

May 01, 2017

A regular monthly meeting of the Russell County Board of Supervisors was held on Monday, May 01, 2017 at 6:00 pm at the Russell County Government Center in Lebanon, Virginia. A closed session was held prior to the meeting at 5:00 pm.

The Clerk called the meeting to order.

Roll Call by the Clerk:

Present:

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

Lonzo Lester, Clerk

Absent: None

APPROVAL TO AMEND THE AGENDA

Motion made by Mark Mitchell, second David Eaton and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to amend the agenda.

The vote was:

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

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion made by Tim Lovelace, second Lou Wallace and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to approve the agenda.

The vote was:

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

CLOSED SESSION

Motion made by Mark Mitchell, second David Eaton and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors enter into closed session pursuant to Virginia code 2.2-3711 for discussion concerning a prospective business or industry, land acquisition and actual or probable litigation.

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

APPROVAL TO RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION

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

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED 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 Pastor Danny Rhea, Ivy Ridge Chapel followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

PUBLIC HEARING HELD ON VDOT SIX YEAR CONSTRUCTION PLAN FOR 2017/18 TO 2022/23

Pursuant to being advertised in a local newspaper for (2) two consecutive weeks, a public hearing was held on the VDOT Six Year Construction Plan for 2017/18 to 2022/23. The Chairman opened the public hearing to citizen comments.

J.R. Watson, VDOT addressed the Board about the six year plan.

APPROVAL OF VDOT SIX YEAR CONSTRUCTION PLAN 2017/18 TO 2022/23

Motion made by Tim Lovelace, second David Eaton and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to approve a Resolution on the VDOT Six-Year Construction Plan for 2017/2018 to 2022/2023 as presented.

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

Comments provided by:

Todd Marshall asked that Rt.606, Blanch David Rd. be placed on the six year plan.

Maxine Kelly stated that she would like to see Rt. 621, Sandy Ridge Rd completed.

Janice Brown asked that Rt. 714, Franks Hollow Road be considered for the six year plan, she commented that it should have been listed

Jeff Holms asked about the status of 727 Creekside Drive, he asked if it could be completed in sections. He also commented that people shouldn't be allowed to use it if they don't help with the maintenance.

Jeffery Holms also commented that traffic should not be allowed on Creekside Drive if they don't help maintain it.

Stephen Combs said a portion of Rt. 630 is breaking off, he stated that guardrails should have already been put up.

Oris Christian, Scenic Elk Garden Estates says he has a right of way to travel on Creekside Drive.

The Chairman closed the public hearing.

Awards and Recognitions

The Board presented certificates to the members of the Lebanon High School Wrestling Team for placing in the State Wrestling Tournament.

Presentations

Mickey Rhea, Russell County Building Official gave a power point presentation outlining how Russell County's current building permit fees compare to surrounding counties. He added that our building permit fees had not been updated or increased since 1975. Mr. Rhea suggested that the County increase the fees to be more in line with other counties.

APPROVAL TO INCREASE BUILDING PERMIT FEES EFFECTIVE JULY 01, 2017

Motion made by Mark Mitchell, second Carl Rhea and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to approve an increase in building fees as recommended by the Building Inspector as follows effective July 01, 2017.

Increase the cost of a building permit to .10/ per square foot

Increase the cost of a trade permit to \$50.00

Increase the cost of a singlewide mobile home permit to \$130.00

Increase the cost of a doublewide home permit to .10/ per square foot plus \$50.00 trade permit

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

Presentations continued:

Phillip Puckett, Lebanon Life Saving Crew addressed the Board on the shortfalls the lifesaving crew is facing and how they could be detrimental to their future. They have had a significant decrease in calls from facilities and patients that generate revenue. He added that most skilled nursing and assisted living facilities have agreements with commercial ambulance services. He gave several options that could be considered to help with the situation, he added that if nothing is done, the LLC may cease to exist in near future.

Rob Goldsmith, People, Inc. presented the most recent annual report for People, Inc.

Kim Short, Tourism/Parks and Recreation Coordinator updated the Board on the progress of having the Clinch River designated as a scenic river. There are some problems with trash and debris in some of the areas along the river that the Department of Conservation and Recreation viewed that would prohibit the designation. She suggested organizing a comprehensive clean up utilizing some of the county resources.

Donna Meade, VPI Extension Office invited everyone to the 6th Annual Bees, Blooms and Bluegrass Festival and asked if the Board would consider making a \$1000.00 donation. She stated that the activities are free to the public.

APPROVAL TO CONSIDER SPONSORING THE BEES, BLOOMS AND BLUEGRASS FESTIVAL

Motion made by Tim Lovelace, second Lou Wallace and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to authorize the budget committee to consider sponsoring the Bees, Blooms and Bluegrass Festival that will be held on the Old Courthouse grounds on June 10, 2017.

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

APPROVAL OF THE APRIL 03, 2017 MINUTES

Motion made by David Eaton, second Carl Rhea and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to approve the April 03, 2017 minutes and dispense with the reading thereof.

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

APPROVAL OF GENERAL COUNTY INVOICES

Motion made by Tim Lovelace, second Lou Wallace and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to approve general county invoices in the amount of \$1,172,052.22 including reoccurring and withholdings.

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

Citizens Comment

The Chairman opened citizens comment period.

Cameron Cook, Jena Hess, Lauren McCoy and Brook Horne, addressed the Board on the success of the Castlewood High School FBLA at the state level. They are requesting assistance to travel to California for national competition.

Andy Smith announced that the Virginia Cattlemen's Association Annual Field Day will be held in Russell County at Stuart, Land and Cattle property. He explained that they are expecting 750 to 1000 members to attend. He encouraged everyone to attend the event which will be held on July 07, 2017.

Linda Stuart stated that Stuart, Land and Cattle Company is the oldest business in Russell County. She asked that the entire Board attend the Virginia Cattlemen's Association Annual Field Day and act as hosts. She also added that there is a lot of potential for dollars to come into Russell County as a result of this event.

The Chairman closed citizen comment period.

County Administrator Reports and Requests

APPROVAL TO AUTHORIZE A LOAN FROM VECDA TO THE RUSSELL COUTNY IDA FOR \$1,500,000 FOR "PROJECT BELT"

Motion made by Mark Mitchell, second David Eaton and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to authorize a \$1,500,000 loan from the Virginia Coalfield Economic Development Authority to the Russell County Industrial Development Authority for an economic development project ("Project Belt").

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

APPROVAL OF A MANPOWER AGREEMENT BETWEEN CPWMA AND RUSSELL COUNTY

Motion made by David Eaton, second Carl Rhea and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to authorize the signing of a manpower agreement between Russell County and the Cumberland Plateau Waste Management Authority.

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

APPROVAL TO ALLOCATE FUNDS TO THE CSA IN THE AMOUNT OF \$23,599.31

Motion made by Mark Mitchell, second Rebecca Dye and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to allocate funds in the amount of \$23,599.31 to the Russell County CSA.

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

APPROVAL TO AUTHORIZE THE BUDGET COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER APPROPRIATING FUNDS TO COUNTY FBLA ORGANIZATIONS

Motion made by Rebecca Dye, second Mark Mitchell and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to authorize the budget committee to consider an appropriation of funds on a per attendee basis to each high school FBLA Chapter in the County to assist with expenses to travel to national competition.

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

APPROVAL TO AUTHORIZE AN ALLOCATION OF FUNDS TO THE TOWN OF CLEVELAND TO BE REIMBURSED BY DCR

Motion made by Carl Rhea, second Mark Mitchell and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to allocate \$4000.00 to the Town of Cleveland for walking trail development in partnership with and to be reimbursed by the Department of Conservation and Recreation.

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

APPROVAL TO TRANSFER FUND BALANCES CONCERNING VDOT REVENUE SHARING PROJECTS

Motion made by Tim Lovelace, second Mark Mitchell and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to approve an authorization to transfer fund balances concerning VDOT revenue sharing projects.

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

APPROVAL OF ALLOCATION OF FUNDS FOR MORNING STAR CIRCLE AND CLINCH MOUNTAIN ROAD

Motion made by Tim Lovelace, second Mark Mitchell and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to approve the allocation of \$150,000 of FY 16/17 Coal Severance Tax with \$100,000 to fund Morning Star Circle (Rte. 673) and \$50,000 to fund Clinch Mountain Road (Rte. 676) in FY 17/18 VDOT Revenue Sharing Projects.

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

APPROVAL OF A BYRNE JUSTICE GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2593.00

Motion made by Mark Mitchell, second Lou Wallace and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to approve and allocate funds in the amount of \$2593.00 for the Byrne Justice Grant from the Department of Criminal Justice Services.

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

APPROVAL TO ACCEPT PROPERTY AT THE CORNER OF EAST MAIN ST AND NORTH MILL ST FROM THE RUSSELL COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD

Motion made by David Eaton, second Mark Mitchell and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to accept a Russell County School Board Resolution conveying the property located at the corner of East Main Street and North Mill Street commonly known as 89 East Main Street to the Russell County Board of Supervisors.

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

APPROVAL TO AUTHORIZE A FEASIBILITY STUDY OF THE COURTHOUSE/JAIL BY THE DEPT. OF GENERAL SERVICES

Motion made by Mark Mitchell, second David Eaton and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to authorize the Department of General Services to do a feasibility study of the Russell County Courthouse and Jail.

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

APPROVAL TO AJOURN

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

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

Clerk of the Board

Chairman