

January 04, 2021

A regular monthly meeting of the Russell County Board of Supervisors was held on Monday, January 04, 2021 at 6:00 pm at the Russell County Conference Center in Lebanon, Virginia.

The Clerk called the meeting to order.

**Roll Call by the Clerk:**

**Present:**

Tim Lovelace  
Lou Wallace  
Carl Rhea (participated by phone due to COVID-19 quarantine)  
David Eaton  
Steve Breeding  
Rebecca Dye  
Oris Christian

Lonzo Lester, Clerk  
Vicki Porter, Deputy Clerk  
Katie Patton, County Attorney

**Absent:**

None

Invocation by Chair Rebecca Dye, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

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

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

**PUBLIC HEARING HELD ON THE VDOT SECONDARY SYSTEM (SIX YEAR PLAN)**

Pursuant to being advertised in a local newspaper for (2) two consecutive weeks a public hearing was held on the VDOT Secondary System Construction Program (six-year plan).

The Chair opened the public hearing.

**Jeff Buchanan, VDOT** commented that no new projects were added. This will be a continuation of last year's plan.

Hearing no other comments, the public hearing was closed.

## **PUBLIC HEARING HELD ON THE RUSSELL COUNTY COURTHOUSE CONSTRUCTION PROPOSALS**

Pursuant to being advertised in a local newspaper for (2) two consecutive weeks, a public hearing was held on the Russell County Courthouse Construction Proposals.

The Chair opened the public hearing, hearing no comments the public hearing was closed.

### **Organizational Meeting**

Chairperson Rebecca Dye relinquished the Chair to the Clerk of the Board. The Clerk took nominations for Chairperson for the 2021 calendar year.

#### **REBECCA DYE ELECTED CHAIRPERSON**

David Eaton nominated Steve Breeding  
Tim Lovelace nominated Rebecca Dye

The vote was:

Rebecca Dye: (4) four votes - Tim Lovelace, Lou Wallace, Oris Christian and Rebecca Dye  
Steve Breeding: (3) three votes – Carl Rhea, David Eaton, and Steve Breeding

Rebecca Dye was elected Chairperson for calendar year 2021.

The Clerk relinquished the Chair back to Rebecca Dye

#### **TIM LOVELACE ELECTED VICE-CHAIRMAN**

David Eaton nominated Steve Breeding  
Lou Wallace nominated Tim Lovelace

The vote was:

Tim Lovelace: (4) four votes - Lou Wallace, Oris Christian, Rebecca Dye and Tim Lovelace  
Steve Breeding: (3) three votes – David Eaton, Carl Rhea and Steve Breeding

Tim Lovelace was elected Vice-Chairman for the 2021 calendar year.

#### **LONZO LESTER APPOINTED CLERK AND VICKI PORTER APPOINTED DEPUTY CLERK**

Motion made by David Eaton, second Steve Breeding and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to appoint Lonzo Lester as Clerk of the Board and Vicki Porter as Deputy Clerk for the 2021 calendar year.

The vote was:

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

**ROBERTS RULES OF ORDER ADOPTED BY THE BOARD**

Motion made by Tim Lovelace, second Lou Wallace and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to adopt Roberts Rules of Order for the 2021 calendar year.

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

**RUSSELL COUNTY BY-LAWS ADOPTED BY THE BOARD**

Motion made by David Eaton, second Lou Wallace and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to adopt the Russell County Bylaws as presented.

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

**APPROVAL OF THE BOS MEETING SCHEDULE FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2021**

Motion made by David Eaton, second Carl Rhea and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to set the meeting schedule for calendar year 2021 for the first Monday of each month beginning with Executive (closed) Session, if necessary, at 5:00 pm, followed by the regular meeting at 6:00 pm.

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

**MOTION TO APPROVE THE 1<sup>ST</sup> AMENDMENT SANCTUARY COUNTY RESOLUTION**

Motion made by Steve Breeding, second David Eaton to approve the 1<sup>st</sup> Amendment Sanctuary County resolution as presented.

**SUBSIDIARY MOTION APPROVED TO POSTPONE THE VOTE ON THE 1<sup>ST</sup> AMENDMENT SANCTUARY COUNTY RESOLUTION**

A subsidiary motion was made by Lou Wallace, second Tim Lovelace and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to postpone the 1<sup>st</sup> Amendment Sanctuary County Resolution vote indefinitely.

The vote was:

Aye: Lou Wallace, Tim Lovelace, Carl Rhea and Rebecca Dye

Nay: Steve Breeding, David Eaton and Oris Christian

**APPROVAL OF THE DECEMBER 09, 2020 MINUTES**

Motion made by Steve Breeding, second Tim Lovelace and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to approve the December 09, 2020 minutes and dispense with the reading thereof.

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

### **APPROVAL OF GENERAL COUNTY INVOICES**

Motion made by David Eaton, second Carl Rhea and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to approve general county invoices in the amount of \$649,933.63, including reoccurring and withholdings.

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

### **APPROVAL OF CALENDAR YEAR 2021 PRE-AUTHORIZED PAYMENTS LIST**

Motion made by Tim Lovelace, second Lou Wallace and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to approve the 2021 calendar year list of pre-authorized payments as presented.

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

**The Chairperson appointed Tim Lovelace and Rebecca Dye to the Budget/Finance Committee for calendar year 2021. Steve Breeding and Tim Lovelace were appointed to the insurance committee.**

### **KELSEY KING APPOINTED SPEARHEAD TRAILBLAZERS BOARD**

Motion made by Lou Wallace, second Tim Lovelace and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to appoint Kelsey King to the Spearhead Trailblazers Board for a (4) four-year term, said term ending January 04, 2024.

The vote was:

Aye: Tim Lovelace, Rebecca Dye, Lou Wallace, Carl Rhea and Oris Christian

Nay: None

Abstain: David Eaton and Steve Breeding

### **Citizens' Comment**

**Michelle Vance**, Lebanon stated that she was disappointed with the way the Board voted tonight on Chair and Vice-Chairman. She questioned the Emergency Management Coordinator's job status and why he would be allowed to get overtime. She thinks that the Board does not support small business owners in the county since the 1<sup>st</sup> amendment resolution was not voted on tonight.

**Kelly McBride Delph**, RCPL thanked the BOS for the Imagination Library appropriation. She then commented (as a county resident) about the 1<sup>st</sup> Amendment Sanctuary Resolution's language that could result in more money being spent, she thinks the county cannot afford to take that on.

**Nate Kiser**, Lebanon stated his disappointment with the vote on the 1<sup>st</sup> Amendment Sanctuary Resolution. Small business' in the county are suffering and in his opinion the Board is not supporting them.

**Shawn Vance**, Lebanon stated his disappointment with the way the Board voted on Chair, Vice- Chair, and that the 1<sup>st</sup> amendment sanctuary resolution was not voted on.

**Jess Powers**, Emergency Management Coordinator asked the Board to consider hiring a part time coordinator in his department as opposed to the full-time position that was approved previously. Adding that this would save money on benefits and the person would work as needed. He commented that if his job status changed to a salaried employee, the county may not be eligible to be reimbursed for his time when he has overtime.

**Lynn Hess**, Swords Creek says that he is disappointed in the way the Board voted tonight in the organizational part of the meeting. He also stated that the 1<sup>st</sup> Amendment Sanctuary should have been approved.

**Larry Hughes**, Lebanon commented that he is a small business owner, and he has suffered greatly over the last few months. He disagrees with the Board not voting on the resolution tonight.

The Chairperson closed citizens' comment.

### **County Attorney Reports and Requests**

**Katie Patton**, County Attorney asked that the Russell County Rural Development Capacity Agreement be approved.

### **APPROVAL OF THE RUSSELL COUNTY PSA RURAL DEVELOPMENT CAPACITY AGREEMENT**

Motion made by Steve Breeding, second David Eaton and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to approve the Russell County Public Service Authority Rural Development (R&D) Capacity Agreement subject to County Attorney approval.

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

### **County Administrator Reports and Requests**

### **APPROVAL OF THE 2021/2022 BUDGET MEETING SCHEDULE**

Motion made by Tim Lovelace, second Lou Wallace and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to approve the 2021/2022 budget meeting schedule as presented.

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

**APPROVAL TO PURCHASE A DISPOSAL TRUCK FOR THE SOLID WASTE DEPARTMENT**

Motion made by Tim Lovelace, second Carl Rhea and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to approve the purchase of a disposal truck replacement for the Solid Waste Department.

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

**APPROVAL OF A DCJS VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$57,028**

Motion made by David Eaton, second Steve Breeding and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to accept and appropriate a DCJS Violence Against Women Act Grant in the amount of \$57,028.

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

**APPROVAL TO CANCEL THE JANUARY 13 BOS MEETING AND RESCHULE THE REGULAR MEETING FOR FEBRUARY 08, 2021**

Motion made by Steve Breeding, second Tim Lovelace and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to cancel the scheduled Board meeting that was to be held on January 13, 2020 and to move the regularly scheduled meeting from February 01 to February 08, 2021 beginning at 5:00 pm.

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

**APPROVAL OF THE GEO TECHNICAL EVALUATION SERVICES**

Motion made by Steve Breeding, David Eaton and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to approve Geo-Technical Evaluation Services for the Russell County Courthouse Project in the amount of \$10,344.

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

**APPROVAL TO PLACE THE 1<sup>ST</sup> AMENDMENT SANCTUARY RESOLUTION ON THE AGENDA FOR FEBRUARY 08, 2021**

Motion made by Tim Lovelace, second Carl Rhea and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to place the 1<sup>st</sup> Amendment Sanctuary Resolution on the February 08, 2021 meeting agenda.

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

**APPROVAL TO ADJOURN**

Motion made by Lou Wallace, second Oris Christian and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to adjourn.

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

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Clerk of the Board

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Chairperson