

March 05, 2018

A regular monthly meeting of the Russell County Board of Supervisors was held on Monday, March 05, 2018 at 6:00 pm at the Russell County Government Center in Lebanon, Virginia. An Executive (closed) session was held prior to the regular meeting beginning at 5:00 pm.

The Clerk called the meeting to order.

Roll Call by the Clerk:

Present:

Lou Wallace
Carl Rhea
David Eaton
Steve Breeding
Rebecca Dye
Mark Mitchell
Tim Lovelace

Lonzo Lester, Clerk
Matthew Crum, Attorney

Absent:

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion made by Mark Mitchell, second Lou Wallace and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to enter into (closed) executive session to discuss a real property matter pursuant to Section 2.2-3712(3) and a litigation matter pursuant to Section 2.2-3712(7) of the Code of Virginia.

The vote was:

Aye: Mark Mitchell, Lou Wallace, Tim Lovelace, Carl Rhea, Steve Breeding, Rebecca Dye and David Eaton
Nay: None

CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED SESSION

Motion made by Mark Mitchell, second David Eaton and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to return to regular session.

Pursuant to § 2.2-3712(D) of the Code of Virginia 1950, as amended each member of the Board of Supervisors upon the Roll Call certifies that to the best of their knowledge (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from the open meeting requirements under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act and (ii) only such public business matters that were identified in the motion(s) by which the closed meeting was convened were heard, discussed or considered in the meeting by the Board of Supervisors.

Any member of the Board of Supervisors who believes that there was a departure from the requirements of clauses (i) and (ii) above shall so state prior to the vote, indicating the substance of the departure that, in his or her judgment, has taken place.

Are there any who believe a departure has taken place? Seeing none, if you agree that the matters heard, discussed or considered during the closed meeting were pursuant only to the motion(s) by which the closed meeting was convened, please signify by saying aye or yes.

Tim Lovelace – AYE
Lou Wallace – AYE
Carl Rhea – AYE
David Eaton – AYE
Rebecca Dye - AYE
Steve Breeding – AYE
Mark Mitchell – AYE

Invocation by Justin Honaker, Lebanon Community Fellowship followed by the Pledge of Allegiance the Flag.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion made by Steve Breeding, second Lou Wallace and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to approve the agenda as presented.

The vote was:

Aye: Steve Breeding, Lou Wallace, Tim Lovelace, Carl Rhea, David Eaton, Rebecca Dye and Mark Mitchell
Nay: None

PUBLIC HEARING HELD ON THE TRANSIENT OCCUPANCY TAX ORDINANCE

Pursuant to being advertised in a local newspaper for (2) two consecutive weeks, a public hearing was held on the Russell County Transient Occupancy Tax Ordinance. The Chair opened the public hearing to comments, hearing none the public hearing was closed.

PUBLIC HEARING HELD ON THE TRANSFER OF PROPERTY TO THE CLEVELAND RESCUE SQUAD

Pursuant to being advertised in a local newspaper for (2) two consecutive weeks, a public hearing was held on the transfer of property from Russell County to the Cleveland Rescue Squad to be used for additional parking. The Chairperson opened the public hearing for comments, hearing none the public hearing was closed.

APPROVAL TO TRANSFER PROPERTY TO THE CLEVELAND RESCUE SQUAD

Motion made by Carl Rhea, second Steve Breeding and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to transfer a parcel of land from the County to the Cleveland Rescue Squad for additional parking.

The vote was:

Aye: Carl Rhea, Steve Breeding, Tim Lovelace, David Eaton, Mark Mitchell, Rebecca Dye and Lou Wallace

Nay: No

Awards and Recognitions

The Board of Supervisors recognized Lebanon High School students Cole Stoots and Logan Smith and Castlewood High School student Casey Bush for their accomplishments and participation in the State Wrestling Tournament.

Presentations

Dr. Thomas Wright, President of Southwest Virginia Community College introduced himself to the Board.

Reggie Childers, Lebanon stated that the supervisor at large seat should be eliminated. He is concerned that the county's population has decreased but we still have the extra district.

The Board recognized a local Boy Scout Troop, their attendance will allow them to earn a Citizenship Badge.

CUMBERLAND MT. COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD APPOINTMENT TABLED

Motion made by Mark Mitchell, second Steve Breeding and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to table the appointment made vacant by the resignation of Fred Sayers from the Cumberland Mountain Community Services Board until next month.

The vote was:

Aye: Mark Mitchell, Steve Breeding, Tim Lovelace, Carl Rhea, Lou Wallace, Rebecca Dye and David Eaton

Nay: None

KIRBY MEADOWS RE-APPOINTED TO THE RUSSELL COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

Motion made by Mark Mitchell, second David Eaton and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to re-appoint Kirby Meadows to the Russell County Planning Commission for a (4) four-year term, said term ending March 05, 2022.

The vote was:

Aye: Mark Mitchell, David Eaton, Tim Lovelace, Lou Wallace, Carl Rhea, Rebecca Dye and Steve Breeding

Nay: None

New Business

APPROVAL OF THE FEBRUARY 05, 2018 MINUTES

Motion made by Mark Mitchell, second Steve Breeding and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to approve the February 05, 2018 minutes and dispense with the reading thereof.

The vote was:

Aye: Mark Mitchell, Steve Breeding, Tim Lovelace, Carl Rhea, Lou Wallace, Rebecca Dye and David Eaton

Nay: None

APPROVAL OF GENERAL COUNTY INVOICES

Motion made by Steve Breeding, second Carl Rhea and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to approve general county invoices in the amount of \$1,321,681.47 including withholdings and reoccurring.

The vote was:

Aye: Steve Breeding, Carl Rhea, Tim Lovelace, Lou Wallace, David Eaton, Rebecca Dye and Mark Mitchell

Nay: None

Citizens Comment

The Chairperson opened citizens comment period.

Jimmy Richardson, Swords Creek complained that Rt. 781 was in need of tar and gravel. Every time it rains, it gets washed away.

Renee Matney, Appalachian Agency for Senior Citizens asked that a proclamation be signed proclaiming March 2018 as the 16th Annual March for Meals Month.

Brad Tincher, Lebanon asked that there is need of more communication between the Lebanon Little League and the County in order to maintain the Glade Hollow Ballpark properly. There are several things that are in need of repair.

Jessee Fields, RC Combined Search and Rescue addressed the Board about the possibility of the County helping fund the purchase of vertical equipment, fully stocked backpacks and training, etc. He also stated that they now have a Facebook page and invited everyone to follow their page.

Jonathan Eaton, Nash's Ford addressed the Board about tourism and equestrian events in Russell County. Trail rides and four-wheeler events could bring in a lot of money for the County. He stated that there is nothing here for people who show horses or trail ride in our County. He asked if there was any funding or property available to host some of these events.

The Chairperson closed citizens comment period.

County Administrator Reports and Requests

The Chairperson set the full Board budget workshop for Wednesday, March 21, 2018 at 3:00 pm

APPROVAL TO PROCLAIM MARCH AS AMERICAN RED CROSS MONTH

Motion made by Steve Breeding, second Lou Wallace and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to proclaim March as American Red Cross Month.

The vote was:

Aye: Steve Breeding, Lou Wallace, Tim Lovelace, Carl Rhea, David Eaton, Rebecca Dye and Mark Mitchell

Nay: None

APPROVAL TO PROCLAIM MARCH 2018 AS MARCH FOR MEALS MONTH

Motion made by Steve Breeding, second David Eaton and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to proclaim March 2018 as the 16th Annual March for Meals Month.

The vote was:

Aye: Steve Breeding, David Eaton, Tim Lovelace, Carl Rhea, Rebecca Dye, Lou Wallace and Mark Mitchell
Nay: None

APPROVAL TO AUTHORIZE A LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR A FEMA GRANT FOR THE COPPER CREEK MOCCASIN FIRE DEPARTMENT

Motion made by Tim Lovelace, second Lou Wallace and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to authorize a letter of support for the Copper Creek Moccasin Volunteer Fire Department to apply for a FEMA grant for a pumper truck.

The vote was:

Aye: Tim Lovelace, Lou Wallace, Carl Rhea, David Eaton, Steve Breeding, Rebecca Dye and Mark Mitchell
Nay: None

APPROVAL TO AUTHORIZE A RFP FOR THE HVAC CONTRACT

Motion made by Tim Lovelace, second Steve Breeding and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to approve an authorization for a Request for Proposals for the County's HVAC contract.

The vote was:

Aye: Tim Lovelace, Steve Breeding, Lou Wallace, Carl Rhea, David Eaton, Rebecca Dye and Mark Mitchell
Nay: None

APPROVAL OF A PLAT FOR ARTHUR AND LISA HICKS

Motion made by Mark Mitchell, second David Eaton and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to approve a plat from Arthur and Lisa Hicks as requested by the Russell County Planning Commission.

The vote was:

Aye: Mark Mitchell, David Eaton, Tim Lovelace, Carl Rhea, Lou Wallace, Rebecca Dye and Steve Breeding
Nay: None

APPROVAL OF A TRAVEL REQUEST FOR THE GENERAL DISTRICT COURT CLERK

Motion made by Mark Mitchell, second David Eaton and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to approve a travel request for the Russell County General District Court Clerk's Office.

The vote was:

Aye: Mark Mitchell, David Eaton, Carl Rhea, Tim Lovelace, Lou Wallace, Steve Breeding and Rebecca Dye
Nay: None

APPROVAL OF A TRAVEL REQUEST FROM THE SOLID WASTE DEPARTMENT

Motion made by David Eaton, second Carl Rhea and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to approve a travel request from the Russell County Solid Waste Department.

The vote was:

Aye: David Eaton, Carl Rhea, Tim Lovelace, Lou Wallace, Rebecca Dye, Mark Mitchell and Steve Breeding

Nay: None

APPROVAL OF A TRAVEL REQUEST FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Motion made by Mark Mitchell, second Steve Breeding and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to approve a travel request from the Department of Emergency Management.

The vote was:

Aye: Mark Mitchell, Steve Breeding, Lou Wallace, Carl Rhea, Rebecca Dye, Tim Lovelace and David Eaton

Nay: None

APPROVAL TO STUDY SECURITY MEASURES AND SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER COMPENSATION AND EMPLOYMENT

Motion made by David Eaton, second Steve Breeding and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to approve a Joint Resolution with Russell County Schools to study additional security measures in our schools and to study compensation and employment of School Resource Officers.

The vote was:

Aye: David Eaton, Steve Breeding, Tim Lovelace, Carl Rhea, Lou Wallace, Rebecca Dye and Mark Mitchell

Nay: None

APPROVAL TO ADJOURN TO RECONVENE ON MARCH 21, 2018 AT 3:00 PM

Motion made by Mark Mitchell, second David Eaton and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to adjourn to reconvene on Wednesday, March 21, 2018 at 3:00 pm.

The vote was:

Aye: Mark Mitchell, David Eaton, Carl Rhea, Tim Lovelace, Lou Wallace, Rebecca Dye and Steve Breeding

Nay: None

Clerk of the Board

Chairperson

