiency. The County Administrator also understands that this is easier said than done.

Our economic development efforts, through our partnership with the City of Martinsville and the EDC, bore some fruit in FY 2011. We think more good news is on the way in that area soon. Just as importantly, we have plowed the fields in anticipation of more good news. The Board's foresight in purchasing and prepping CCBC has enabled us to leap ahead of other localities in the Commonwealth. We literally are ready to go to work on grading the CCBC pads and extending utilities to the site, and staff is convinced that CCBC will be another key component in our revitalization.

Our trip back hasn't been smooth, and it isn't over. But for the first time in at least three years, staff feels like the sun is starting to shine just a little bit. Here's hoping we have to break out the sunscreen during the next 12 months.

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Mr. Summerlin said the budget is available on the County website and is also available at all four branches of the Blue Ridge Regional Library. Mr. Summerlin reminded the Board of the budget work session scheduled on April 7, 2011 at 5:00 pm in the Fourth Floor Conference Room. Mr. Summerlin requested that the Board review the budget and on Thursday, staff will go through each category and answer any questions. Mr. Summerlin stated that if the Board has any changes to the budget, the Board can discuss them following the public hearing on April 18, 2011.

### **Advertise FY '11-'12 Budget**

Following the presentation, Mr. Adams moved that the Board advertise the FY 2011-'12 Budget on Sunday, April 10, 2011, for a scheduled public hearing on April 18, 2011, seconded by Mr. Kendall and carried 6 to 0.

### **CLOSED MEETING**

Mr. Slaughter moved that the Board go into a closed meeting at 5:45 pm, seconded by Mr. Bryant and unanimously carried to discuss the following:

§2.2-3711(A)5 for Consultation with the County Attorney re: Discussion of As-Yet Unannounced Industries

### **OPEN MEETING**

The Board returned to an open meeting at 5:52 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Slaughter, seconded by Mr. Adams and unanimously carried.

### **CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED MEETING:**

Mr. Hall read the Certification of the Closed Meeting and took a roll call vote. Those voting in the affirmative were Mr. Slaughter, Mr. Bryant, Mr. Kendall, Mr. Vaughn, Mr. Adams, and Ms. Buchanan.

No action was taken. There being no further business to discuss Mr. Bryant moved at 5:54 pm that the Board continue the meeting to April 7, 2011 at 5:00 pm, second by Mr. Kendall and unanimously carried.

# **HENRY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MINUTES**

**April 7, 2011 – 5:00 pm**

The Henry County Board of Supervisors met on April 7, 2011, at 5:00 pm in the Fourth Floor Conference Room of the County Administration Building, King's Mountain Road, Collinsville, Virginia. The purpose of the meeting was to hold a work session on the FY '11-'12 Total County Budget. The following Board members were present: Chairman Debra Buchanan, Vice Chairman H. G. Vaughn, Jim Adams, Tommy Slaughter, and Joe Bryant; Milton Kendall was absent.

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

Paul Collins of the Martinsville Bulletin was present. Sheriff Lane Perry and Major Steve Eanes of the Sheriff's Office were also present.

Dr. Anthony Jackson and Ms. Dawn Lawson of the School Board were present.

Chairman Buchanan called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone present. She stated the meeting is a continuation of its April 5, 2011 meeting.

## **AWARD OF CONTRACT – SOUTH STREET NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT**

Mr. Summerlin said bids were received for the substantial reconstruction of property located at 62 South Street. The low bid was received from W.A. Stevens Construction in the amount of \$58,552. Mr. Summerlin said the South Street Housing Rehab Board has not met on this issue yet, but staff requests the Board take action contingent upon the Rehab Board also approving this item at its next meeting.

Mr. Slaughter made a motion to award the contract to W.A. Stevens Construction in the amount of \$58,552, contingent upon approval by the South Street Housing Rehab Board, seconded by Mr. Bryant and carried 5 to 0. Mr. Kendall was absent.

## **WORK SESSION ON FY 2011-2012 PROPOSED HENRY COUNTY BUDGET**

Mr. Summerlin said he will review the budget by category and if the Board has any questions, he will respond. The following categories of the FY '11-'12 Budget were reviewed and discussed:

### **REVENUES**

### **EXPENDITURES**

- General Government Administration
- Judicial Administration
- Public Safety
- Public Works
- Health and Welfare
- Education
- Recreation/Culture
- Community Development
- Non-Departmental
- Special Funds
- Capital Improvements

Mr. Slaughter said he would like to see more funds for the demolition of unsafe structures. Mr. Summerlin recommended using remaining contingency funds at the end of the current fiscal year. Mr. Summerlin said the Board took \$30,000 out of the contingency fund last year and each district received \$5,000. Mr. Summerlin said there is about \$90,000 in the contingency fund at this time.

Mr. Bryant asked if the proposed budget includes funding for the five rescue squads. Mr. Summerlin said no, that the soft-billing being done on behalf of the rescue squads should be sufficient. Mr. Summerlin said if the expected soft-billing revenues fall short, the Board could address the issue.

Mr. Adams discussed the need for a long-range assessment of what emergency vehicles are needed. Mr. Summerlin said he certainly thinks an assessment is needed but it will require the cooperation and participation of the various agencies.

Mr. Vaughn said he was expecting the budget to be much worse and he commended staff and the School Board for an excellent job. Mr. Vaughn said the community should be proud of the accomplishments achieved this past year with grant funds, particularly Commonwealth Crossing.

### **CLOSED MEETING**

Mr. Adams moved that the Board go into a closed meeting at 5:20 pm, seconded by Mr. Vaughn and carried 5 to 0 to discuss the following:

§2.2-3711(A)5 for Consultation with the County Attorney re: Discussion of As-Yet Unannounced Industries

### **OPEN MEETING**

The Board returned to an open meeting at 5:33 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Slaughter, seconded by Mr. Bryant and unanimously carried.

**CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED MEETING:**

Mr. Hall read the Certification of the Closed Meeting and took a roll call vote. Those voting in the affirmative were Mr. Slaughter, Mr. Bryant, Mr. Vaughn, Mr. Adams, and Ms. Buchanan. Mr. Kendall was absent.

No action was taken. There being no further business to discuss, Mr. Adams moved at 5:35 p.m. that the Board continue the meeting until April 18, 2011 at 7:00 pm for the budget public hearing, seconded by Mr. Slaughter and unanimously carried.

## HENRY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MINUTES

April 18, 2011 – 7:00 pm

The Henry County Board of Supervisors held a meeting on April 18, 2011, at 7:00 pm in the Board Meeting Room of the County Administration Building, King's Mountain Road, Collinsville, Virginia. The purpose of the meeting was to hold public hearings on the FY '11-'12 School Budget and Total County Budget. The following Board members were present: Chairman Debra Buchanan, Vice Chairman H. G. Vaughn, Jim Adams, Milton Kendall, Joe Bryant and Tommy Slaughter.

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

Dr. Anthony Jackson, Dawn Lawson, and numerous other School Board staff were present.

Paul Collins of the Martinsville Bulletin and Lt. Ricky Walker and Lt. Rick Vaughn of the Sheriff's Office were present.

H. G. Vaughn gave the invocation.

Chairman Buchanan called the meeting to order and stated this is a continuation from the Board's April 7 meeting. She welcomed everyone present and stated there are two public hearings scheduled as well as an award of contract not related to the public hearings. The first public hearing is on the FY '11-'12 School Budget and following is the public hearing on the FY '11-'12 Total County Budget. She stated if anyone wishes to address the Board to come to the podium, state your name and the district in which you live. She stated those who wish to speak will agree to exhibit respect to the Board and they would receive the same level of respect.

### **AWARD OF CONTRACT – SOUTH STREET NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**

Mr. Summerlin said bids were received for the rehabilitation of property at 2540 Fairystone Park Highway and the low bidder was Lawson Brothers Construction in the amount of \$40,650.00. Mr. Summerlin said the South Street Housing Rehab Board has already approved the project.

Mr. Slaughter made a motion to award a contract to Lawson Brothers Construction in the amount of \$40,650.00 for housing rehabilitation of 2540 Fairystone park Highway, seconded by Mr. Adams and unanimously carried.

## **PUBLIC HEARING - PROPOSED FY '12 SCHOOL BUDGET**

Mrs. Buchanan opened the public hearing at 7:04 pm. The following persons spoke:

- Kathy Rogers, Chairman of the School Board, expressed the School Board's appreciation for funding and continued support.

There being no one else who wished to speak the public hearing was closed at 7:04 pm.

## **PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED FY '11-'12 TOTAL COUNTY BUDGET**

The public hearing was opened at 7:05 pm.

The following persons spoke and thanked the Board for level funding in the coming fiscal year and cited examples of how the County's investments are being used:

- Truman Adkins, Chairman of the Blue Ridge Regional Library Board
- Will Gravely, past Board President of Boys & Girls Club of the Blue Ridge
- Kathy Rogers, Executive Director of Piedmont Arts Association

Stuart Bowman, President of the Martinsville-Henry County Rescue Squad Association, spoke and requested that the Board consider reinstating operating funds to the five rescue squads. Mr. Bowman said funds were cut when supplemental staffing was implemented in 2010 and asked the Board to consider a reduced amount of \$10,000 per squad. Mr. Bowman said they have not yet received confirmation of funding from United Way and since career staff was hired, there is some perception that the rescue squads no longer need financial support from the public.

There being no further comments the public hearing was closed at 7:12 pm.

## **CONSIDERATION OF ANY PROPOSED BUDGET CHANGES BEFORE EXHIBITS ARE FINALIZED FOR BUDGET ADOPTION**

Mr. Summerlin stated if there are no changes to the proposed FY '12 budget, it will be included in the Board package for adoption at the April 26 meeting and scheduled for appropriation at the May meeting. Chairman Buchanan asked the Board for any suggested changes, and no suggestions were offered.

There being no further business to discuss, Mr. Adams moved at 7:14 pm to adjourn its meeting, seconded by Mr. Slaughter and unanimously carried.

**HENRY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
MINUTES**

**May 24, 2011 – 3:00 pm**

The Henry County Board of Supervisors held its regular meeting on May 24, 2011, at 3:00 pm in the Board Meeting Room of the County Administration Building, King's Mountain Road, Collinsville, Virginia. The following Board members were present: Chairman Debra Buchanan, Vice-Chairman H.G. Vaughn, Jim Adams, Milton Kendall, Tommy Slaughter, and Joe Bryant.

Staff members present were Benny Summerlin, County Administrator; Tim Hall, Deputy County Administrator; George Lyle, County Attorney; Michelle Via, Administrative Assistant; Darrell Jones, Director of Finance; and Richard Stanfield, Deputy Director of Finance.

Major Steve Eanes, Sgt. Ronnie Minter, and Deputy Mike Hooper from the Sheriff's Office were present. Debbie Hall of the Martinsville Bulletin and Ron Morris of B-99 were also present.

**INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

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

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Chairman Buchanan called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone present. She stated that anyone who wishes to be on the Agenda for the Board's regular business meeting held at 3:00 pm 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 pm 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).

- April 21, 2011
- April 26, 2011

**Approval of Accounts Payable**

(Copy included in Board's File).

Mr. Adams moved that the Items of Consent be adopted as presented, seconded by Mr. Vaughn. The motion carried 6 to 0.

## **APPROPRIATION OF THE FY 2011-12 COUNTY BUDGET**

Mr. Summerlin stated that the Board of Supervisors, at its April 26, 2011 meeting, adopted the FY 2012 total County Budget, which included setting of tax rates and adoption of the School Budget. Mr. Summerlin said the final step in completing the budget process is appropriating the budget. No County funds can be expended or obligated until an appropriation has been made. Mr. Summerlin stated there is an Appropriations Resolution included in the Board's working papers for consideration.

Mr. Vaughn moved that the Board adopt the Appropriations Resolution and attachments as presented, seconded by Mr. Bryant. The motion carried 6 to 0.

## **PRESENTATION AND CONSIDERATION OF REGIONAL RURAL LONG-RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN**

Mr. Aaron Burdick, the new Executive Director of the West Piedmont Planning District Commission, was in attendance to present the Regional Rural Long-Range Transportation Plan and request that the Board adopt a resolution in support of the plan. Bob Dowd, retiring Executive Director of WPPDC, was out of town on business and unable to attend. A draft of the plan, including maps of the affected areas, was included in the Board packets as a separate attachment because of the size of the file. Mr. Burdick said a citizen's information meeting and public hearing was held on April 20 to receive input and those comments will be considered for future plan adoption.

Mr. Vaughn voiced a concern that the plan shows I-73 at its original proposed route and the Board has requested that the Commonwealth Transportation Board consider changing the route but it has not yet been acted on. Mr. Vaughn stated that he does not want it to be construed that if the Board approves the plan, they are also approving the original I-73 route. Mr. Burdick recommended that if the Board approves the plan, that they adopt the resolution and request an addendum to the plan that addresses any changes concerning the I-73 Henry County preferred route.

Mr. Vaughn moved to adopt the plan with the exception of the I-73 route and directed staff to draft an addendum that would endorse the I-73 Henry County Alternate Modified, seconded by Mr. Kendall and unanimously carried.

## **CONSIDERATION OF EXTENSION OF TRANSITIONAL DAY PROGRAM CONTRACT AND PROPOSED FY 2012 BUDGET**

Mr. Summerlin said Henry County, the County's Community Policy and Management Team (CPMT) and Henry County Schools are charged with providing an educational program specifically designed to address the needs of certain special education students. It is recommended that ANCHOR continue to run the program for the 2011-2012 academic year with the administrative costs being borne by CPMT and the costs of two teachers and two paraprofessionals being borne by the school system. Mr. Summerlin said the proposed budget for '11 is \$107,762, which is included in the CPMT budget for next year. Mr. Summerlin said Henry County is a party to the annual contract and must approve its extension with ANCHOR. The contract will be considered

by the CPMT and the School Board at their respective meetings in June.

Mr. Kendall made a motion to approve the contract with ANCHOR contingent upon approval by the CPMT and the School Board, seconded by Mr. Slaughter and carried 6 to 0.

### **REPORT ON DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTION EFFORTS**

Mr. Scott Grindstaff reviewed the monthly reports on delinquent tax collection efforts.

Mr. John Rife with TACS was present to update the Board on real estate and personal property collections. Mr. Rife reported that after the first year, real estate collection efforts have plateaued. While there are a number of repayment agreements, some accounts have fallen into delinquency and titles have been ordered on 60 properties with reviews almost complete. Mr. Rife said they anticipate filing suit on these accounts within two weeks and foresee a late summer or early fall sale on some of these properties. Mr. Rife said TACS has collected approximately \$1.2 million in delinquent taxes since it began collection efforts for the County. Mr. Rife said the overall percentage on real estate collections is a little lower than they prefer after the first year, but TACS is trying to work with taxpayers and be as lenient as possible yet reasonable in repayment terms if individuals have fallen on hard times. Mr. Rife also reported that the vehicle registration withholding program is progressing and TACS is working with County staff and expects to have a test file in a couple of weeks to send the overall balance of delinquent personal property to DMV.

Mr. Slaughter asked how decal sales compare to the actual vehicles registered. Mr. Grindstaff said his office has done a number of abatements this year and he should have a better idea by the end of June. Ms. Buchanan asked if reminders on delinquent accounts are sent out monthly. Mr. Grindstaff said letters are sent out each month and if payment has not been received within 90 days, the account is turned over to TACS.

### **MONTHLY UPDATE FROM THE MARTINSVILLE-HENRY COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION**

Mr. Mark Heath, President 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). Mr. Heath said the EDC is working with a total of 12 projects, including 6 active projects.

Mr. Summerlin also reported that staff has approved the ICF site plan and the land transfer should close today; hopefully work will begin on Lot 6 in the very near future. Mr. Adams said he saw heavy equipment onsite today.

### **AWARD OF CONTRACT RE: UPGRADES TO HENRY COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLEX TELEPHONE SYSTEM**

Mr. Summerlin said the centralized "PBX" phone system for the Henry County administrative complex must be upgraded in order to maintain future support. The contract price to CenturyLink is \$46,935.55. This upgrade will bring our system's

software to the latest revision while also providing new technologies which could result in savings on long distance charges. Mr. Summerlin said funding for this upgrade was previously approved by the Board from unexpended funds in the current budget.

Mr. Bryant made a motion to award the contract to CenturyLink in the amount of \$46,935.55, seconded by Mr. Kendall and unanimously carried.

### **AWARD OF CONTRACT RE: "LINE OF DUTY" INSURANCE COVERAGE**

Mr. Summerlin said the 2011 Virginia General Assembly shifted the obligation for paying "Line of Duty" benefits for sheriff's deputies, paid public safety personnel and volunteers from the Commonwealth to the locality. This change is effective July 1, 2011. The Virginia Association of Counties' Group Self-Insurance Risk Pool has prepared a proposal for Henry County that would provide coverage for these benefits for the next 12 months, at a cost of \$46,200. Mr. Summerlin said the Board would need to approve a resolution that indicates the County's preference to self-fund these liabilities. If the County does not participate in the VACoRP Pool, it will be automatically enrolled in the Virginia Retirement System Line of Duty Program which will be more expensive.

Mr. Kendall made a motion to adopt the resolution and award the contract to VACoRP in the amount of \$46,200, seconded by Mr. Bryant and carried 6 to 0.

### **AWARD OF CONTRACTS RE: RIVERSIDE DRIVE NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**

Mr. Summerlin said bids were received for properties in the Riverside Drive Neighborhood Improvement project and the following low bids were approved by the Riverside Drive Housing Rehab Board at their May 19, 2011 meeting:

- Rodney Wood Construction, \$33,800 for housing rehab of Alice Hensley's property at 4054 Fairystone Park Highway.
- Lawson Brothers Contractors, \$28,800 for housing rehab of James Witt's property at 3082 Riverside Drive.
- Lawson Brothers Contractors, \$42,800 for housing rehab of Rachel Largen's property at 4068 Fairystone Park Highway.

Mr. Adams moved to award the contracts as requested, seconded by Mr. Slaughter and unanimously carried.

### **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

#### **Comments from the Board**

Ms. Buchanan commented on the Fieldale Festival held Saturday. She said it was a great event especially for families and children and offered a lot of educational opportunities.

Mr. Summerlin said the “Teacher of the Year” recognition dinner hosted by the School Board was an outstanding event. Mr. Summerlin also congratulated Mr. Kendall on securing an ambulance for the Dyers Store Volunteer Fire Department to improve coverage in that area of the County.

### **CLOSED MEETING**

Mr. Adams moved that the Board go into a closed meeting at 3:40 p.m., seconded by Mr. Kendall and unanimously carried to discuss the following.

- 1) §2.2-3711(A)1 for Discussion of Appointees to the Park and Recreation Board, Blue Ridge Regional Library Board, Community Policy and Management Team, Henry-Martinsville Social Services Board, Ninth District Development Financing, Inc., Patrick Henry Community College Board, Piedmont Regional Community Services Board, Southern Area Agency on Aging, Southside Community Action Board, West Piedmont Business Development Center, and West Piedmont Planning District Commission Technical Advisory Committee.
- 2) §2.2-3711(A)7 for Consultation with the County Attorney re: Pending Legal Matters.
- 3) §2.2-3711(A)3 for Consultation with the County Attorney re: Acquisition/Disposal of Real Estate.
- 4) §2.2-3711(A)5 for Consultation with the County Attorney re: Discussion of As-Yet Unannounced Industries.

### **OPEN MEETING:**

The Board returned to an open meeting at 5:24 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Slaughter, seconded by Mr. Bryant and unanimously carried.

### **CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED MEETING:**

Mr. Hall read the Certification of the Closed Meeting and took a roll call vote. Those voting in the affirmative were Mr. Slaughter, Mr. Bryant, Mr. Kendall, Mr. Vaughn, Mr. Adams, and Ms. Buchanan.

**Parks and Recreation Board** – Mr. Slaughter moved to reappoint Scott Prillaman, Reed Creek District, to a three-year term beginning July 1, 2011, seconded by Mr. Adams and carried 6 to 0.

**Blue Ridge Regional Library Board** – Mr. Vaughn moved to reappoint Marshall Stowe and Bernice Scales and appoint Carol Meyer to four-year terms beginning July 1, 2011, seconded by Mr. Slaughter and unanimously carried.

**Community Policy & Management Team** – Mr. Kendall moved to reappoint Brad Kinkema, Other Providers representative, Lucy Moore, Parents representative, and Darrell Jones, Local Government representative, to two-year terms beginning July 1, 2011, seconded by Mr. Slaughter and carried 6 to 0.

**Henry-Martinsville Social Services Board** – Mr. Bryant moved to appoint Lillian Geib to a four-year term beginning June 1, 2011, seconded by Mr. Kendall and unanimously carried.

**Ninth District Development Financing, Inc.** – Mr. Bryant moved to reappoint Barry Jarrett to a two-year term, seconded by Mr. Adams and carried 6 to 0.

**Patrick Henry Community College Board** – Mr. Adams moved to appoint Dean Randall to an unexpired term ending June 30, 2014 and appoint Pamela Foley to a four-year term beginning July 1, 2011, seconded by Mr. Slaughter and unanimously carried.

**Piedmont Regional Community Services Board** – Mr. Vaughn moved to reappoint Steve Eanes to a three-year term beginning July 1, 2011, seconded by Mr. Bryant and carried 6 to 0.

**Southside Community Action Board** – Mr. Kendall moved to reappoint Thurman Echols to a two-year term beginning July 1, 2011, seconded by Mr. Slaughter and unanimously carried.

**West Piedmont Business Development Center** – Mr. Slaughter moved to appoint Richard Stanfield to a three-year term beginning July 1, 2011, seconded by Mr. Bryant and carried 6 to 0.

**West Piedmont Planning District Commission Technical Advisory Committee** – Mr. Adams moved to appoint Cecil Stone to an unexpired term ending December 31, 2011, seconded by Mr. Slaughter and unanimously carried.

Mr. Vaughn moved to direct the County Administrator to execute a contract of sale between Henry County and Betty Wright and Thomas Hensley for the Old South Martinsville School in the amount of \$100,100.99, seconded by Mr. Adams and carried 6 to 0.

**AWARD OF CONTRACT RE: RIVERSIDE DRIVE NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**

Mr. Summerlin said staff received an additional award of contract for the Riverside Drive Improvement Project and Wood Building & Remodeling was the low bid in the amount of \$28,400 for the rehabilitation of Shirley Kirk's home at 4180 Fairystone Park Highway. The project was approved by the Riverside Drive Housing Rehab Board at its May 19, 2011 meeting and will be paid for with grant funds.

Mr. Adams moved to award the contract to Wood Building & Remodeling in the amount of \$28,400, seconded by Mr. Slaughter and unanimously carried.

The Board recessed its meeting at 5:30 p.m. until the 6:00 evening session.

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

### **MATTERS PRESENTED BY THE PUBLIC**

There was no one present who wished to speak.

### **PUBLIC HEARING – CONSIDERATION OF REDISTRICTING OF HENRY COUNTY MAGISTERIAL DISTRICTS**

Mr. Lee Clark briefed the Board on the redistricting changes necessary to conform to updated 2010 Census information. At its planning session, the Board appointed a Redistricting Committee consisting of Judy Forsythe, Horsepasture District; Melody Turner, Collinsville District; Randy Dyer, Reed Creek District; Rita Shropshire, Ridgeway District; Deborah Hairston, Blackberry District; Skip Ressel, Iriswood District; and Bob Petty, At-Large Representative. Mr. Clark was staff contact for the committee. The Redistricting Plan consists of the following proposed changes as described below:

#### Ridgeway and Horsepasture Magisterial Districts

- This change would involve shifting approximately 322 people from the Ridgeway District (Hillcrest Voting Precinct 602) to the Horsepasture District (Horsepasture #2 Voting Precinct 203). The polling place for the voters affected by this change will be the Horsepasture Ruritan Building. The adjusted area is generally on the west side of Chestnut Knob Road, north of the Pinnacle of Dan Danville 69K volt transmission power line, all of Piney Forest Drive, and all of Greenbriar Park Subdivision.

#### Iriswood and Reed Creek Magisterial Districts

- This change would involve shifting approximately 134 people from the Iriswood District (Mountain Valley Voting Precinct 305) to the Reed Creek District (Dyers Store Voting Precinct 505). The polling place for the voters affected by this change will be the Dyers Store Ruritan Club. The adjusted area is generally on the east side of Blue Knob Road, between Chatham Road and its intersection with North Fork Road, and on the west side of North Fork Road between Chatham Road and its intersection with Blue Knob Road, and on the northwest side of Chatham Road between its intersections with Blue Knob Road and North Fork Road.

Mr. Clark also explained that to avoid splitting the Axton Voting Precinct (302) and the Irisburg Voting Precinct (303) by the newly approved House Redistricting Plan for the 14th House District, the County is proposing to shift 353 voters from the Axton Voting Precinct (302) to the Irisburg Voting Precinct (303). This adjusted area is bounded generally by the south side of US Route 58 A.L. Philpott Highway between

Leatherwood Creek and Old Liberty Drive, the north side of Old Liberty Drive between US Route 58 and Leatherwood Creek, and the east side of Leatherwood Creek between Old Liberty Drive and US Route 58. The polling place for these voters will be Freedom Baptist Church.

Ms. Buchanan opened the public hearing at 6:02 p.m. There being no one present who wished to speak, the public hearing was closed at 6:02 p.m. Mr. Adams moved to approve the amendments to the Henry County Code pertaining to the magisterial realignment as presented, seconded by Mr. Kendall and carried 6 to 0.

#### **PUBLIC HEARING – REZONING APPLICATION R-11-03 – BERTHA M. MERRIMAN**

Mr. Clark said the property is located at 1155 Trenthill Drive in the Blackberry District and is shown on Tax Map 14.6/249,366,367,368. The applicant is requesting the rezoning of approximately 21-acres from Suburban Residential District S-R to Agricultural District A-1. In addition to the existing residence, the applicant intends to place a double wide manufactured home on the property and to raise agricultural animals. Following a public hearing, both the Planning Commission and staff recommended that this rezoning request be approved.

Ms. Buchanan opened the public hearing at 6:05 p.m. There being no one present who wished to speak, the hearing was closed at 6:05 p.m. Mr. Adams moved that the Board follow the recommendation of the Planning Commission and approve the rezoning request, seconded by Mr. Vaughn and unanimously carried.

#### **PUBLIC HEARING – REZONING APPLICATION R-11-04 – DANNY MELVIN TOWLER**

Mr. Clark said this property is located at 3983 Daniels Creek Road in the Reed Creek District and is shown on Tax Map 29.1(1)/4,5. The applicant is requesting the rezoning of approximately 1.35-acres from Mixed Residential District M-R to Rural Residential District R-R. The property was previously rezoned in 2007 from S-R to M-R to allow for the placement of a double wide manufactured home on a permanent foundation. The home was never placed and the property and has since been sold. The new owner wishes to further downzone the property to allow for the placement of a single wide manufactured home.

Following a public hearing, the Planning Commission recommended that the rezoning request be denied. The Planning Commission cited the previous rezoning in 2007 to Mixed Residential as being the appropriate zoning for this property and for the immediate area in order to protect property values. Mr. Clark said the Commission also noted that this area of Daniels Creek Road is the transition point from Suburban Residential south of the property to Agricultural as you continue north on Daniels Creek Road. For these reasons, staff also recommends denial of the rezoning request.

Ms. Buchanan opened the public hearing at 6:07 p.m. There being no one present who wished to speak, the public hearing was closed at 6:07 p.m. Mr. Slaughter said this rezoning is in his district and he had spoken with Mr. Clark and had also been out to look at the property and surrounding area and made a motion to follow the

recommendation of the Planning Commission and staff and deny the rezoning request, seconded by Mr. Adams and carried 6 to 0.

**PUBLIC HEARING – REZONING APPLICATION R-11-05 – HENRY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS / OLD SOUTH MARTINSVILLE SCHOOL COMPLEX**

Mr. Clark said this property is located at 1425 Greensboro Road in the Ridgeway District and is shown on Tax Map 41.9/65. The applicant is requesting the rezoning of approximately 6.5-acres from Government and Special Use District G-S to Commercial District B-1. This action is being proposed to enhance the marketability of the property and to make it more appropriately zoned for future uses. Following a public hearing, both the Planning Commission and staff recommended approval of the rezoning request.

Ms. Buchanan opened the public hearing at 6:08 p.m. There being no one present who wished to speak, the hearing was closed at 6:09 p.m. Mr. Vaughn moved that the Board approve the rezoning request, seconded by Mr. Bryant and unanimously carried.

**PUBLIC HEARING – REZONING APPLICATION R-11-06 – HENRY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS / FORMER IRISBURG SCHOOL**

Mr. Clark said this property is located at 6871 Irisburg Road in the Iriswood District and is shown on Tax Map 65.2/59,60A,58A,60C. The applicant is requesting the rezoning of approximately 12-acres from Government and Special Use District G-S and Agricultural District to Suburban Residential District S-R. This action is being proposed to enhance the marketability of the property and to make it more appropriately zoned for future uses. Following a public hearing, both the Planning Commission and staff recommended approval of the rezoning request.

Ms. Buchanan opened the public hearing at 6:10 p.m. There being no one present who wished to speak, the public hearing was closed at 6:10 p.m. Mr. Kendall made a motion to follow the recommendation of the Planning Commission and approve the request, seconded by Mr. Slaughter and carried 6 to 0.

**ADOPTION OF 2011-2017 SIX-YEAR SECONDARY ROAD PLAN AND 2011-2012 CONSTRUCTION BUDGET**

Mr. Summerlin said Ms. Lisa Hughes was not able to be at tonight's meeting. Ms. Buchanan said the proposed Six-Year Secondary Road Plan for Henry County for 2011-2017 and the 2011-2012 Construction Budget was included in the Board's working papers. The Board previously held a public input session with the Virginia Department of Transportation on these items, and heard input from Ms. Hughes regarding the funding challenges VDOT is facing.

Mr. Kendall made a motion to adopt the proposed Six-Year Secondary Road Plan and 2011-'12 Construction Budget, seconded by Mr. Adams and unanimously carried.

There being no further business to discuss, Mr. Slaughter moved to adjourn at 6:12 p.m., seconded by Mr. Adams and carried 6 to 0.

**HENRY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
MINUTES**

**June 28, 2011 – 3:00 pm**

The Henry County Board of Supervisors held its regular meeting on June 28, 2011, at 3:00 pm in the Board Meeting Room of the County Administration Building, King's Mountain Road, Collinsville, Virginia. The following Board members were present: Chairman Debra Buchanan, Jim Adams, Milton Kendall, Tommy Slaughter, and Joe Bryant. Vice-Chairman H.G. Vaughn was absent.

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

Sheriff Lane Perry, Sgt. Ronnie Minter, and Deputy Jamison from the Sheriff's Office were present. Debbie Hall of the Martinsville Bulletin and Ron Morris of B-99 were also present.

**INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

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

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Chairman Buchanan called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone present. She stated that anyone who wishes to be on the Agenda for the Board's regular business meeting held at 3:00 pm 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 pm may do so under Agenda Item - Matters Presented by the Public without contacting the County Administrator's Office.

Mr. Summerlin noted a couple of additions to the agenda as well as a change in order of current agenda items. The Board was in agreement to the changes.

**RECOGNITION OF EMPLOYEES – SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

Sgt. Ronnie Minter recognized several officers who were present as part of their field training: Richard Martin, Giles Parnell, Darrell Foley, and John Cartmell. Sgt. Minter said they are part of the last basic training graduating class.

**ITEMS OF CONSENT:**

**Confirmation of Minutes of Meetings**

(Copy included in Board's File).

- May 24, 2011

### **Approval of Accounts Payable**

(Copy included in Board's File).

Mr. Adams moved that the Items of Consent be adopted as presented, seconded by Mr. Slaughter. The motion carried 5 to 0. Mr. Vaughn was absent.

### **CONSIDERATION OF REQUEST FOR VARIANCE OF EMT CERTIFICATION PERIOD – SETH HELMS**

Mr. Dale Wagoner, Director of Public Safety, asked the Board to consider a request for variance for Seth Helms' EMT certification period. Mr. Helms was present at the meeting. Mr. Wagoner stated that Mr. Helms is a long-time volunteer for the Fieldale-Collinsville Rescue Squad and has served in the US Army for the past five years, including a tour of duty in Iraq. During that time, Mr. Helms fell behind on his EMT certification. Mr. Wagoner explained that the Virginia Office of EMS allows variances for an extension of time. Mr. Helms is requesting a 30-day extension from June 30 to July 30 to complete the necessary requirements so he can continue to provide services to the squad and community once he finishes his active tour of duty July 18. Mr. Wagoner said the Virginia Office of EMS requires approval by the local governing body before it can grant the request.

Mr. Adams made a motion to approve the variance and extension request, seconded by Mr. Slaughter and unanimously carried. The Board thanked Mr. Helms for his service to our country.

### **CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION REGARDING "LINE OF DUTY" INSURANCE COVERAGE**

Mr. Summerlin stated that last month the Board discussed action by the 2011 Virginia General Assembly that shifted the obligation for paying "Line of Duty" benefits for sheriff's deputies, paid public safety personnel and volunteers from the Commonwealth to the locality. This change is effective July 1, 2011. The Board approved a resolution for Henry County to join the Virginia Association of Counties' Group Self-Insurance Risk Pool for coverage of these benefits for the next 12 months. Since that meeting staff has learned that the Board also needs to approve a resolution opting out of the Virginia Retirement System Line of Duty Program. Mr. Summerlin explained that although the County decided to opt out of the VRS LOD Program, it is still liable for any pending liability claims to VRS.

Mr. Bryant made a motion to adopt the resolution, seconded by Mr. Kendall and carried 5 to 0. Mr. Vaughn was absent.

### **REPORT ON DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTION EFFORTS**

Mr. Scott Grindstaff reviewed the monthly reports on delinquent tax collection efforts. Mr. Grindstaff said Mr. Rife reported that 20% of the 250 VRW stops placed since April 1 have been collected.

Ms. Buchanan asked about the referrals to TACS in May and June. Mr. Grindstaff said the 23 referrals on his report were as of the end of April and the number has not been updated due to decal sales. Ms. Buchanan asked if personal property and real estate tax collections were in line with last year's numbers. Mr. Grindstaff said collections are probably a little ahead on both due to TACS collection efforts but he will give an update next month.

### **MATTERS PRESENTED BY THE PUBLIC - REV. TYLER MILLNER**

Rev. Tyler Millner requested time on the Board's agenda to discuss several issues. Rev. Millner first asked the Board for an explanation of why it did not support an updated study on a consolidated school system. Also, Rev. Millner asked the Board if it feels a consolidated school system would be an economic benefit to the community. Rev. Millner suggested that the Board create a community summit group to study job creation and other ways to support economic development. Rev. Millner also asked the Board to assist in the creation of a summer jobs program for students. Lastly, Rev. Millner proposed that the Board utilize the resources of the 200 African-American churches in the Martinsville-Henry County area and explore ways the faith-based community can help address economic development.

The Board thanked Rev. Millner but did not respond to his comments.

### **MONTHLY UPDATE FROM THE MARTINSVILLE-HENRY COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION**

Mr. Mark Heath, President 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). Mr. Heath said the EDC is working with a total of 21 projects, including 7 active projects.

Mr. Heath reported that the EDC plans to submit an application to the Tobacco Commission in July for a \$700,000 grant to be used for a grading project. Mr. Heath said Lot 2, a more than 25-acre tract and the largest non-rail pad remaining in the Patriot Centre, is the next potential lot that needs to be graded. Mr. Heath said the estimated cost of grading is \$950,000. Mr. Heath said the grant requires a local match of \$250,000 and the EDC and County have agreed to split the match equally if the grant is approved. Mr. Heath said the application requires a letter of support from the local governing body. Mr. Summerlin stated if the Board approves the request, there are sufficient funds in the IDA budget to cover the County's half of the match. Ms. Buchanan asked if this was a revenue-sharing lot. Mr. Summerlin replied that it is a revenue-shared lot with the County receiving two-thirds and the City one-third, but the County would be reimbursed for its expenses before any revenue is shared. Mr. Heath said there is no guarantee the grant will be approved but he thinks the project meets all of the criteria set forth by the Tobacco Commission. Mr. Adams moved that the Board approve a letter in support of an application to the Tobacco Commission for a \$700,000 grant and authorize a \$125,000 local match with the EDC also contributing \$125,000 if the grant is approved, seconded by Mr. Slaughter and carried 5 to 0. Mr. Vaughn was absent.

### **AWARD OF CONTRACT RE: REPLACEMENT LIGHTS AT JAYCEE PARK TENNIS COURTS – PARKS AND RECREATION**

Mr. Summerlin said funding for this project was previously approved by the Board from unexpended funds in the current budget. Five bids were received for replacing the tennis court lights at Jaycee Park and the low bid was \$21,400 from Shively Electric. Mr. Summerlin said the existing budget contains \$20,000 for this project; however, there are remaining funds in the capital budget left over from a Parks and Recreation truck purchase to cover the remaining \$1,400. Mr. Summerlin said in addition to the award of contract, staff recommends a transfer of \$1,400 from the capital budget to cover the cost of the project.

Mr. Slaughter made a motion to award the contract to Shively Electric in the amount of \$21,400 and transfer \$1,400 from the capital budget as requested, seconded by Mr. Kendall and unanimously carried. Mr. Vaughn was absent.

### **TRANSFER APPROPRIATION RE: RECOVERY ZONE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOND FUNDS – SCHOOL BOARD**

Mr. Summerlin said the School Board is requesting a transfer appropriation of \$121,081 from the facility category to the debt service category. The money is what remains from the Magna Vista roof project, which was funded by Recovery Zone Economic Development Bond funds. The School Board has received permission from Steve Mulroy with VML/VACo's financial arm, which issued the bond, to use the remaining funds for the next bond payment.

Mr. Bryant made a motion approve the transfer appropriation as requested, seconded by Mr. Slaughter and carried 5 to 0. Mr. Vaughn was absent.

### **TRANSFER APPROPRIATION RE: ASSORTED PROJECTS – SCHOOL BOARD**

Mr. Summerlin said the School Board is requesting multiple transfer appropriations totaling \$1,105,000 to help finish several projects as outlined in a memo from Dr. Jackson. The transfers would come from the instruction, administrative/attendance and health, operations and maintenance, and contingency categories to the transportation and facility categories. A complete list of the affected projects is included on the Transfer Appropriation sheet.

Mr. Kendall made a motion to approve the transfer request contingent on the School Board also approving the action, seconded by Mr. Slaughter and unanimously carried. Mr. Vaughn was absent.

### **TRANSFER APPROPRIATION RE: STREET SIGN SUPPLIES – PLANNING, ZONING AND INSPECTION**

Mr. Summerlin said Mr. Lee Clark is requesting Board approval for a transfer of \$4,000 from the Building Inspection salary and wages cost center of his budget to the street signs and expenses cost center. The money would be used to purchase

additional supplies for making street signs. Mr. Summerlin said since the request crosses cost centers, Board approval is required. Also, the transfer needs to be carried over to FY '12 to allow purchase of the materials.

Mr. Slaughter made a motion to approve the transfer appropriation as requested and authorize that the transfer be carried over to FY '12, seconded by Mr. Kendall and carried 5 to 0. Mr. Vaughn was absent.

Ms. Buchanan questioned if the Sheriff's Office is notified when street signs are damaged. Mr. Summerlin said Lee Clark oversees replacement of street signs but he thinks most incidents are a matter of missing signs. Sheriff Perry said he feels scrap dealers would notify the Sheriff's Office if people brought in street signs.

#### **ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION RE: INSURANCE PAYMENT FOR VEHICLES – SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

Mr. Summerlin said Sheriff Perry is asking the Board to make an additional appropriation of \$8,000 coming from insurance payments for repair work on some of the department's patrol cars. The money would be placed in the repairs and maintenance vehicles line item.

Mr. Slaughter made a motion to approve the additional appropriation in the amount of \$8,000, seconded by Mr. Bryant and unanimously carried. Mr. Vaughn was absent.

#### **ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION RE: EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENTS – SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

Mr. Summerlin said Sheriff Perry is requesting the Board to make an additional appropriation of \$650 into the police supplies line item. The money is coming from reimbursements of towing expenses incurred by the Sheriff's Office during the processing of evidence.

Mr. Kendall made a motion to approve the additional appropriation as outlined, seconded by Mr. Slaughter and carried 5 to 0. Mr. Vaughn was absent.

#### **AWARD OF CONTRACT – SOUTH STREET NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**

Mr. Summerlin said Rodney Wood Construction was the low bidder for the rehabilitation of Gertrude Law's residence at 2550 Fairy Stone Park Highway in the amount of \$31,075. Mr. Summerlin said the house is located within the South Street Neighborhood Project and was approved by the South Street Housing Rehab Board at its June 23, 2011 meeting. Mr. Summerlin said the project will be paid for with CDBG funds.

Mr. Slaughter made a motion to award the contract to Rodney Wood Construction in the amount of \$31,075 for the rehabilitation of 2550 Fairy Stone Park Highway, seconded by Mr. Bryant and unanimously carried. Mr. Vaughn was absent.

## **PRESENTATION BY REPRESENTATIVES OF THE BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB OF THE BLUE RIDGE**

Dr. James Beckner, a recent retiree from the school system and volunteer with the club, was present to thank the Board for its support of the Boys and Girls Club of the Blue Ridge. Dr. Beckner said participants in the club have better behavior, improved grades, and improved school attendance.

Also present was Michael Waddell, Development Officer for the Boys and Girls Club of the Blue Ridge. Mr. Waddell thanked the Board for its generous support, not only for its monetary donation, but for its public support through attendance at various events and volunteerism.

Mr. Waddell introduced Alexis Adams, a student who was involved in the program at Laurel Park and is a rising freshman at Magna Vista. Ms. Adams said she has been attending the Boys and Girls Club since the third grade and currently attends the Teen Center and Camp Excel. Ms. Adams said it has opened the door to numerous opportunities. Ms. Adams said staff encourages you to do your best in school and your community. Ms. Adams said the tutoring she received enabled her to pass all four SOL's and she was voted "Most Improved" in her eighth grade class. Ms. Adams said she hopes to continue to be a member of the Teen Center and one day a staff member.

## **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

### **Comments from the Board**

Mr. Slaughter remembered Mr. John Staples, who recently passed away and offered the Board's condolences to his family. Mr. Slaughter said he had the opportunity to do an interview with Channel 10 on litter about a month ago and also received a call from Channel 7 last week. Mr. Slaughter said he hopes to keep this issue in the forefront and maybe people will begin to listen. In addition, Mr. Slaughter said he has received emails from several areas around the state and apparently Henry County is not the only place with litter problems. Mr. Slaughter also discussed the "Cruise In" that was recently hosted in the City and its economic impact on the community.

Mr. Kendall was involved in the "Cruise In" and said it is a good family event and draws business to local establishments. Mr. Kendall said organizers hope for more participation in the future.

Mr. Adams thanked Mr. Summerlin for his diligence on the I-73 project.

Ms. Buchanan encouraged everyone to attend the July 4<sup>th</sup> celebration at Martinsville Speedway.

Mr. Summerlin reminded the Board to review the draft regional water supply plan that he emailed prior to the July meeting. Mr. Summerlin said this is a mandatory requirement by the state and it will require an ordinance amendment and public hearing. Mr. Summerlin reported they are beginning to receive information from the consultant on the marina feasibility study. Mr. Summerlin said the Board discussed two issues during the budget work sessions that you wanted to review at the end of the fiscal year, an operating contribution to the rescue squads and clean-up of unsafe structures. Mr. Summerlin referred Board members to the distributed handouts (Copies included in

Board's File). Mr. Summerlin said there is \$81,587 remaining in the Contingency Fund and it is his understanding that the Board wishes to allocate \$7,000 to each rescue squad as an operating contribution, plus \$7,000 to the EMS supplemental services, leaving \$39,587 for unsafe structure demolition. Mr. Summerlin said Mr. Jones prepared a spreadsheet by district that shows the beginning unsafe structure balance plus the additional allocated funds, \$6,597.83, and a revised balance if approved today. Mr. Summerlin said a motion would be required to approve the appropriation from the Contingency Fund and allow the funds to be carried over to FY '12.

Mr. Kendall made a motion to approve the appropriation from the Contingency Fund as requested, seconded by Mr. Bryant and carried 5 to 0. Mr. Vaughn was absent.

Lastly, Mr. Summerlin reported that Henry County closed on the South Martinsville School and the Board no longer owns that facility.

### **CLOSED MEETING**

Mr. Adams moved that the Board go into a closed meeting at 3:57 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 Park and Recreation Board, Roanoke River Basin Association, and Southern Area Agency on Aging Board.
- 2) §2.2-3711(A)7 for Consultation with the County Attorney re: Pending Legal Matters.
- 3) §2.2-3711(A)3 for Consultation with the County Attorney re: Acquisition/Disposal of Real Estate.
- 4) §2.2-3711(A)5 for Consultation with the County Attorney re: Discussion of As-Yet Unannounced Industries.

### **OPEN MEETING:**

The Board returned to an open meeting at 5:07 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Bryant, seconded by Mr. Kendall and unanimously carried.

### **CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED MEETING:**

Mr. Hall read the Certification of the Closed Meeting and took a roll call vote. Those voting in the affirmative were Mr. Slaughter, Mr. Bryant, Mr. Kendall, Mr. Adams, and Ms. Buchanan.

**Parks and Recreation Board** – Mr. Kendall moved to reappoint Mervin Brown, Iriswood District, to a three-year term beginning July 1, 2011, seconded by Mr. Bryant and carried 5 to 0. Mr. Vaughn was absent.

**Southern Area Agency on Aging Board** – Mr. Slaughter moved to appoint Mark Ivey, Jr. to a three-year term beginning June 1, 2011, seconded by Mr. Adams and unanimously carried.

The Board recessed its meeting at 5:08 p.m. until the 6:00 evening session.

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

### **MATTERS PRESENTED BY THE PUBLIC**

Mr. Doug Jackson, Ridgeway District, expressed concerns about traffic hazards on Kings Mill Road and request that the Board look into a remedy. Mr. Jackson said the road is narrow and access roads branching off it are wider than the road itself. In addition, Mr. Jackson said there is one section of the road in a curve with a 10-foot drop into a creek that has no guardrail.

Ms. Buchanan thanked Mr. Jackson for coming and noted that Ms. Hughes with VDOT was present and heard Mr. Jackson's concerns.

### **PUBLIC HEARING – PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO ZONING ORDINANCE**

Mr. Lee Clark said this public hearing is to consider possible changes to the Henry County Zoning Ordinance that would define homeless shelters, transitional living facilities, halfway houses, community correctional facilities, assisted living facilities, and group homes. Also, the amendment would determine which zoning classifications to consider these uses, all of which would require the issuance of a Special Use Permit by the Henry County Board of Zoning Appeals prior to the use being established. Mr. Clark said a summary of the changes and a copy of the complete amendments as they would appear in the ordinance was included in the Board's working papers.

Mr. Clark said the Planning Commission discussed these amendments in detail on May 11 and a public hearing was held on June 15. Following the public hearing and consideration of public comments, the Planning Commission recommended approval of the proposed amendments.

Ms. Buchanan opened the public hearing at 6:05 p.m. There being no one present who wished to speak, the public hearing was closed at 6:06 p.m. Mr. Adams moved that the Board follow the recommendation of the Planning Commission and adopt the proposed amendments to the Zoning Ordinance, seconded by Mr. Slaughter and carried 5 to 0. Mr. Vaughn was absent.

### **PUBLIC HEARING – REZONING APPLICATION R-11-07 - NOEL K. AND BLANCHE H. CAMPBELL**

Mr. Clark said the property is located at 900 Wagon Trail Road, at the corner of Tara Drive and Wagon Trail Road in the Horsepasture District and is shown on Tax Map 59.6(8)/3-8 and 59.3/72C. The applicant is requesting the rezoning of approximately 3-

acres from Suburban Residential District S-R and Mixed Residential District M-R to Neighborhood Commercial District B-2. The applicant wishes to build a home at 60 Tara Drive that will be used as their residence and as a bed and breakfast, and to convert the existing residence at 900 Wagon Trail Road into a winery and tasting room. Following a public hearing, both the Planning Commission and staff recommended approval of the rezoning request.

Ms. Buchanan opened the public hearing at 6:08 p.m.

Ms. Yvonne Anderson, Horsepasture District, said that although she did not want to prevent anyone from starting a business, she has concerns about increased traffic, the possibility of the property later being used for another type of business without another public hearing, and the possibility of festivals or similar events disrupting the neighborhood.

Ms. Demetrie Edwards, Horsepasture District, said that she, her mother, and aunt all live nearby and she is concerned about residents' safety. Ms. Edwards said there are a lot of elderly people who live on this road, the area is quiet and people are happy with the way things are.

Mr. Andrew Anderson, Horsepasture District, questioned the size of the winery and any future plans for expansion. Mr. Anderson said residents encountered problems in the past when property was rezoned for a transmission shop.

Mr. Warren Hodges, Horsepasture District, who lives right beside of the vineyard, spoke in favor of the winery. Mr. Hodges said Mr. Campbell takes a lot of pride in what he does and is a man of his word. Mr. Hodges said he knows there are not going to be any problems and he thinks we need all the business in Henry County we can get.

Ms. Blanche Campbell, the applicant, addressed resident's concerns and said that she and her husband see the winery as more of a "mom and pop" endeavor, a hobby turned into a business after they retired. Ms. Campbell said they have no plans for expansion; it may get to the point where someone wants to have a wedding or anniversary there, but they do not foresee any festivals. Ms. Campbell said she and her husband are originally from the area and they want a place everybody can be proud of.

There being no one else who wished to speak, the public hearing was closed at 6:16 p.m.

Mr. Adams asked if the Planning Commission felt there were any additional restrictions or proffers necessary. Mr. Clark said there was no one present at the Planning Commission meeting but it did discuss in detail and did not see a need for proffers or other restrictions. Mr. Clark said the applicants are in the process of obtaining the building permit for the primary residence which will be used in part for a bed and breakfast if the rezoning request is approved. Mr. Clark said under Neighborhood Commercial District B-2, the property could be used for other functions such as an antique shop, small retail business, etc. Mr. Clark said the Planning Commission was opposed to the rezoning request for the transmission shop several years ago and wanted to see the property rezoned to B-2 at that time but the Board of Supervisors chose to approve it. Mr. Clark said the Planning Commission sees this as an appropriate zoning for the area in question.

Ms. Buchanan said she understands the resident's concerns but does not see the winery as a detriment to the community. Mr. Adams asked Ms. Buchanan if she had

heard any negative feedback concerning the Preston Ridge Winery which opened within the last couple of years and Ms. Buchanan said none that she is aware of.

Mr. Bryant asked if any future expansion of the business would require approval from the Planning Commission. Mr. Clark said if the owners wanted to change the use of the property, it could require rezoning, but if they simply wanted to add on to the winery or the house, they would not have to come before the Planning Commission.

Ms. Edwards and Ms. Anderson again expressed their initial concerns with the rezoning request.

Mr. Slaughter made a motion to approve the recommendation of the Planning Commission and grant the rezoning request, seconded by Mr. Bryant and unanimously carried. Mr. Vaughn was absent.

### **GENERAL HIGHWAY MATTERS**

Ms. Lisa Hughes, Residency Administrator for the Virginia Department of Transportation, was present to update the Board on General Highway Matters.

- Safety project on 220 South (lower end of Ridgeway) scheduled to begin after July 4; work will include enclosing a ditch and storm sewer and widening/paving the shoulder to prevent accidents
- Upgrading signs on bypass
- Mowing continues
- Surface treating/paving beginning after July 4

Mr. Slaughter asked who is responsible for mowing behind the guardrail at Nautica Way. Mr. Summerlin said the County is responsible for anything behind the guardrail and has a contractor come in twice a year.

Mr. Kendall asked if any progress had been made on Stoney Mountain Road across from Morning Star Church. Ms. Hughes said they do plan to fill in some and widen the inside of the curve.

Ms. Buchanan noted that Soapstone and Horsepasture Price Roads have a number of bad areas that need to be patched.

Mr. Slaughter requested that Ms. Hughes look into a creek near Fred Martin's property that is approaching the edge of the road. Mr. Slaughter said he had spoken to Mr. Joyce about it but was not sure if he understood where he was talking about.

There being no further business to discuss, Mr. Adams moved to adjourn at 6:36 p.m., seconded by Mr. Slaughter and carried 5 to 0. Mr. Vaughn was absent.

**HENRY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
MINUTES**

**July 26, 2011 – 3:00 pm**

The Henry County Board of Supervisors held its regular meeting on July 26, 2011, at 3:00 pm in the Board Meeting Room of the County Administration Building, King's Mountain Road, Collinsville, Virginia. The following Board members were present: Chairman Debra Buchanan, Vice-Chairman H.G. Vaughn, Jim Adams, Milton Kendall, Tommy Slaughter, and Joe Bryant.

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

Sheriff Lane Perry, Sgt. Ronnie Minter, and Deputy Mike Hooper from the Sheriff's Office were present. Debbie Hall and Paul Collins of the Martinsville Bulletin and Ron Morris of B-99 were also present.

**INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

Mr. Vaughn gave the invocation and Mr. Kendall led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Chairman Buchanan called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone present. She stated that anyone who wishes to be on the Agenda for the Board's regular business meeting held at 3:00 pm 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 pm may do so under Agenda Item - Matters Presented by the Public without contacting the County Administrator's Office.

Mr. Summerlin noted a couple of additions to the agenda as well as a change in order of current agenda items. The Board was in agreement to the changes.

**ITEMS OF CONSENT:**

**Confirmation of Minutes of Meetings**

(Copy included in Board's File).

- June 28, 2011

**Approval of Accounts Payable**

(Copy included in Board's File).

Mr. Adams moved that the Items of Consent be adopted as presented, seconded by Mr. Bryant. The motion carried 6 to 0.

## **APPROVAL OF PIEDMONT COMMUNITY SERVICES' FY '12 PERFORMANCE CONTRACT**

Mr. Summerlin said each year the County is required to approve the Performance Contract between Piedmont Community Services and Virginia Department of Mental Health – Mental Retardation Substance Abuse Services. State law requires PCS to submit the contract for the Board's review and potential approval. The contract is approximately 100 pages long and is virtually identical to last year's contract. Mr. Summerlin said the contract is on file in the County Administrator's Office should any Board member wish to review it. Attached is a copy of Piedmont Community Services' FY 2012 Budget.

Mr. Vaughn moved to approve the Piedmont Community Services' FY '12 Performance Contract, seconded by Mr. Slaughter and carried 6 to 0.

## **REPORT ON DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTION EFFORTS**

Mr. Scott Grindstaff reviewed the monthly reports on delinquent tax collection efforts and noted that the year-to-date comparison on collections was also included as requested by the Board last month.

Mr. Summerlin asked Mr. Grindstaff if he had any information on decal sales. Mr. Grindstaff said he would obtain that information and report back next month.

## **ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION RE: FIRE PROGRAMS AID TO LOCALITIES – PUBLIC SAFETY**

Mr. Summerlin said Dale Wagoner is asking the Board to approve an additional appropriation from the Virginia Department of Fire Programs in the amount of \$18,806. This annual contribution is divided among the County's volunteer fire departments and is used to pay for training and equipment. Each squad would receive \$2,350.75 from this appropriation.

Mr. Kendall made a motion to approve the additional appropriation as requested, seconded by Mr. Slaughter and unanimously carried.

## **ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION AND AWARD OF CONTRACTS RE: AMBULANCE AND STRETCHER – PUBLIC SAFETY**

Mr. Summerlin said Dale Wagoner is asking the Board to appropriate grant funds and award a contract for the purchase of a new ambulance and stretcher for Public Safety. Mr. Wagoner indicates that a Rescue Squad Assistance Fund (RSAF) Grant from the Virginia Office of EMS in the amount of \$126,190.40 was secured to pay for up to 80% of the cost of a new ambulance and stretcher for the County's paid responders. A Request for Proposals (RFP) was issued, and the low bid for the stretcher came from Stryker Sale Corp. of Portage, MI in the amount of \$12,162.24. The low bid that met the minimum specifications for the ambulance came from Vest Sales and Service of Floyd, VA in the amount of \$151,395, and staff added some upgrades totaling \$1,660. Mr. Summerlin said the total expenditure would be \$165,217.64 and funding would come

from the grant money, funding already approved by the Board in the amount of \$39,000, and \$27.24 in operational funds from the Department of Public Safety.

Mr. Kendall moved to approve the additional appropriation and award of contracts as outlined, seconded by Mr. Slaughter and carried 6 to 0.

### **AWARD OF CONTRACT RE: PRINTING AND MAILING OF BILLS AND NOTICES – COUNTY TREASURER AND THE COMMISSIONER OF THE REVENUE**

Mr. Summerlin said under a Request for Proposals (RFP) that was issued in 2009, the Treasurer's Office and the Commissioner of the Revenue use Pro Forma Total Print Solutions of High Point, NC for the printing of the County's forms for personal property, real estate and decal bills. This year the costs of the mailings and the postage associated with those mailings have been combined into a single expenditure, which places the transaction above the \$15,000 threshold that requires Board approval. The amount is \$43,140 for the upcoming mailings.

Mr. Bryant made a motion to award the contract in the amount of \$43,140, seconded by Mr. Kendall and unanimously carried.

### **PERMISSION TO APPLY FOR EDWARD BYRNE JAG GRANT – SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

Mr. Summerlin said Sheriff Perry is asking the Board to approve the Sheriff's Office's application for an Edward Byrne Justice Assistance Grant in the amount of \$22,996 over the next three years. According to Sheriff Perry, the grant would be used to continue Neighborhood Watch and other community-based initiatives. A public hearing is required as part of the grant process, so the Board also would need to set a public hearing for the August 23 Board meeting.

Mr. Vaughn moved to approve the application as requested and set a public hearing for August 23 at 6:00 p.m., seconded by Mr. Adams and carried 6 to 0.

### **AWARD OF CONTRACT RE: SOUTH STREET HOUSING REHABILITATION PROJECT**

Mr. Summerlin said the South Street Housing Rehabilitation Board approved a contract at its July 14 meeting for the substantial reconstruction of Edna Martin's property at 68 South Street in Bassett. Mr. Summerlin said the low bid was Lawson Brothers Contractors in the amount of \$62,000 and the project will be paid for with CBDG grant funds.

Mr. Slaughter made a motion to approve the award of contract to Lawson Brothers Contractors in the amount of \$62,000, seconded by Mr. Bryant and unanimously carried.

Ms. Buchanan asked how many housing projects still remain. Mr. Summerlin said the project is in phase one of two phases. Mr. Slaughter said there are six projects pending and a few more that are undecided but the project is more than half complete. Mr. Summerlin said beyond the housing projects, the paving of South Street, storm drainage improvements, and water/sewer line rehabs must still be done. Mr. Summerlin said he met with FEMA last week and hopes to receive grant funds for the project.

Mr. Adams reported that the Riverside Drive Rehabilitation Project will probably be complete in four to six months.

### **AWARD OF CONTRACT RE: DISPOSAL OF REMAINS**

County Attorney George Lyle stated that under Commonwealth of Virginia law, when a deceased body goes unclaimed by family members, it becomes the responsibility of the Sheriff where the person died to ensure that the body is disposed of properly. Since this rarely occurs, there is no money set aside in the Sheriff's budget for this expenditure. However, a death in Henry County on July 17, 2011 has resulted in no family member stepping forward to claim the body. A local vendor has been identified to provide cremation and disposal services for \$675, and a court order is anticipated to move this project forward at the County's expense. Mr. Lyle said that the County can recoup its investment from the deceased person's estate, if there is one.

Mr. Vaughn moved that the Board approve the appropriation of \$675 from the Contingency Fund and direct the County Attorney to follow-up on collecting the money, seconded by Mr. Bryant and carried 6 to 0.

### **MONTHLY UPDATE FROM THE MARTINSVILLE-HENRY COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION**

Mr. Mark Heath, President 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). Mr. Heath said the EDC is working with a total of 23 projects, including 8 active projects.

Mr. Summerlin updated the Board on progress at Commonwealth Crossing Business Centre. Mr. Summerlin said staff had a meeting with all of the engineers last week on the grading plans. Mr. Summerlin said one problem is the amount of time it takes to obtain the environmental permits. Mr. Summerlin said the project will disturb some wetlands and stream crossings and requires approval from the DEQ and U.S. Corps of Engineers. Mr. Summerlin said once we submit all of the paperwork, it will take about four months for approval. Mr. Summerlin said he anticipates plan submission by September 1 and environmental permits in hand by the end of December. Mr. Summerlin said one of the concerning factors on the project is the fluctuating cost of diesel fuel. Mr. Summerlin said diesel fuel costs are projected at \$6 million for the grading. Mr. Summerlin said the waterline for the project should be complete by the end of August and clearing commenced on the sewer line this week. Mr. Summerlin said the County hopes to open bids on the project in January and request award of contracts at the Board's January meeting. Mr. Summerlin said the plan is to be "moving dirt" by March 1 and while we are behind schedule, work is proceeding. Mr. Summerlin noted that this is an extremely large grading project and there will be competition from several states; so, prior to the bidding process, staff plans to have an "open house" for contractors and vendors to come in. Mr. Summerlin said while this is primarily a grading project, there is a lot of other work such as utilities, landscaping, asphalt, stone, etc. and they want to encourage local participation.

## **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

### **Comments from the Board**

Mr. Vaughn brought a matter before the Board for future consideration. Mr. Vaughn stated that over the past several months, he has received numerous requests concerning accepting building materials and tires at the convenience center sites. Mr. Vaughn said he understands we cannot accept a lot of construction materials, but there are many cases of homeowners doing small projects such as replacing a door and they are forced to take it to Martinsville to dispose of. Mr. Vaughn questioned would it be possible to incorporate accepting a limited number of tires at the annual hazardous waste day for a fee.

The Board was receptive to looking into the feasibility of accepting tires at the hazardous waste day. Mr. Summerlin said we may be able to find a local vendor who would be willing to take tires year round for a fee. Mr. Adams said most of the problems in his district have been mass dumps of tires, most likely a dealer, and then the problem becomes the responsibility of the landowner to clean up. Sheriff Perry said for the most part, local dealers make a good faith effort and contract out the disposal of tires and instead of that person disposing of the tires properly, they pocket the money and illegally dump the tires.

### **CLOSED MEETING**

Mr. Adams moved that the Board go into a closed meeting at 3:41 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 Roanoke River Basin Association.
- 2) §2.2-3711(A)7 for Consultation with the County Attorney re: Pending Legal Matters.
- 3) §2.2-3711(A)3 for Consultation with the County Attorney re: Acquisition/Disposal of Real Estate.
- 4) §2.2-3711(A)5 for Consultation with the County Attorney re: Discussion of As-Yet Unannounced Industries.

### **OPEN MEETING:**

The Board returned to an open meeting at 4:37 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Adams, 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. Those voting in the affirmative were Mr. Slaughter, Mr. Bryant, Mr. Kendall, Mr. Vaughn, Mr. Adams, and Ms. Buchanan.

**Roanoke River Basin Association** – Mr. Adams moved to reappoint Mike Ward to a one-year term ending August 31, 2012, seconded by Mr. Vaughn and unanimously carried.

The Board recessed its meeting at 4:38 p.m. until the 6:00 evening session.

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

### **PRESENTATION OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION TO THE FAMILY OF MELVIN BROWN**

House of Delegates member Don Merricks and Senator Roscoe Reynolds were present to present resolutions to the family of Melvin Brown, a former member of the Henry County Board of Supervisors who passed away December 7, 2010. Family members present to accept the honors included three sons: Jerry Brown, Ronnie Brown, and Dan Brown; and widow of the late Jeff Brown, Cindy Brown.

### **GENERAL HIGHWAY MATTERS**

Ms. Lisa Hughes, Residency Administrator for the Virginia Department of Transportation, was present to update the Board on General Highway Matters.

Ms. Hughes reported that they have received the notice to proceed for the installation of Opticon emergency devices on all traffic signals in Henry County, 14 in all, plus the signals that are being rebuilt.

Ms. Buchanan asked Ms. Hughes if she had an update on Route 609 in Rangeley. Ms. Hughes said she did not have any additional information.

Mr. Kendall said he has received numerous calls concerning Route 648 Stoney Mountain Road and that several of those residents were present at today's meeting to express their concerns as well.

### **MATTERS PRESENTED BY THE PUBLIC**

Tyler Millner, Iriswood District, first voiced his opposition to the Board meeting being split between day and night thus insinuating that some business is more important than others. Mr. Millner expressed his concerns about safety issues on Stoney Mountain Road and the need for a guardrail on a stretch that has been timbered. Mr. Millner acknowledged the efforts of Mr. Kendall, Ms. Hughes, and Senator Reynolds who have all personally visited the area of concern. Mr. Millner requested that the Board adopt a resolution if appropriate, to send to VDOT and request that a guardrail, at a minimum, be installed. Mr. Millner thanked the Board for their time.

Diane Ingram, Reed Creek District, was present to express her concern about tax dollars being used to fund healthcare for Board members and other elected officials. Ms. Ingram urged that the Board take the initiative and hold a public hearing on the use of tax dollars to fund healthcare.

Hildred Moorman, Iriswood District, was present to address the Board concerning safety issues on Route 648 and the urgent need to fix the road properly and not just patch it as has been done in the past.

There being no further business to discuss, Mr. Adams moved to adjourn at 6:18 p.m., seconded by Mr. Slaughter and carried 6 to 0.

**HENRY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
MINUTES**

**August 23, 2011 – 3:00 pm**

The Henry County Board of Supervisors held its regular meeting on August 23, 2011, at 3:00 pm in the Board Meeting Room of the County Administration Building, King's Mountain Road, Collinsville, Virginia. The following Board members were present: Chairman Debra Buchanan, Vice-Chairman H.G. Vaughn, Jim Adams, Milton Kendall, Tommy Slaughter, and Joe Bryant.

Staff members present were Benny Summerlin, County Administrator; Tim Hall, Deputy County Administrator; George Lyle, County Attorney; Michelle Via, Administrative Assistant; Darrell Jones, Director of Finance; and Richard Stanfield, Deputy Director of Finance.

Sheriff Lane Perry, Major Steve Eanes, Sgt. Ronnie Minter, and Deputy Mike Hooper from the Sheriff's Office were present. Debbie Hall and Paul Collins of the Martinsville Bulletin were also present.

**INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

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

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Chairman Buchanan called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone present. She stated that anyone who wishes to be on the Agenda for the Board's regular business meeting held at 3:00 pm 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 pm 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).

- July 26, 2011

**Approval of Accounts Payable**

(Copy included in Board's File).

**Consideration of Resolution Asking Commonwealth of Virginia to Restore Locality Cuts**

(Copy included in Board's File).

Mr. Adams moved that the Items of Consent be adopted as presented, seconded by Mr. Kendall. The motion carried 6 to 0.

### **CONSIDERATION OF PROCLAMATION ESTABLISHING SEPTEMBER 2011 AS "BABY SAFETY MONTH" IN HENRY COUNTY**

Mr. Summerlin said the Martinsville Exchange Club is asking the Board to adopt a resolution establishing September 2011 as "Baby Safety Month" in Henry County. The Exchange Club's national project is child abuse prevention.

Mr. Vaughn read the proclamation aloud and moved that the Board adopt it as presented, seconded by Mr. Slaughter and unanimously carried. Mr. Ralph Lawson was present to accept the proclamation.

### **REPORT ON ISSUES REGARDING REFUSE DEPARTMENT AND CONVENIENCE CENTERS**

Mr. Summerlin said some questions were raised at the July Board meeting regarding County policies on what items can be disposed of at the County's Convenience Center sites. Mr. Summerlin said Refuse Department director Mike Amos and Deputy County Administrator Tim Hall reviewed current policies and looked into the feasibility of accepting limited construction debris and possibly tires.

Mr. Amos was present to update the Board on overall operations as well as provide recommendations on the Board's request. Mr. Amos showed pictures of the convenience center sites before and after the County began manning those sites. Mr. Amos also reviewed the cost savings generated by manned sites. Mr. Amos explained that the current policies are working well and to change those policies would not only increase costs but would also cause the County to regress in its refuse operations. Mr. Amos said he continually strives to make improvements to Henry County's refuse operations and in comparison to other localities, the County's is as good if not better than most.

Mr. Hall said if it were left up to staff, there would be no changes to the current policies but added that they also understand the importance of meeting residents' needs. Mr. Hall and Mr. Amos proposed allowing County residents the option to bring up to five items considered household debris (doors, shutters, two-by-fours, etc.) to convenience centers. Mr. Hall said they also looked at the feasibility of accepting tires but quickly determined this would not be a good option because it would require site monitors to accept and process payments and could inconvenience residents more because they would have to go to the Treasurer's Office to pay for disposing of tires. Mr. Hall said the best option is to encourage residents to take tires directly to the transfer station which will dispose of tires for a fee of \$3 per tire. Mr. Summerlin added that staff also looked at accepting tires at the Household Hazardous Waste Day but determined that doing so would add to the already significant cost of providing the annual service.

After much discussion, it was the general consensus of the Board to leave the current policies as is and add more public education. Mr. Vaughn thanked Mr. Amos and Mr. Hall for their work.

## **REPORT ON DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTION EFFORTS**

Mr. Scott Grindstaff reviewed the monthly reports on delinquent tax collection efforts and reported that decal sales are down mainly due to the reduction in fleet vehicles and abatements. Mr. Summerlin said he also feels that neighboring localities' discontinuance of decals has affected Henry County's sales. Mr. Slaughter said he recently saw an older license plate that included a place for the decal and questioned why it was necessary to display decals on the windshield. Mr. George Lyle, County Attorney, said that Virginia State Code specifies where the decal must be placed as well as the size of the decal. Mr. Summerlin said that years ago fire and rescue personnel did have a license plate that included a fire/rescue strip which served as the decal. However, that was discontinued for consistency purposes to make law enforcement easier. Ms. Buchanan added that the decals provide an enforcement tool at the convenience center sites which in turn saves money. In addition, it compels people to pay their taxes.

## **MONTHLY UPDATE FROM THE MARTINSVILLE-HENRY COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION**

Mr. Mark Heath, President 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). Mr. Heath said the EDC is working with a total of 25 projects, including 8 active projects.

Mr. Heath reported that the Southern Virginia Regional Authority is off to a good start and we already have our first lead. Mr. Heath said Lt. Governor Boling will be in South Boston on August 26 for a brief press conference at 11:15 and everyone is invited to attend. Afterwards, Lt. Governor Boling will be in our area to familiarize himself with Henry County. In addition, Mr. Heath said U.S. Secretary of Commerce Rebecca Blank visited Martinsville for a roundtable discussion with the EDC board, business leaders, educators and other economic development officials.

## **ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION RE: DMV GRANT – SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

Mr. Summerlin said Sheriff Perry is asking the Board to accept and appropriate a Department of Motor Vehicles Grant through the Virginia Highway Safety program in the amount of \$30,278. Mr. Summerlin said the grant would be used for deputies' overtime and to purchase three radar units. The grant requires a local match of \$6,055, which Sheriff Perry will take from his current budget.

Mr. Bryant made a motion to accept and appropriate the DMV grant as requested, seconded by Mr. Slaughter and carried 6 to 0.

## **AWARD OF CONTRACT RE: EMERGENCY MEDICAL SUPPLIES – PUBLIC SAFETY**

Mr. Summerlin said Director of Public Safety Dale Wagoner is asking the Board to award a contract to Boundtree Medical, Inc. of Dublin, Ohio for the purchase of medical supplies. Mr. Summerlin said pricing is on a per-unit basis, and Mr. Wagoner indicates the total amount may cross the threshold of \$15,000 that requires Board approval.

Mr. Kendall made a motion to award the contract to Boundtree Medical, seconded by Mr. Bryant and unanimously carried.

## **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

### **Comments from the Board**

Mr. Adams asked Mr. Dale Wagoner to report on the recent earthquake. Mr. Wagoner said the earthquake measured a 5.9 magnitude with the epicenter in Louisa County. Mr. Wagoner said there have been minimal reports of damage. Mr. Wagoner said hopefully residents will take this opportunity to become more prepared in the event of any natural disaster.

Mr. Summerlin said that he and Mr. Slaughter went on the farm tour hosted by the Blue Ridge Soil and Water Conservation District yesterday. Mr. Summerlin said they visit the Henry County area about every three years and while we are not an agricultural community, it is still important to our economy and the tour was very informative. Mr. Summerlin reported that the Sheriff's Office went through its onsite accreditation review last week and it went very well. Mr. Summerlin said they should receive the final review in September. Mr. Summerlin congratulated Ms. Buchanan on her recent appointment by the Governor to the Virginia Workforce Board.

Mr. Slaughter asked the Sheriff if there were any leads on the recent thefts of telephone lines. Sheriff Perry said they had made some arrests on scrap metal thefts.

Ms. Buchanan said she plans to have a community meeting on September 13 at 7:00 p.m. at the Horsepasture Ruritan Building and invited everyone to attend.

Mr. Hall reminded everyone of the joint community event marking the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of 9/11 to be held on September 11 at Martinsville High School.

## **CLOSED MEETING**

Mr. Adams moved that the Board go into a closed meeting at 3:57 p.m., seconded by Mr. Vaughn and unanimously carried to discuss the following.

- 1) §2.2-3711(A)1 for Discussion of Appointees to the Blue Ridge Regional Library Board.
- 2) §2.2-3711(A)7 for Consultation with the County Attorney re: Pending Legal Matters.

- 3) §2.2-3711(A)3 for Consultation with the County Attorney re: Acquisition/Disposal of Real Estate.
- 4) §2.2-3711(A)5 for Consultation with the County Attorney re: Discussion of As-Yet Unannounced Industries.

**OPEN MEETING:**

The Board returned to an open meeting at 5:56 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Bryant, seconded by Mr. Kendall and unanimously carried.

**CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED MEETING:**

Mr. Hall read the Certification of the Closed Meeting and took a roll call vote. Those voting in the affirmative were Mr. Slaughter, Mr. Bryant, Mr. Kendall, Mr. Vaughn, Mr. Adams, and Ms. Buchanan.

There being no action taken during closed session, Mr. Adams explained the application process for anyone wishing to be appointed to the various boards. Mr. Adams said there was a recent resignation from the Blue Ridge Regional Library Board and it was the Board's consensus to advertise the vacancy to allow all citizens the opportunity to apply if they wish. Mr. Summerlin said the Nominee Form for vacancies can be found on the County website.

The Board recessed its meeting at 5:57 p.m. until the 6:00 evening session.

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

**PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTION TO SCOTT SPENCER, DUSTY HYLTON AND TONY CHANEY OF RAKES CONSTRUCTION COMPANY FOR LIFE-SAVING ACTIONS ON JULY 12, 2011**

Ms. Buchanan said staff has prepared a resolution to honor three employees of Rakes Construction Company – Scott Spencer, Dusty Hylton and Tony Chaney who at a Columbia, SC hotel on July 12, 2011, – put themselves at considerable risk to save the life of a man at the bottom of the hotel's pool. Mr. Spencer's mother, who is also an employee of Rakes Construction, was present to accept the resolutions on their behalf as they were out of town working.

Mr. Bryant read the resolution aloud and Mr. Vaughn moved that the Board adopt the resolution, seconded by Mr. Adams and carried 6 to 0.

## **PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS TO HENRY COUNTY ALL-STARS PONY LEAGUE BASEBALL TEAM AND VIRGINIA CARDINALS BASEBALL TEAM**

Mr. Vaughn read aloud a resolution honoring the Henry County PONY League All-Stars who advanced to national competition falling one game short of reaching the World Series. Mr. Vaughn moved that the Board adopt the resolution, seconded by Mr. Slaughter and unanimously carried.

Mr. Adams read aloud a resolution honoring the Virginia Cardinals U12 team who also advanced to nationals and went on to win the championship. Mr. Adams moved that the Board adopt the resolution, seconded by Mr. Vaughn and carried 6 to 0.

Members of both teams along with their coaches were present to accept the resolutions.

## **MATTERS PRESENTED BY THE PUBLIC**

There was no one present who wished to speak.

## **PUBLIC HEARING - REGIONAL WATER SUPPLY PLAN AND CHANGES TO COUNTY CODE REGARDING DROUGHT DECLARATION**

Mr. Summerlin stated that several years ago, Virginia adopted legislation requiring every locality to develop a water supply plan and drought ordinance. Mr. Summerlin said Henry County chose to partner with the West Piedmont Planning District Commission as well as other localities in the WPPD to create a Regional Water Supply Plan and implement a drought ordinance. Mr. Summerlin said this effort is in cooperation with the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality, and the plan must be adopted by November. Mr. Summerlin said the Board must approve a resolution indicating the County's participation in the Regional Water Supply Plan and hold a public hearing on the adoption of a new drought ordinance to the Henry County Code.

Ms. Buchanan opened the public hearing at 6:20 p.m.; there being no one present who wished to speak, the public hearing was closed at 6:20 p.m. Mr. Vaughn made a motion to adopt the resolution and changes to the Henry County Code, seconded by Mr. Adams and unanimously carried.

## **PUBLIC HEARING - EDWARD BYRNE LAW ENFORCEMENT JAG GRANT**

Mr. Summerlin said last month the Board approved the Sheriff's Office's application for an Edward Byrne Justice Assistance Grant in the amount of \$22,996 over the next three years. Mr. Summerlin said the grant would be used to continue Neighborhood Watch and other community-based initiatives. A public hearing is required as part of the grant process.

Ms. Buchanan opened the public hearing at 6:21 p.m. There being no one present who wished to speak, Ms. Buchanan closed the public hearing at 6:22 p.m. Mr. Adams noted that no action is required by the Board and requested staff to forward information to the Sheriff's Office that a public hearing was held.

## **PUBLIC HEARING - CHANGE TO HENRY COUNTY CODE REGARDING PNEUMATIC GUNS**

Mr. Summerlin said action by the 2011 Virginia General Assembly regarding the use of pneumatic/air-powered guns shifted regulatory responsibility from the locality to the Commonwealth. According to County Attorney George Lyle, that action means the Henry County Code is superseded on this issue by the Virginia Code; therefore the Board must repeal the section of the current ordinance which regulates the use of pneumatic weapons. Mr. Summerlin said a change in the Henry County Code requires a public hearing.

Ms. Buchanan opened the public hearing at 6:23 p.m. There was no one present who wished to speak. Ms. Buchanan closed the public hearing at 6:23 p.m. Mr. Adams asked what citizens should do if they encounter problems that are not regulated by local ordinances. Mr. Lyle said state law edicts that you have a right to discharge an air-powered weapon on your property as long as you exercise reasonable care in doing so and you take reasonable precautions to keep the discharge on your property. Mr. Lyle said the only problem he foresees is if for instance pellets stray onto your property or damage your property, then you would call the Sheriff's Office and they would investigate and determine if reasonable precautions were taken by the responsible party. Mr. Adams asked if the law includes paint balls. Mr. Lyle said paint ball guns are specifically identified as being a pneumatic gun.

Mr. Bryant made a motion to amend the Henry County Code to reflect changes in the regulation of air-powered guns, seconded by Mr. Kendall and carried 6 to 0.

## **GENERAL HIGHWAY MATTERS**

Ms. Lisa Hughes, Residency Administrator for the Virginia Department of Transportation, was present to update the Board on General Highway Matters.

- Design public hearing for the Preston Road project scheduled for September 29, 5-7 p.m., at the Horsepasture Volunteer Fire Department; plans will be available next week for review.
- Intersection of North Daniels Creek and Route 220 scheduled to be repaved beginning next week.
- Patching roads county-wide as needed; hopefully there will be a paving schedule next year for secondary roads.
- Route 648 – plan to widen shoulder four feet by bringing in material to even up and smooth out in the area of the church; install a berm on backside to control run-off and direct it down the slope. Ms. Hughes said this has been successful in a number of locations where they could not afford to place guardrails. Ms. Hughes said she has not obtained estimates for the guardrail yet because she wanted to get the shoulder work done first, but she estimates it will be \$25-\$30,000. Ms. Hughes said they do not have money in

the six-year plan or construction budget. If funded, it could be included in the budget when we update the six-year plan next spring or with Board approval, remove from an existing project now.

- Mr. Bryant asked Ms. Hughes if she had had a chance to look at the issue they discussed on Eliza Reamy. Ms. Hughes said they have not had an opportunity to work on that project yet but it is scheduled to be done.
- Mr. Kendall inquired about placing a “Tractor Crossing” sign on Route 610. Ms. Hughes said she would review the sight distance in the area and determine if one is needed.
- Mr. Adams asked Ms. Hughes and the Sheriff’s Office if they could request staff to be more conscious of missing street signs and report them accordingly to Mr. Lee Clark. Mr. Adams said the missing signs present a challenge to emergency responders when calls are dispatched by 911. Mr. Adams said Mr. Clark needs details such as if it is just the sign missing, the sign and pole, if it just needs to be straightened, etc. Ms. Hughes said signs other than street signs should be reported to VDOT.
- Mr. Vaughn asked if there are any plans to resurface Church Street in Ridgeway. Ms. Hughes said that all of Route 220 in Ridgeway is scheduled to be repaved this summer.
- Ms. Buchanan asked that VDOT consider increasing the number of litter signs county-wide.
- Ms. Hughes said she had received requests for “Watch for Children” signs on Pony Lane and Carson Drive in the Reed Creek District; she plans to review both requests and determine if signs are needed. Mr. Slaughter made a motion to approve “Watch for Children” signs on Pony Lane and Carson Drive, seconded by Mr. Bryant and carried 6 to 0.

There being no further business to discuss, Mr. Adams moved to adjourn at 6:35 p.m., seconded by Mr. Slaughter and carried 6 to 0.

**HENRY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
MINUTES**

**September 27, 2011 – 3:00 pm**

The Henry County Board of Supervisors held its regular meeting on September 27, 2011, at 3:00 pm in Courtroom B of the Henry County Courthouse, King's Mountain Road, Collinsville, Virginia. The following Board members were present: Chairman Debra Buchanan, Vice-Chairman H.G. Vaughn, Milton Kendall, Tommy Slaughter, and Joe Bryant. Jim Adams was absent.

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

Sheriff Lane Perry, Major Steve Eanes, Sgt. Ronnie Minter, and Deputy Mike Hooper from the Sheriff's Office were present. Debbie Hall of the Martinsville Bulletin and Ron Morris of B99 were also present.

**INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

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

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Chairman Buchanan called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone present. She stated that anyone who wishes to be on the Agenda for the Board's regular business meeting held at 3:00 pm 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 pm may do so under Agenda Item - Matters Presented by the Public without contacting the County Administrator's Office.

Mr. Summerlin thanked everyone in attendance for their understanding in the change of venue for today's meeting. Mr. Summerlin explained there was a power outage at the Administration Building and staff had contacted all those individuals on the agenda, as well as posted notices on the doors at the Administration Building informing the public of the change in location.

Ms. Buchanan noted a couple of additions to the agenda of which the Board was in agreement.

**ITEMS OF CONSENT:**

**Confirmation of Minutes of Meetings**

(Copy included in Board's File).

- August 23, 2011

### **Approval of Accounts Payable**

(Copy included in Board's File).

Mr. Vaughn moved that the Items of Consent be adopted as presented, seconded by Mr. Slaughter. The motion carried 5 to 0. Mr. Adams was absent.

### **CONSIDERATION OF PROCLAMATION ESTABLISHING OCTOBER 2011 AS "DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH" IN HENRY COUNTY**

Ms. Melissa Gravely and Ms. Deborah Menefee with Citizens Against Family Violence were present to request the Board declare October 2011 as "Domestic Violence Awareness Month" in Henry County.

Mr. Slaughter read the proclamation aloud and made a motion that the Board adopt as presented, seconded by Mr. Bryant and unanimously carried.

### **MATTERS PRESENTED BY THE PUBLIC - GLENDA STONE**

Ms. Glenda Stone, Blackberry District, was present to express her concerns about the Blue Ridge Regional Library System and its Board, including the treatment of library employees and the manner in which an audit of the Bassett Historical Center was conducted. Ms. Stone encouraged the Board to meet with their counterparts in Martinsville, Patrick County, the Library Board, and Friends of the Blue Ridge Library to address concerns related to the library system.

### **MATTERS PRESENTED BY THE PUBLIC – MARTINSVILLE-HENRY COUNTY TAXPAYERS ASSOCIATION**

Mr. Randy Scott of the Martinsville-Henry County Taxpayers Association requested time on the Board's agenda but emailed staff today and said he would not be attending.

### **UPDATE ON PHILPOTT MARINA FEASIBILITY STUDY**

Mr. Summerlin said in December 2010 the Board authorized staff to pursue an update of the Philpott Marina Feasibility Study that was done in 2004. Mr. Summerlin said staff had been working with the Corps of Engineers and Parks and Recreation and engaged the Lane Group to do that update. Mr. Doug Covington of the Lane Group was present to brief the Board on the progress. Mr. Covington summarized the revised study as follows (Copy included in Board's File):

- Proposed marina would cost an estimated \$700,000 with 10% added for administrative fees, for a total of \$771,375.
- Marina would include gas sales, bait and tackle shop, fueling slip and gangway access.
- Marina would include 40 new wet boat slips; paved parking areas for 30 vehicular spaces, and 12 extended spaces to accommodate trucks and trailers.

- Annual operational costs projected at \$75,011; annual income projected at \$100,620.

Mr. Summerlin said there is an additional option not included in the study that could potentially reduce construction costs by approximately \$100,000. Mr. Summerlin said the Corps has offered the use of the No. 1 boat launch area, the main launch area near the dam, if that would be more feasible to develop.

There was some general discussion amongst the Board. Mr. Summerlin recommended that the Board review the updated study for discussion at a future meeting. Mr. Vaughn asked that the revised study be placed on the County's website for review by citizens.

### **DESIGNATION OF VOTING REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE 2011 VIRGINIA ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES (VACO) ANNUAL MEETING**

Mr. Summerlin said the 2011 VACo Annual Meeting is scheduled for November 13-15 and each County is asked to designate a member of its elected Board and an alternate to vote on the County's behalf on any issues that may arise. Supervisors Adams, Slaughter, Vaughn, and Bryant plan to attend this year's session.

Mr. Bryant made a motion to designate Mr. Slaughter as the Board's representative and Mr. Vaughn as an alternate, seconded by Mr. Kendall and carried 3 to 2. Mr. Vaughn and Mr. Slaughter abstained.

### **REPORT ON DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTION EFFORTS**

Mr. Scott Grindstaff reviewed the monthly reports on delinquent tax collection efforts.

Mr. John Rife with Taxing Authority Consulting Services (TACS) was also present to update the Board on collection efforts. Mr. Rife reported that a hearing has been set for October 11 on 16 real estate parcels. Mr. Rife said he is hopeful that they can collect on many of these beforehand, but once the pre-sale hearing is held, an auction will be scheduled for the sale of these properties within 30 days. Mr. Rife said TACS has another 46 properties that title work has been completed on and should be scheduled for sale the first quarter of 2012. Mr. Rife said personal property collections are continuing to progress as staff works with the IS department to obtain a better electronic file for the DMV stops.

Mr. Rife said he has also met with Mr. Lee Clark concerning possible non-judicial sales. Mr. Rife explained that non-judicial sales involve very small parcels. Statute allows localities to sell properties valued under \$10,000 that are unimproved and less than one-tenth of an acre or considered to be unbuildable. In addition, the taxes must be delinquent five years.

### **MONTHLY UPDATE FROM THE MARTINSVILLE-HENRY COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION**

Mr. Mark Heath, President 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). Mr. Heath said the EDC is working with a total of 26 projects, including 9 active projects.

**ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION RE: FIRE PROGRAMS AID TO LOCALITIES – PUBLIC SAFETY**

Mr. Summerlin said Dale Wagoner, Director of Public Safety, is asking the Board to accept and appropriate \$122,599 from the Virginia Department of Fire Programs Aid to Localities Fund. Mr. Wagoner indicates the money must be used to pay for training, construction of training centers, firefighting equipment and protective clothing. In the past Henry County has allocated its appropriation equally among the eight volunteer fire departments. That would result in a per-department allocation of \$15,324.87 this year.

Mr. Kendall made a motion to accept and appropriate the \$122,599 as requested, seconded by Mr. Bryant and carried 5 to 0. Mr. Adams was absent.

**ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION RE: SCHOOL NUTRITION PROGRAM – SCHOOL BOARD**

Mr. Summerlin said Dr. David Martin is asking the Board to approve an additional appropriation of \$131,583 from the Virginia Department of Education for Axton, Campbell Court, Carver, Rich Acres, and Sanville elementary schools. The money would be used for the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program.

Mr. Bryant made a motion to approve the additional appropriation as requested, seconded by Mr. Slaughter and unanimously carried.

**ACCEPTANCE OF AND ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION RE: 21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY COMMUNITY LEARNING CENTERS GRANT – SCHOOL BOARD**

Mr. Summerlin said Dr. David Martin is asking for Board approval of a 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Centers Grant. According to Dr. Martin the grant would allow the School Board continue a partnership with the Boys and Girls Club of the Blue Ridge that's resulted in an after-school program at Laurel Park Middle School. The grant is for \$200,000 for an additional year of the program.

Mr. Vaughn moved that the Board accept the grant and approve the appropriation as requested, seconded by Mr. Slaughter and carried 5 to 0. Mr. Adams was absent.

**ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION RE: VIDEO VISITATION SYSTEM – SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

Mr. Summerlin said Sheriff Perry is asking the Board to appropriate \$21,753.23 to help pay for the inmate video visitation project in the County Jail. According to Sheriff Perry, the money was realized from charging each inmate \$1.50 per day, as allowed by state code. Sheriff Perry is requesting the money be combined with \$50,000 set aside by Henry County to purchase the video system.

Mr. Kendall made a motion to approve the additional appropriation as requested, seconded by Mr. Bryant and unanimously carried.

### **ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION RE: EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT – SHERIFF’S OFFICE**

Mr. Summerlin said Sheriff Perry is asking the Board to appropriate and Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) in the amount of \$22,996. According to Sheriff Perry, the money would be used to provide continued support to Neighborhood Watch programs and the Citizen/Teen Academy, and to provide overtime pay to sheriff’s deputies to provide extra law enforcement in parts of Henry County.

Mr. Slaughter made a motion to appropriate the \$22,996 grant, seconded by Mr. Bryant and carried 5 to 0. Mr. Adams was absent.

### **AWARD OF CONTRACT – RIVERSIDE DRIVE NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**

Mr. Summerlin said at its meeting on September 26, 2011 the Riverside Drive Housing Rehab Board approved the low bid to Kenneth Robertson Construction in the amount of \$56,500 for the new construction of the Garland and Mozelle Stone property located at 3190 Riverside Drive, Bassett, Virginia.

Mr. Slaughter made a motion to award the contract in the amount of \$56,500 to Kenneth Robertson Construction for the new construction at 3190 Riverside Drive, seconded by Mr. Vaughn and unanimously carried.

### **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

#### **Comments from the Board**

Mr. Bryant said he received a letter from Friends of the Library that he would like to discuss later (Copy included in Board’s File).

Ms. Buchanan stated that the annual community-wide coat drive for children is now underway.

Mr. Summerlin recognized the Parks and Recreation Department for receiving two awards for outstanding service related to the Dick and Willie Trail.

Mr. Summerlin reported that staff continues to work with the City of Martinsville and Ridgeway on updating our solid waste management plan which must be done periodically to comply with state law.

Mr. Summerlin reminded the Board of the RTI tour tomorrow at 9:00 a.m. at the RTI site.

### **CLOSED MEETING**

Mr. Slaughter moved that the Board go into a closed meeting at 3:59 p.m., seconded by Mr. Vaughn and unanimously carried to discuss the following.

- 1) §2.2-3711(A)1 for Discussion of Appointees to the Blue Ridge Regional Library Board.
- 2) §2.2-3711(A)7 for Consultation with the County Attorney re: Pending Legal Matters.
- 3) §2.2-3711(A)3 for Consultation with the County Attorney re: Acquisition/Disposal of Real Estate.
- 4) §2.2-3711(A)5 for Consultation with the County Attorney re: Discussion of As-Yet Unannounced Industries.

### **OPEN MEETING:**

The Board returned to an open meeting at 5:32 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Slaughter, seconded by Mr. Bryant and unanimously carried.

### **CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED MEETING:**

Mr. Hall read the Certification of the Closed Meeting and took a roll call vote. Those voting in the affirmative were Mr. Slaughter, Mr. Bryant, Mr. Kendall, Mr. Vaughn, and Ms. Buchanan.

**Blue Ridge Regional Library Board** – Mr. Slaughter made a motion to appoint Mary Louise Deel to an unexpired term ending June 30, 2013, seconded by Mr. Bryant and carried 5 to 0. Mr. Adams was absent.

Ms. Buchanan said the Board has decided to move to district appointments for the Library Board so as to offer fairer representation county-wide. Ms. Buchanan said the current members will be assigned a district to represent regardless of which district they reside in and as vacancies open, the Board will attempt to appoint members from each of the districts.

Mr. Lyle commented that it would not be appropriate for all of the boards to meet in closed session as requested by an anonymous citizen via a letter to Mr. Bryant. Mr. Lyle said the library is considered a state entity and is overseen by the Library Board; any concerns about its policies or other issues should be addressed to the Library Board.

**Henry-Martinsville Department of Social Services Facility Cost Agreement -**  
Mr. Vaughn moved that the Board approve a new facility cost agreement between the County, City, and Henry-Martinsville Department of Social Services, seconded by Mr. Slaughter and carried 5 to 0. Mr. Adams was absent.

The Board recessed its meeting at 5:37 p.m. until the 6:00 evening session.

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

## **MATTERS PRESENTED BY THE PUBLIC – REID YOUNG**

Mr. Reid Young was present to address the Board concerning the area's litter problem. Mr. Young said our area is one of the worst in terms of litter and it is hurting our economic development efforts. Mr. Young said education is the key and encouraged the Board to work with the school system to start anti-litter programs in the classroom and possibly sponsor contests between schools. Mr. Young also suggested the creation of a hotline to report those who litter. Mr. Young cited examples of fines imposed in other states and the use of signage. Mr. Young thanked the Board for its time.

## **PUBLIC HEARING - REZONING APPLICATION - R-11-09 – SAMMY J. HANDY**

Mr. Lee Clark said the property is located at 8962 Fairy Stone Park Highway, just west of Cobler Road in the Blackberry District and is shown on Tax Map 13.7/11J. The applicant is requesting the rezoning of approximately 2.2-acres from Suburban Residential District S-R to Rural Residential District R-R. The applicant wishes to place a single wide manufactured home on this property. Following a public hearing, both the Planning Commission and staff recommended approval of the request.

Ms. Buchanan opened the public hearing at 6:12 p.m. There being no one present who wished to speak, the hearing was closed at 6:12 p.m. Mr. Bryant made a motion to approve the rezoning request, seconded by Mr. Slaughter and carried 5 to 0. Mr. Adams was absent.

## **PUBLIC HEARING - REZONING APPLICATION - R-11-08 – 1219 ENTERPRISES, L.L.C./JERRY HARPER, JR.**

Mr. Lee Clark said the property is located 0.2 mile south of the end of Frank Wilson Avenue in the Horsepasture District and is shown on Tax Map 40.1/7C. The applicant is requesting the rezoning of approximately 15-acres from Industrial District I-1 to Agricultural District A-1. The applicant wishes to build a home on this property. Following a public hearing, both the Planning Commission and staff recommended approval of the request.

Ms. Buchanan opened the public hearing at 6:14 p.m. There was no one present to speak and the public hearing was closed at 6:14 p.m. Mr. Vaughn moved that the Board approve the rezoning request, seconded by Mr. Bryant and unanimously carried.

## **PUBLIC HEARING – PROPOSED ABANDONMENT, 30' R/W OFF ORCHARD DRIVE**

Mr. Lee Clark said Ms. Avie Peak is requesting the abandonment of a 30' right-of-way located at 1500 Orchard Drive in the Blackberry District. This section of road was never constructed but does have the potential to be used as access by other properties that currently use a connecting right-of-way off County Line Road. Staff is of the opinion that there is no public necessity for the continuance of this section of right-of-way as a public road. VDOT has advised that they have no objection to this abandonment. Staff recommends approval of the request.

Ms. Buchanan opened the public hearing at 6:15 p.m. There being no one present who wished to speak, the hearing was closed at 6:15 p.m. Mr. Bryant made the following motion, seconded by Mr. Kendall and carried 5 to 0. Mr. Adams was absent.

**“Be it ordained and resolved that a section of a 30’ right-of-way identified as running from its intersection with Orchard Drive (SR 677), north approximately 421’, to the rear of Tracts D and E. This right of way is located in the Blackberry District, shown on a map for Avie C. Peak, dated July 17, 2011, prepared by Terry A. Waller, L.L.S., and recorded in the Henry County Circuit Court Clerk’s Office in MB 94, PG 244., be vacated and abandoned, subject to the rights of owners of any utilities previously installed.”**

### **GENERAL HIGHWAY MATTERS**

Ms. Lisa Hughes, Residency Administrator for the Virginia Department of Transportation, was present to update the Board on General Highway Matters.

- Two safety projects progressing, Route 58 at the intersection of Carver Road and Route 220 South in Oak Level.
- Beginning shoulder widening on Stoney Mountain Road.
- Reminded the Board of the design public hearing for the Preston Road project scheduled for September 29, 5-7 p.m., at the Horsepasture Volunteer Fire Department.
- Continue to work on painting and paving projects.

Mr. Slaughter expressed concerns about Route 220 Business in the Reed Creek area and the difficulty in crossing traffic.

Mr. Kendall again asked that a guardrail be placed on Stoney Mountain Road.

Ms. Buchanan asked Ms. Hughes about the options of installing “No Littering” signs. Ms. Hughes said VDOT would just need to verify the County ordinance on fines for littering. Ms. Buchanan asked Mr. Lyle to review the matter and report back next month. Mr. Vaughn made a motion to install “No Littering” signs, seconded by Mr. Bryant and carried 5 to 0. Mr. Adams was absent. Ms. Buchanan also requested that Ms. Hughes report next month on the number and location of signs already installed.

### **REQUEST FOR “WATCH FOR CHILDREN” SIGN ON PHOSPHO SPRINGS ROAD IN THE RIDGEWAY DISTRICT**

Mr. Vaughn made a motion to install a “Watch for Children” sign on Phospho Springs Road in the Ridgeway District, seconded by Mr. Slaughter and unanimously carried. Mr. Vaughn also inquired about the speed limit on this road. Ms. Hughes said some areas of the road are posted at 25 mph, but unposted areas are 55 mph. Ms. Hughes said she would look into the matter.

There being no further business to discuss, Mr. Slaughter moved to adjourn at 6:26 p.m., seconded by Mr. Bryant and carried 5 to 0.

**HENRY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
MINUTES**

**October 25, 2011 – 3:00 pm**

The Henry County Board of Supervisors held its regular meeting on October 25, 2011, at 3:00 pm in the Board Meeting Room of the County Administration Building, King's Mountain Road, Collinsville, Virginia. The following Board members were present: Chairman Debra Buchanan, Vice-Chairman H.G. Vaughn, Milton Kendall, Tommy Slaughter, and Joe Bryant.

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

Sheriff Lane Perry, Major Steve Eanes, Sgt. Ronnie Minter, and Deputy Mark Jamison from the Sheriff's Office were present. Debbie Hall of the Martinsville Bulletin and Ron Morris of B99 were also present.

**INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

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

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Chairman Buchanan called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone present. She stated that anyone who wishes to be on the Agenda for the Board's regular business meeting held at 3:00 pm 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 pm 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).

- September 27, 2011

**Approval of Accounts Payable**

(Copy included in Board's File).

Mr. Vaughn moved that the Items of Consent be adopted as presented, seconded by Mr. Bryant. The motion carried 6 to 0.

## **CONSIDERATION OF PROCLAMATION ESTABLISHING OCTOBER 2011 AS “CHILDREN’S HEALTH MONTH” IN HENRY COUNTY**

Mr. Kendall read aloud a proclamation declaring October 2011 as “Children’s Health Month” in Henry County and moved that the Board adopt it as presented, seconded by Mr. Adams and unanimously carried. There was no one present from the Coalition for Health and Wellness to accept the proclamation.

## **PRESENTATION REGARDING ACCREDITATION OF HENRY COUNTY SHERIFF’S OFFICE**

Lt. Ben Rea with the Henry County Sheriff’s Office thanked the Board for its support and explained the stringent certification process that the Sheriff’s Office has undergone the past four years to achieve full accreditation from the Virginia Law Enforcement Professional Standards Commission (VLEPSC). Sheriff Perry and his department learned in September that they had achieved full accreditation and Sheriff Ric Atkins of the City of Salem, who also serves on the VLEPSC Board, was in attendance to present the official accreditation certificate. Sheriff Atkins read comments from Gary Dillon, manager of the Virginia Accreditation Center, who was unable to attend, and then presented Sheriff Perry with the official accreditation certificate. Sheriff Perry thanked the Board and staff for all of their encouragement and support throughout the process.

## **UPDATE ON 2011-12 SCHOOL YEAR BY INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT J. DAVID MARTIN**

Interim School Superintendent Dr. J. David Martin was present to provide updates on the 2011-12 academic year. Dr. Martin distributed a handout summarizing changes over the last 10 years including operating budget, student enrollment, teacher salaries, graduation statistics, etc. (Copy included in Board File). Dr. Martin also noted accomplishments achieved during the current school year, one being Rich Acres Elementary School being named a “2011 National Blue Ribbon School.”

## **CONSIDERATION OF 5-YEAR UPDATE TO SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN**

Mr. Summerlin said state regulations require every locality to maintain a Solid Waste Management Plan (SWMP). Henry County partnered with the City of Martinsville and the Town of Ridgeway to prepare a joint plan that will develop objectives for the management of solid wastes, including, at a minimum, source reduction, reuse, recycling, resource recovery (waste-to-energy), landfilling and transfer stations. Mr. Summerlin said Joyce Engineering assisted in preparation of the draft plan which has some minor errors that need to be corrected. Mr. Summerlin said a public hearing is required before final adoption.

Mr. Adams moved that the Board set a public hearing for the November 22 meeting to consider updates to the SWMP, seconded by Mr. Bryant and unanimously carried.

## **CONSIDERATION OF CHANGE TO HENRY COUNTY ORDINANCE CONCERNING TAX COLLECTIONS**

Mr. Lyle said John Rife with TACS, along with Scott Grindstaff and himself, has reviewed the County Ordinance regarding tax collection efforts and are recommending a change that would shift the burden of paying certain collection and court costs to the offender instead of the County. Legal fees already associated with collecting certain delinquent taxes are currently paid by the delinquent taxpayer; these changes would affect cases that require court action and other collection techniques. The ordinance change would require a public hearing before action could be taken.

Mr. Bryant moved that the Board set a public hearing for November 22 at 6 p.m. to consider the ordinance change, seconded by Mr. Slaughter and carried 6 to 0.

## **CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF WAKE FOREST UNIVERSITY MEDICAL CENTER AS EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES PROVIDER IN HENRY COUNTY**

Mr. Summerlin said Wake Forest University Medical Center is considering contracting with Martinsville Speedway for air medical services during events at the race track. In order to provide those services, the medical center must acquire a Virginia Office of Emergency Medical Services license. For that to occur, the locality must recognize the entity as a medical services provider for the community. Mr. Dale Wagoner prepared a resolution for the Board's consideration.

Mr. Kendall moved that the Board adopt the resolution as presented, seconded by Mr. Vaughn and unanimously carried.

## **CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION REGARDING THE VIRGINIA AVENUE TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENT PROJECT**

Mr. Summerlin said the County has received several grants, totaling \$546,000, from the Transportation Enhancement (TE) Program through the Virginia Department of Transportation. These funds will be utilized to improve the Virginia Avenue corridor stretching from just southeast of Mill Creek Road to Commonwealth Boulevard in a multi-phase project. The focus of this project will be to enhance this transportation route by improving pedestrian and vehicle safety as well as by providing streetscape improvements. Included will be a "gateway" sign, new sidewalks, installation of crosswalks and crosswalk lighting, customized street signage as well as landscaping. The estimated total project cost is \$2,865,613 including a 20% match of \$573,123. The match will consist of in-kind contributions from the County as well as an already allocated cash contribution of \$46,175 for architectural and engineering fees. The balance of the matching funds will come from other grant sources. Applications for additional TE grant funds require an updated resolution.

Mr. Slaughter made a motion to adopt the resolution as presented, seconded by Mr. Bryant and carried 6 to 0.

## **REPORT ON DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTION EFFORTS**

Mr. Scott Grindstaff was unable to attend today's meeting but the monthly tax collection reports were included in the Board's working papers.

Mr. Summerlin indicated that John Rife with TACS has scheduled the sale of 16 parcels for November 15 at 2 p.m. at the Henry County Courthouse. Also, a non-judicial sale should be set for December.

## **MONTHLY UPDATE FROM THE MARTINSVILLE-HENRY COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION**

Mr. Mark Heath, President 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). Mr. Heath said the EDC is working with a total of 26 projects, including 9 active projects.

## **CONSIDERATION OF CARRY-OVER REQUEST FROM MARTINSVILLE-HENRY COUNTY 9-1-1 COMMUNICATIONS CENTER**

Mr. Summerlin said the 9-1-1 Communications Center is working toward the implementation of Emergency Medical Dispatch (EMD). This program allows emergency dispatchers to provide "pre-arrival" instructions to a caller for situations such as CPR, choking, and other issues. The 9-1-1 Center has pursued grant funding for implementation and training, and has secured nearly \$75,000 toward that cost. An additional \$30,000 is needed, and Mr. Wes Ashley is requesting permission to carry over \$20,039 of Henry County's FY 2011 allocation to the Center to use toward the EMD costs. Since the 9-1-1 Center is a joint agency with the City of Martinsville, Mr. Ashley has requested permission from the City to carry over \$8,185 in City funds from FY '11.

Mr. Kendall moved that the Board approve the carry-over request from the 9-1-1 Communications Center contingent on similar approval by City Council, seconded by Mr. Slaughter and carried 6 to 0.

## **CONSIDERATION OF EMPLOYEE PURCHASE PLAN FOR I-PADS AND LAPTOP COMPUTERS**

Mr. Summerlin said there is an opportunity once again to partner with the Henry County Public Schools for employees to purchase i-Pads or laptop computers through a payroll deduction plan. Employees who participate would have a monthly payment deducted from their paychecks for six months beginning in January 2012. Each employee who participates would sign a contract for the transaction and would be obligated to pay the amount even if they leave employment during the six-month period.

Mr. Slaughter made a motion to approve the employee purchase plan for i-Pads and laptop computers, seconded by Mr. Bryant and unanimously carried.

## **ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION OF TOBACCO COMMISSION GRANT AND AWARD OF CONTRACT RE: GRADING OF LOT 2, PATRIOT CENTRE**

Mr. Summerlin said Henry County and the Martinsville-Henry County Economic Development Corporation have worked diligently to gather sufficient funding for the grading of Lot 2 in the Patriot Centre. The cost of grading is estimated at \$950,000, and Henry County and the EDC have pledged \$125,000 each to go with the Tobacco Commission's recent grant of \$700,000. Staff is requesting appropriation of the Tobacco grant and award of contract for engineering services connected to the grading project to Wiley Wilson of Lynchburg in the amount of \$27,300. Wiley Wilson has done most of the previous engineering services for the Patriot Centre and this contract would be awarded under a previous Request for Proposals (RFP) the County has in place with the company.

Mr. Adams moved that the Board approve the additional appropriation as requested and award the contract for grading to Wiley Wilson, seconded by Mr. Vaughn and carried 6 to 0.

## **ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT AND ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION RE: GANG PREVENTION PROGRAM – SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

Mr. Summerlin said the Sheriff's Office along with Henry County Public Schools, the Department of Juvenile Justice, the 21<sup>st</sup> Judicial District Court Services Unit, and the 4-H Extension Office have been working on a grant for the Henry County Gang Prevention Program. The grant, which totals \$45,190.16, would cover a myriad of items most of which are training and education. Mr. Summerlin said staff has received verbal approval of the grant and recommends that the Board accept the grant and approve the additional appropriation contingent on official receipt in order to meet the aggressive timeline in the spending of the grant funds.

Mr. Bryant made a motion to accept and appropriate the grant as requested, seconded by Mr. Slaughter and unanimously carried.

## **ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT AND APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION RE: HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT – PUBLIC SAFETY**

Mr. Summerlin said Dale Wagoner is asking the Board to accept and approve a resolution regarding a grant of \$24,874 from the United States Department of Homeland Security. Mr. Summerlin said the grant funds are already included in the budget and it is not new money, but new state regulations require that the Board approve a resolution in order to receive the money.

Mr. Kendall made a motion to accept the grant and approve the resolution as presented, seconded by Mr. Slaughter and carried 6 to 0.

Ms. Buchanan noted an addition to the 6 p.m. agenda, concerning a guardrail being placed on Stoney Mountain Road. The Board agreed to add the item to the agenda.

## **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

### **Comments from the Board**

Mr. Bryant said he continues to work on the litter problem and wants to keep the issue in the public eye. Mr. Bryant also said he is having his first Town Hall Meeting on November 15 at 7 p.m. at the Collinsville Library.

Mr. Kendall said they were finally successful in placing an ambulance at the Dyer's Store facility and thanked the Axton Life Saving Crew for their assistance in the project.

Mr. Vaughn requested that Mark Heath, during the course of his work, try to emphasize the importance of a clean community to economic development. Mr. Vaughn encouraged everyone to welcome all of the race fans this weekend.

Mr. Vaughn addressed his concerns with the noise ordinance and asked Mr. Lyle to provide an update since this issue was last discussed. Mr. Vaughn said he continues to receive complaints about the nuisance of barking dogs. Mr. Lyle said it would require a relatively defined standard as to distance or volume of sound to make the ordinance enforceable. Other Board members said they only receive an occasional call while Mr. Slaughter said he receives more complaints about cats which are not governed by state code as dogs are.

Mr. Slaughter asked if there was a minimum fine for littering. Mr. Lyle said he only reviewed the maximum which is \$2,500. Mr. Summerlin said littering is a Class 1 misdemeanor under County ordinance but then you also have state law, so it depends which one the charge falls under. Mr. Summerlin said the County can dictate the fines as long as they are within state guidelines, but it is at the discretion of the judge to enforce the fines.

Ms. Buchanan reminded everyone of the Outstanding Military Veteran Award ceremony on November 12 at 11 am. Ms. Buchanan encouraged everyone to participate in the annual coat drive for kids.

### **CLOSED MEETING**

Mr. Slaughter moved that the Board go into a closed meeting at 4:07 p.m., seconded by Mr. Kendall and unanimously carried to discuss the following.

- 1) §2.2-3711(A)1 for Discussion of Appointees to the Public Service Authority, Patriot Centre Advisory Board, and West Piedmont Planning District Commission-Technical Advisory Committee.
- 2) §2.2-3711(A)7 for Consultation with the County Attorney re: Pending Legal Matters.
- 3) §2.2-3711(A)3 for Consultation with the County Attorney re: Acquisition/Disposal of Real Estate.

- 4) §2.2-3711(A)5 for Consultation with the County Attorney re: Discussion of As-Yet Unannounced Industries.

#### **OPEN MEETING:**

The Board returned to an open meeting at 5:20 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Adams, seconded by Mr. Bryant and unanimously carried.

#### **CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED MEETING:**

Mr. Hall read the Certification of the Closed Meeting and took a roll call vote. Those voting in the affirmative were Mr. Slaughter, Mr. Bryant, Mr. Kendall, Mr. Adams, Mr. Vaughn, and Ms. Buchanan.

Mr. Adams moved that the Board authorize the county attorney to enter into a sale agreement for property at 20 East Church Street in the amount of \$100,000 to Steven Rucker contingent on approval by City Council, seconded by Mr. Vaughn and carried 6 to 0.

The Board recessed its meeting at 5:21 p.m. until the 6:00 evening session.

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

#### **MATTERS PRESENTED BY THE PUBLIC**

There was no one present who wished to speak.

#### **PRESENTATION OF VALOR AWARDS FROM SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

Sheriff Perry was present to recognize four employees for extraordinary service to the citizens of Henry County. Sheriff Perry said there are four criteria for the awards, life-saving, valor, honor, and bravery. Sheriff Perry said one measure of the Valor Award is imminent personal danger. Lt. Colonel Eanes read a brief synopsis of events and presented awards to the following employees: Deputy Rick Anderson for an incident on March 20, 2000; Captain Richard Vaughn and former deputy and current 9-1-1 Dispatcher, Sharon Harold, for an incident on May 5, 2000; Lt. John Cassell for an incident on June 14, 2003; and Lt. Mark Winn for an incident on December 13, 2008. Captain Richard Walker accepted the award on behalf of Lt. Winn.

#### **REQUEST FOR "WATCH FOR CHILDREN" SIGN AND SPEED LIMIT STUDY ON FARBROOK ROAD, RIDGEWAY DISTRICT**

Mr. Vaughn moved that the Board request a "Watch for Children" sign and speed limit study for Farmbrook Road in the Ridgeway District; and also a speed limit study on Glasgow Drive, seconded by Mr. Adams and unanimously carried.

### **CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION RE: INSTALLATION OF GUARDRAIL ON STONEY MOUNTAIN ROAD**

Mr. Kendall read aloud a resolution for consideration of the installation of a guardrail on Stoney Mountain Road and moved that the Board adopt the resolution as presented, seconded by Mr. Bryant and carried 6 to 0. (Copy included in Board's File)

### **GENERAL HIGHWAY MATTERS**

Ms. Lisa Hughes, Residency Administrator for the Virginia Department of Transportation, was present to update the Board on General Highway Matters.

- Fall transportation meeting tomorrow night at 6 p.m. in Montgomery County at the Government Center. Ms. Hughes recommended that the County resubmit their priority list via email.
- Reported that there are 14 "No Littering" signs at all entrances to the County; ordered placards to be added to the signs, indicating fines up to \$2,500.

There being no further business to discuss, Mr. Slaughter moved to adjourn at 6:17 p.m., seconded by Mr. Kendall and carried 6 to 0.

**JOINT  
HENRY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
AND INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY  
MINUTES**

**November 22, 2011 – 1:30 pm**

The Henry County Board of Supervisors and the Henry County Industrial Development Authority held a joint meeting on November 22, 2011 at 1:30 pm in the Fourth Floor Conference Room of the County Administration Building, King's Mountain Road, Collinsville, Virginia.

The following Board members were present: Chairman Debra Buchanan, Vice Chairman H. G. Vaughn, Jim Adams, Milton Kendall, Joe Bryant, and Tommy Slaughter.

The following Industrial Development Authority members were present: Vice Chairman Len Dillon, Wesley Caviness, Rodney Thacker, and Barry Helmstutler. Chairman Larry McDorman, Wade Nelson and Steve Isley were absent.

Staff members present were Benny Summerlin, County Administrator; Tim Hall, Deputy County Administrator; George Lyle, County Attorney; Darrell Jones, Director of Finance; and Michelle Via, Administrative Assistant.

Debbie Hall of the Martinsville Bulletin was present.

**CALL TO ORDER**

**Board of Supervisors**

Chairman Buchanan called the Board of Supervisors meeting to order at 1:30 pm.

**Industrial Development Authority**

Vice Chairman Dillon called the IDA meeting to order at 1:30 pm.

**CONSIDERATION OF PERFORMANCE AGREEMENTS WITH COMMONWEALTH LAMINATING AND COATING, INC.**

Mr. Summerlin presented two Performance Agreements for consideration by the Board of Supervisors and Industrial Development Authority (Copies included in Board's File). One agreement is between the County of Henry, the Henry County Industrial Development Authority, the Virginia Tobacco Indemnification and Community Revitalization Commission, and Commonwealth Laminating and Coating, Inc. for grant funds in the amount of \$320,000. The second agreement is between the County of Henry, the Henry County Industrial Development Authority, and Commonwealth Laminating and Coating, Inc. for grant funds in the amount of \$200,000 from the

Governor's Development Opportunity Fund. Both agreements include similar requirements: capital investment of approximately \$16,500,000; creation of at least 40 new jobs with an average annual salary of \$50,000; meet both capital and employment obligations within 36 months after the end of the base period.

Mr. Mark Heath, President and CEO of the Martinsville-Henry County Economic Development Corporation spoke as well. Mr. Heath said we competed with China and other viable locations for this project and he thanked Commonwealth Laminating for its confidence in Henry County to expand operations here.

Mr. Steve Phillips, President and CEO of Commonwealth Laminating, addressed both Boards and staff. Mr. Phillips said they started with almost nothing and now have almost 170 employees worldwide, with 117 of those employed locally. Mr. Phillips thanked everyone involved for their support of CLC's expansion in Henry County.

### **Board of Supervisors**

Mr. Adams moved that the Board of Supervisors approve the Performance Agreements as presented, seconded by Mr. Kendall and carried 6-0.

### **Industrial Development Authority**

Mr. Helmstutler moved that the Industrial Development Authority accept the Performance Agreements as presented, seconded by Mr. Thacker and carried 4-0. Mr. McDorman, Mr. Nelson and Mr. Isley were absent.

There being no further business, Mr. Bryant moved that the Board of Supervisors adjourn at 1:44 pm, seconded by Mr. Slaughter and carried 6-0.

Mr. Helmstutler moved that the Industrial Development Authority adjourn its meeting at 1:44 pm, seconded by Mr. Caviness and carried 4-0. Mr. McDorman, Mr. Nelson and Mr. Isley were absent.

**HENRY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
MINUTES**

**November 22, 2011 – 3:00 pm**

The Henry County Board of Supervisors held its regular meeting on November 22, 2011, at 3:00 pm in the Board Meeting Room of the County Administration Building, King's Mountain Road, Collinsville, Virginia. The following Board members were present: Chairman Debra Buchanan, Vice-Chairman H.G. Vaughn, Jim Adams, Milton Kendall, Tommy Slaughter, and Joe Bryant.

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

Sheriff Lane Perry, Major Steve Eanes, and Lt. Eric Hairston from the Sheriff's Office were present. Debbie Hall and Paul Collins of the Martinsville Bulletin were also present.

**INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

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

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Chairman Buchanan called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone present. She stated that anyone who wishes to be on the Agenda for the Board's regular business meeting held at 3:00 pm 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 pm 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).

- October 25, 2011

**Approval of Accounts Payable**

(Copy included in Board's File).

Mr. Adams moved that the Items of Consent be adopted as presented, seconded by Mr. Vaughn. The motion carried 6 to 0.

### **PRESENTATION OF PLAQUE TO DR. BARRY DORSEY, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, NEW COLLEGE INSTITUTE**

The Board presented Dr. Barry Dorsey, Executive Director of New College Institute, with a plaque to thank him for his service and dedication to NCI. Dr. Dorsey recently announced that he is retiring effective January 1.

### **CONSIDERATION OF PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING NATIONAL COLLEGE'S 125<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY**

Mr. Slaughter read aloud a proclamation recognizing National College's 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary and moved that the Board adopt the proclamation as presented, seconded by Mr. Bryant and unanimously carried. John Scott, Campus Director, and Michael Goehle, Community Resource Coordinator, were present to accept the proclamation.

### **PRESENTATION BY DENISE VAN VALKENBURG OF CONGRESSMAN ROBERT HURT'S OFFICE**

Ms. Denise Van Valkenburg, Director of Constituent Services for Congressman Robert Hurt, was present to provide an update on Rep. Hurt's activities. Ms. Valkenburg explained the roles of various members of Hurt's staff and encouraged anyone with questions or issues with federal agencies to contact Hurt's office or go online, hurt.house.gov.

### **CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION REGARDING APPLICATION FOR MEGA-SITE FUNDING**

Mr. Summerlin said as part of the ongoing process to secure funding for preparation of the Commonwealth Crossing Business Centre, a resolution to the Tobacco Commission is required as part of the application process.

Mr. Vaughn moved that the Board adopt the resolution as presented, seconded by Mr. Slaughter and carried 6 to 0.

### **CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS REGARDING HENRY COUNTY'S EMERGENCY OPERATIONS PLAN; WEST PIEDMONT MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL HAZARDOUS MITIGATION PLAN; AND MARTINSVILLE-HENRY COUNTY HAZARDOUS SPECIFIC ANNEX PLAN**

Mr. Summerlin said Dale Wagoner, Director Public Safety, is requesting Board approval of three documents regarding the County's Emergency Operations Plan; the West Piedmont Multi-Jurisdictional Hazardous Mitigation Plan; and the Martinsville-Henry County Hazardous Specific Annex Plan. Each of the plans is required by state law to be updated by the end of the year.

Mr. Kendall made a motion to adopt all three resolutions as presented, seconded by Mr. Bryant and unanimously carried.

## **REPORT ON DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTION EFFORTS**

Mr. Scott Grindstaff reviewed the monthly reports on delinquent tax collection efforts. Mr. Grindstaff reported that 2011 personal property bills were mailed November 15. Mr. Grindstaff also noted that the judicial tax sale was held November 15; there were 15 properties listed with all but three being paid before the sale. Mr. Grindstaff said a non-judicial sale of unbuildable parcels is scheduled December 12. Mr. Grindstaff said they continue to progress on the DMV stops.

Mr. Vaughn asked if there is any way to get the personal property bills out sooner. Mr. Grindstaff said typically the bills go out the first of November but this year was a little unusual due to a change in business personal property calculations and his office was late receiving the information from the Commissioner of the Revenue's Office. Mr. Vaughn also asked about banking fees for credit card/e-check transactions. Mr. Grindstaff said banking institutions charge a fee for these types of convenience transactions and normally these fees are absorbed by businesses; however, by law, the Treasurer's Office cannot absorb these fees because we would lose revenue.

## **MONTHLY UPDATE FROM THE MARTINSVILLE-HENRY COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION**

Mr. Mark Heath, President 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). Mr. Heath said the EDC is working with a total of 28 projects, including 12 active projects.

## **AWARD OF CONTRACT RE: GRADING OF LOT 2, PATRIOT CENTRE**

Mr. Summerlin said nine bids were received for the grading of Lot 2 in the Patriot Centre and the low bid was from Blythe Development Co. of Charlotte, NC in the amount of \$658,000. Funding will be provided from the Tobacco Commission, the EDC, and Henry County.

Mr. Bryant made a motion to award the contract to Blythe Development in the amount of \$658,000, seconded by Mr. Slaughter and carried 6 to 0.

## **ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION RE: DEPARTMENT OF FIRE PROGRAMS GRANT – PUBLIC SAFETY**

Mr. Summerlin said Henry County has received a Department of Fire Programs grant in the amount of \$4,000 to purchase computers for Axton, Collinsville, Dyers Store and Ridgeway fire departments. Mr. Wagoner indicates the computers will be used for records management and data analysis.

Mr. Kendall moved that the Board approve the additional appropriation as requested, seconded by Mr. Bryant and unanimously carried.

**ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION RE: EQUIPMENT ASSISTANCE GRANT – SCHOOL BOARD**

Mr. Summerlin said Superintendent Dr. David Martin is asking the Board to approve a grant of \$5,420 from the Virginia Department of Education to purchase updated cafeteria equipment for John Redd Smith Elementary.

Mr. Slaughter made a motion to approve the grant from the VDOE and additional appropriation as requested, seconded by Mr. Vaughn and carried 6 to 0.

**ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION RE: FEDERAL HOME LOAN BANK OF ATLANTA (FHLBA) AFFORDABLE HOUSING SET-ASIDE PROGRAM GRANT FOR THE SOUTH STREET NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**

Mr. Summerlin said County staff has identified an additional funding source to assist with the costs of the housing rehabilitation in the South Street project area. FHLBA has just recently announced that it will provide grants for either weatherization or accessibility improvements and that it will partner with the County to provide needed additional funds to owner-occupied residents in the County's CDBG project areas. FHLBA will work through its member bank, First State Bank of Danville, to provide these grant funds to the County. Staff is requesting the addition of \$60,000 to the South Street project budget to cover the following estimated costs: \$47,200 for construction improvements, \$12,000 for administrative costs, and \$800 for legal expenses all of which will be entirely grant funded with no local match required.

Mr. Slaughter moved that the Board approve the additional appropriation as requested, seconded by Mr. Adams and unanimously carried.

**AWARD OF CONTRACT RE: DIGITAL VOICE LOGGING SYSTEM – MARTINSVILLE-HENRY COUNTY 9-1-1 COMMUNICATIONS CENTER**

Mr. Summerlin said the 9-1-1 Communications Center issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) for a Digital Voice Logging System and Carolina Recording Solutions was the low bid in the amount of \$63,100. Funding for the purchase is provided by the Virginia Wireless Board.

Mr. Kendall moved that the Board award the contract to Carolina Recording Solutions in the amount of \$63,100, seconded by Mr. Slaughter and carried 6 to 0.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

**Comments from the Board**

Mr. Slaughter reported that he attended the annual VACo conference and it was very informative. Also, Mr. Slaughter said that he had the opportunity to go on a bus trip to Myrtle Beach sponsored by Parks and Recreation Senior Services. Mr. Slaughter said Melissa Puckett did a great job and the cost was very reasonable.

Mr. Bryant said that he too had attended the annual VACo conference and it was very helpful. Mr. Bryant said his first town hall meeting went fairly well.

Mr. Kendall congratulated supervisors on re-election. Ms. Buchanan, Mr. Vaughn, and Mr. Adams thanked the citizens for their confidence and allowing them to serve another term.

Mr. Adams asked Mr. Dale Wagoner to report on the fire at Bassett Furniture. Mr. Wagoner said the fire was contained through a joint effort of all of the agencies working together, including fire departments from Henry County, Martinsville, Patrick and Franklin counties.

Mr. Vaughn said he recently represented the Board at a grave-marking ceremony for Lewis Franklin, who was a soldier in the Revolutionary War. Mr. Vaughn said this was the first event of its kind he had attended and he was very impressed.

Ms. Buchanan said she attended several veterans' recognition events. Ms. Buchanan noted that the Virginia Home in Fieldale is decorating and caroling this year during the holiday season for those who would like to visit. Ms. Buchanan reminded everyone of her annual coat drive.

### **CLOSED MEETING**

Mr. Adams moved that the Board go into a closed meeting at 3:43 p.m., seconded by Mr. Vaughn and unanimously carried to discuss the following.

- 1) §2.2-3711(A)1 for Discussion of Appointees to the Public Service Authority, Patriot Centre Advisory Board, and West Piedmont Planning District Commission-Technical Advisory Committee.
- 2) §2.2-3711(A)7 for Consultation with the County Attorney re: Pending Legal Matters.
- 3) §2.2-3711(A)3 for Consultation with the County Attorney re: Acquisition/Disposal of Real Estate.
- 4) §2.2-3711(A)5 for Consultation with the County Attorney re: Discussion of As-Yet Unannounced Industries.

### **OPEN MEETING:**

The Board returned to an open meeting at 4:51 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Adams, 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. Those voting in the affirmative were Mr. Slaughter, Mr. Bryant, Mr. Kendall, Mr. Adams, Mr. Vaughn, and Ms. Buchanan.

**Public Service Authority** – Mr. Slaughter made a motion to reappoint Mike Harris and Kathy Rea to four-year terms ending January 5, 2016, seconded by Mr. Kendall and carried 6 to 0.

**Patriot Centre Advisory Board** – Mr. Adams moved to reappoint Hal Prillaman, George Lester, W.E. Geisler, Terry Cundiff, and Nubby Coleman to two-year terms ending December 31, 2013, seconded by Mr. Vaughn and unanimously carried.

**West Piedmont Planning District Commission Technical Advisory Committee** – Mr. Bryant made a motion to reappoint Tim Pace and Cecil Stone as an alternate to three-year terms ending December 31, 2014, seconded by Mr. Slaughter and carried 6 to 0.

**Deed of Easement – Donald Trantham** - Mr. Bryant moved that the Board execute a deed of easement with Donald Trantham for the Fieldale Trail, seconded by Mr. Slaughter and unanimously carried.

The Board recessed its meeting at 4:53 p.m. until the 6:00 evening session.

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

#### **MATTERS PRESENTED BY THE PUBLIC**

There was no one present who wished to speak.

#### **PUBLIC HEARING - CONSIDERATION OF 5-YEAR UPDATE TO SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN**

Mr. Summerlin said a public hearing was set at last month's meeting to consider an update to the Solid Waste Management Plan (SWMP). The County is a partner with the City of Martinsville and the Town of Ridgeway in the SWMP, which outlines the long-term strategy and goals set by the three localities concerning solid waste management. Joyce Engineering assisted in the preparation of the plan.

Ms. Buchanan opened the public hearing at 6:01 p.m. There being no one present who wished to speak, the public hearing was closed at 6:01 p.m. Mr. Kendall made a motion to approve the five-year update to the SWMP, seconded by Mr. Bryant and carried 6 to 0.

#### **PUBLIC HEARING - CONSIDERATION OF CHANGE TO HENRY COUNTY ORDINANCE CONCERNING TAX COLLECTIONS**

County Attorney Mr. George Lyle, along with Mr. John Rife, the County's tax collection consultant, and County Treasurer Scott Grindstaff, reviewed the County Ordinance regarding tax collection efforts and recommended a change that would shift the burden of paying certain collection and court costs to the offender instead of the County. Mr. Lyle explained that these changes would affect cases that require court action and other collection techniques. A public hearing is required before action can be taken.

Ms. Buchanan opened the public hearing at 6:05 p.m. There was no one present who wished to speak. Ms. Buchanan closed the public hearing at 6:05 p.m. Mr. Adams moved that the Board adopt the ordinance changes as outlined, seconded by Mr. Vaughn and carried 6 to 0.

### **PUBLIC HEARING – REZONING APPLICATION R-11-10 – KENNETH A. MOOREFIELD**

Mr. Lee Clark said the property is located at 65 Whalen Road in the Blackberry District and is shown on Tax Map 25.2/139A. The applicant is requesting the rezoning of approximately 3.9-acres from Suburban Residential District S-R to Rural Residential District R-R. The applicant wishes to place a single wide manufactured home on this property. Following a public hearing, both the Planning Commission and staff recommended approval of the rezoning request.

Ms. Buchanan opened the public hearing at 6:06 p.m. There being no one present to speak, Ms. Buchanan closed the public hearing at 6:06. Mr. Adams asked Mr. Clark if there was any opposition to the rezoning request. Mr. Clark said many residents were opposed to the original request but the applicant revised the application and everyone was satisfied with the revisions. Mr. Adams moved that the Board follow the recommendation of the Planning Commission and approve the rezoning request, seconded by Mr. Vaughn and unanimously carried.

### **CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION REGARDING PRESTON ROAD UPGRADES**

Ms. Lisa Hughes with VDOT requested that the Board adopt a resolution considering a plan to upgrade Preston Road in the Horsepasture District. The project has been at or near the top of the County's Secondary Road priority list for years. Ms. Hughes said 64 people attended a public hearing September 29 on the design of the project and there were 15 comments: three for the project, four against and eight uncertain. Ms. Hughes said estimated right-of-way acquisition will begin in 2012.

Mr. Vaughn made a motion that the Board approve the resolution as presented, seconded by Mr. Slaughter and carried 6 to 0.

There being no further business to discuss, Mr. Slaughter moved to adjourn at 6:10 p.m., seconded by Mr. Bryant and carried 6 to 0.

**HENRY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
MINUTES**

**December 13, 2011 – 3:00 pm**

The Henry County Board of Supervisors held its regular meeting on December 13, 2011, at 3:00 pm in the Board Meeting Room of the County Administration Building, King's Mountain Road, Collinsville, Virginia. The following Board members were present: Chairman Debra Buchanan, Vice-Chairman H.G. Vaughn, Jim Adams, Milton Kendall, Tommy Slaughter, and Joe Bryant.

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

Sheriff Lane Perry, Lt. Eric Hairston, and Deputy Mike Hooper from the Sheriff's Office were present. Paul Collins of the Martinsville Bulletin and Ron Morris of B99 were present.

**INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

Mr. Adams gave the invocation and Mr. Kendall led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Chairman Buchanan called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone present. She stated that anyone who wishes to be on the Agenda for the Board's regular business meeting held at 3:00 pm 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 pm may do so under Agenda Item - Matters Presented by the Public without contacting the County Administrator's Office.

Ms. Buchanan noted a couple of additions to the agenda of which the Board was in agreement.

**ITEMS OF CONSENT:**

**Confirmation of Minutes of Meetings**

(Copy included in Board's File).

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**Approval of Accounts Payable**

(Copy included in Board's File).

**Consideration of Resolution Honoring Morgan Armstrong, 21st General District Court Judge**

(Copy included in Board's File).

General District Court Judge Morgan Armstrong is retiring effective January 1, 2012 and staff prepared a resolution in his honor. The resolution will be presented at a later date.

Mr. Vaughn moved that the Items of Consent be adopted as presented, seconded by Mr. Bryant. The motion carried 6 to 0.

**CONSIDERATION OF FY 2012-2013 BUDGET CALENDAR**

A proposed calendar for preparation of the FY 2012-13 County Budget was included in the Board's working papers. The calendar provides for preparation, adoption, and appropriation of the budget in accordance with the deadlines provided in the *Code of Virginia*.

Mr. Kendall made a motion to adopt the 2012-'13 budget calendar as presented, seconded by Mr. Slaughter and unanimously carried.

**CONSIDERATION OF DATE FOR 2012 ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING**

The Board of Supervisors is required to have an organizational meeting soon after the first of the year to set its meeting dates and elect a chairman and vice chairman for the 2012 calendar year.

Mr. Kendall made a motion to set the date for January 3, 2012 at 5:00 pm, seconded by Mr. Bryant and carried 6 to 0.

**CONSIDERATION OF 2012 LEGISLATIVE AGENDA FOR VIRGINIA GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

Mr. Summerlin said the legislative agenda is very similar to last year's with a couple of additions, most notably new language concerning scrap metal thefts and penalties. Mr. Summerlin said the main objective will be to try and preserve the funding we receive from the General Assembly.

Mr. Adams moved that the Board approve the 2012 Legislative Agenda and forward to our representatives in the Virginia General Assembly as well as VACo, seconded by Mr. Vaughn and unanimously carried.

**REPORT ON DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTION EFFORTS**

Mr. Scott Grindstaff reviewed the monthly reports on delinquent tax collection efforts. Mr. Grindstaff said staff is still processing mail from December 5 but thus far collections are looking good. Mr. Grindstaff said Mr. John Rife plans to attend the January meeting and they will recap 2011 and discuss plans for 2012. Mr. Grindstaff

said there was a non-judicial sale on December 12 and approximately 10 non-buildable properties were sold.

Mr. Summerlin said that once all collections have been posted, Mr. Grindstaff is going to run a list of delinquent real estate and personal property and identify those who have agreements. Mr. Summerlin said the list will be available if the Board wishes to review it.

#### **ACCEPTANCE AND ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION RE: STATE CRIMINAL ALIEN ASSISTANCE GRANT – SHERIFF’S OFFICE**

Mr. Summerlin said Sheriff Perry is asking the Board to accept and appropriate a grant in the amount of \$10,018 from the State Criminal Alien Assistance Program. According to Sheriff Perry, the grant would be used to improve efficiency in the jail. Sheriff Perry indicates that \$3,000 of the grant would be used for professional services; \$2,000 would be used for gang prevention training; and \$5,018 would be used to pay overtime to assist with prisoner transports. No local match is required.

Mr. Bryant moved that the Board accept the grant and approve the appropriation as outlined, seconded by Mr. Slaughter and carried 6 to 0.

#### **AWARD OF CONTRACT RE: RIVERSIDE DRIVE HOUSING REHABILITATION PROJECT**

Mr. Summerlin said the Riverside Drive Housing Rehab Board approved an award of contract to Wood Building and Remodeling in the amount of \$23,300 for rehabilitation of a house at 4126 Fairy Stone Park Highway, Bassett. The project is funded with CDBG funds.

Mr. Adams moved that the Board award the contract to Wood Building and Remodeling in the amount of \$23,300, seconded by Mr. Kendall and unanimously carried.

#### **AWARD OF CONTRACTS RE: SOUTH STREET HOUSING REHABILITATION PROJECT**

Mr. Summerlin said the South Street Housing Rehab Board approved low bids for rehabilitation of houses located at 140 South Street to Piedmont Construction in the amount of \$41,720 and 170 South Street to Fairystone Construction in the amount of \$20,005. Both projects are funded with CDBG funds.

Mr. Slaughter moved that the Board award contracts to Piedmont Construction in the amount of \$41,720 and Fairystone Construction in the amount of \$20,005, seconded by Mr. Bryant and carried 6 to 0.

## **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

### **Comments from the Board**

Ms. Buchanan said she had the opportunity to attend the Fieldale Christmas Parade and it was an excellent event. Mr. Bryant said that he had the pleasure of participating in the parade.

### **CLOSED MEETING**

Mr. Adams moved that the Board go into a closed meeting at 3:15 p.m., seconded by Mr. Vaughn and unanimously carried to discuss the following.

- 1) §2.2-3711(A)7 for Consultation with the County Attorney re: Pending Legal Matters.
- 2) §2.2-3711(A)3 for Consultation with the County Attorney re: Acquisition/Disposal of Real Estate.
- 3) §2.2-3711(A)5 for Consultation with the County Attorney re: Discussion of As-Yet Unannounced Industries.
- 4) §2.2-3711(A)1 for Discussion of Appointee to the Dan River Alcohol Safety Action Program Board.

### **OPEN MEETING:**

The Board returned to an open meeting at 4:18 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Adams, 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. Those voting in the affirmative were Mr. Slaughter, Mr. Bryant, Mr. Kendall, Mr. Adams, Mr. Vaughn, and Ms. Buchanan.

#### **Lease Agreement with New Cingular Wireless**

Mr. Adams moved that the Board enter into a lease agreement with New Cingular Wireless for a tower site in Bassett, seconded by Mr. Vaughn and carried 6 to 0.

**Dan River Alcohol Safety Action Program Board** – Mr. Bryant moved that the Board appoint Cpt. Rik Vaughn to an unexpired term ending March 31, 2014, seconded by Mr. Kendall and unanimously carried.

## **MONTHLY UPDATE FROM THE MARTINSVILLE-HENRY COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION**

Mr. Mark Heath, President 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). Mr. Heath said the EDC is working with a total of 31 projects, including 13 active projects.

The Board recessed its meeting at 4:20 p.m. until the 6:00 evening session.

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

### **MATTERS PRESENTED BY THE PUBLIC**

There was no one present who wished to speak.

### **SWEARING-IN CEREMONY FOR ELECTED OFFICIALS**

Ms. Vickie Helmstutler, Circuit Court Clerk, and Rita Shropshire, Chairman of the Electoral Board were present to participate in the Swearing-In Ceremony for those placed in office in the November 8 election. Those elected officials sworn into office are as follows: Supervisors Debra Buchanan of the Horsepasture District; Tommy Slaughter of the Reed Creek District; and H.G. Vaughn of the Ridgeway District; School Board members Betsy Mattox of the Reed Creek District; Terri Flanagan of the Horsepasture District; and at-large member Joe DeVault; Sheriff Lane Perry; Treasurer Scott Grindstaff; Commissioner of the Revenue Linda Love; Commonwealth's Attorney Bob Bushnell; and Soil and Water Conservation District Blue Ridge District member Jack Hodges. Soil and Water Conservation District Blue Ridge District member Darrell Jackson and School Board-elect member Francis Zehr of the Ridgeway District were not present for the ceremony and will be sworn in at a later time.

### **CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION IN HONOR OF THE BASSETT HIGH SCHOOL MARCHING BAND**

Mr. Summerlin said the Bassett High School Marching Band recently won its fifth consecutive state championship followed by a second-place finish in the United States Scholastic Band Association (USSBA) national championships at the Naval Academy in Annapolis, MD.

Mr. Adams read the resolution aloud and made a motion that the Board adopt it as presented, seconded by Mr. Vaughn and carried 6 to 0. Band Director Trey Harris and several of his marching band members were present to accept the resolution.

## **RECOGNITION OF THE 2011 MAGNA VISTA HIGH SCHOOL FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA (FFA) COMPETITION TEAMS**

Ms. Buchanan thanked the FFA team for the poinsettias placed in the Board room.

Mr. Summerlin said the Magna Vista FFA team recently earned two top-five places in the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, IN. The floriculture team placed second and the nursery/landscape team placed fourth in the nation. Each team placed first in the state to qualify for the national event.

Mr. Vaughn read the resolution aloud and moved that the Board adopt it as presented, seconded by Mr. Bryant and unanimously carried. Instructor Deborah Barker and members of her team were present to accept the resolution.

## **PUBLIC HEARING – REZONING APPLICATION R-11-11 – JESSE D. CAHILL**

Mr. Lee Clark said the property is located at the end of Belva Lane in the Collinsville District and is shown as part of Tax Map 41.1/1, 1D. The applicant is requesting the rezoning of approximately 10-acres of 88.31-acres from Agricultural District A-1 to Suburban Residential District S-R. Mr. Clark said the rezoning of this property to Suburban Residential is appropriate and in keeping with the surrounding zoning in both Blueberry Hills Subdivision and the existing development along Belmont Street and Longview Drive.

Mr. Clark said the applicant wishes to expand the existing subdivision by 11 building lots and to potentially develop a Planned Unit Development. Mr. Clark said public water and sewer are available to this property and the extension of Belva Lane will be designed and built to be taken into the State's secondary road system. Mr. Clark said the separate issue of the appropriateness of the Planned Unit Development is a matter to be determined at a later date by the Board of Zoning Appeals and the Planning Commission.

Mr. Clark said following a public hearing, the Planning Commission and staff recommended that the rezoning request be approved and also approved the Preliminary Subdivision Plat for the 11 proposed building lots.

Ms. Buchanan opened the public hearing at 6:31 pm.

The applicant, Mr. Jessie Cahill, was present to address the Board. Mr. Cahill stated that when he purchased the property about 30 years ago, he had a master plan to develop more than 90 lots but has only developed about 20 lots. Mr. Cahill said he put in a road to take care of the more than 90 lots. Mr. Cahill said the 11-lot expansion is the second phase of his master plan. Mr. Cahill said he would be happy to answer any questions the Board may have and thanked the Board for their consideration of his request.

Mr. Rufus Woodall, Collinsville District, spoke in opposition to the rezoning request. Mr. Woodall said he is a resident of Belva Lane and his concerns are of increased traffic and decreased property values, but his main concern is the illegal dumping that has occurred near the property to be expanded. Mr. Woodall said the DEQ has reopened the case and he also presented pictures of the illegal dumping for the Board's review.

Mr. Rodney Nichols, also a resident of Belva Lane, echoed Mr. Woodall's comments. Mr. Nichols said the road is simply not built to accommodate an increase in traffic but his main concern too is the issue of illegal dumping and the safety of residents. Mr. Nichols alleged items such as air conditioners, refrigerators, carpet, etc. have been dumped and expressed his fears of radiation or asbestos exposure.

Mr. Cahill again addressed the Board and stated that the only items he has disposed of on the property is wood furniture removed from the apartment complex when he purchased it two years ago. Mr. Cahill said he is not aware of any dumping prior to that. Mr. Cahill said he was also not aware that it is illegal to burn wood product and cover the debris/ashes. Mr. Cahill welcomed anyone to inspect the property.

Ms. Buchanan closed the public hearing at 6:43 pm.

Mr. Bryant asked Mr. Cahill if it is possible that someone illegally dumped items on the property without his knowledge. Mr. Cahill responded anything is possible. Mr. Bryant asked Mr. Cahill if he would be opposed to someone digging on the property. Mr. Cahill said absolutely not.

Mr. Adams asked what the typical square footage of the proposed homes would be. Mr. Cahill said the new development would carry the same restrictions as the previous subdivisions with a minimum of 1,600 square feet.

Mr. Vaughn stated that the issues discussed are of concern and need to be addressed but the purpose of the rezoning request is to determine if it is appropriate to rezone the property from agricultural to suburban residential. Mr. Vaughn said suburban residential carries many more restrictions thus giving property owners more protection. Mr. Adams and Mr. Bryant agreed.

Mr. Bryant made a motion to follow the recommendation of the Planning Commission and approve the rezoning request, seconded by Mr. Kendall and unanimously carried.

## **INTRODUCTION OF SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT**

Henry County School Board Chairman Kathy Rogers presented the school system's new superintendent, Dr. Jared A. Cotton, who will begin January 17. Dr. Cotton thanked the Board and said he looks forward to working together.

## **GENERAL HIGHWAY MATTERS**

Ms. Lisa Hughes, Residency Administrator for the Virginia Department of Transportation, was present to update the Board on General Highway Matters.

- Center lines have been painted at the Patriot Centre
- Fine amounts (up to \$1,500) are being installed on litter signs coming into Henry County
- Guardrail on Stoney Mountain Road in Axton is scheduled to be installed in January
- Pavement has been widened to improve the shoulders on a several-mile long section of Virginia 57

- Pavement has been repaired on bridge decks on 220 Bypass bridges over Reed Creek and Smith River
- Speed limit signs installed on Barrows Mill Road

Mr. Slaughter asked Ms. Hughes to look into some overgrown pines that are blocking your sight when exiting Lancer Lane. Mr. Slaughter also asked about the delayed traffic light at Sportlanes. Ms. Hughes said all span wire traffic lights are set to be replaced and rebuilt and it will probably be next spring.

Mr. Kendall asked about the speed study at Carlisle School. Ms. Hughes said she would check on it.

There being no further business to discuss, Mr. Slaughter moved to adjourn at 6:55 p.m., seconded by Mr. Kendall and carried 6 to 0.