

March 01, 2021

A regular monthly meeting of the Russell County Board of Supervisors was held on Monday, March 01, 2021 beginning at 6:00 pm at the Russell County Government Center in Lebanon, Virginia.

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
Oris Christian

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

Absent:

None

The Clerk called the meeting to order.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

The vote was:

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

Presentations

Debbie Melton, Cumberland Plateau Planning District Commission asked the Board to consider passing a resolution approving an application for the Belfast Waterline Extension Project, Phase III.

APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION FOR THE BELFAST WATERLINE EXTENSION PROJECT, PHASE III

Motion made by David Eaton, second Steve Breeding and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to approve a resolution to move forward with the Belfast Waterline Extension Project, Phase III.

The vote was:

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

Presentations Continued:

Deputy Cuba Porter, RC Sheriff's Department and Mickey Rhea, Building Official presented details on several properties that they had observed relating to the Russell County Litter and Unsafe Building Ordinance.

APPROVAL TO ENFORCE THE RC LITTER & UNSAFE BUILDING ORDINANCE ON PROPERTIES DEEMED CRITICAL

Motion made by Lou Wallace, second Tim Lovelace and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to enforce the Russell County Litter and Unsafe Building Ordinance on four properties that have been deemed critical.

The vote was:

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

Scott Jessee, VPI Extension Agent introduced the new VT Cooperative Extension Agent for Family and Consumer Services, Sharon Rice. Ms. Rice commented that she was excited to start her new job in Russell County.

APPROVAL OF THE FEBRUARY 08, 2021 MINUTES

Motion made by Lou Wallace, second David Eaton and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to approve the February 08, 2021 minutes as presented and dispense with the reading thereof.

The vote was:

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

APPROVAL OF GENERAL COUNTY INVOICES

Motion made by Steve Breeding, second David Eaton and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to approve general county invoices in the amount of \$1,260,597.60, including reoccurring and withholdings.

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

Citizens Comment

Ira Eads, Cleveland stated that the road near him home was a mess and a bad eyesore. He wants to know if the Board can help with this.

William Keene, Belfast thanked the Lonzo Lester and Rebecca Dye for their assistance with his problem getting his mail resulting in an issue with The Russell County Public Service Authority. He stated that there is a real problem with the mail system, he would be glad to ask some legislators for help.

The Chairperson closed Citizens Comment.

County Attorney Reports and Requests

APPROVAL OF THE CPRWMA

Motion made by Tim Lovelace, second Carl Rhea and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to approve the Cumberland Plateau Regional Waste Management Authority Manpower Agreement.

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

APPROVAL OF AN UPDATED JOB DESCRIPTION FOR THE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR

Motion made by David Eaton, second Steve Breeding and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to approve the updated job description for the Emergency Management Coordinator.

The vote was:

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

Nay: Oris Christian

PUBLIC HEARING SET ON THE RUSSELL COUNTY LITTER & UNSAFE BUILDING ORDINANCE

Motion made by Steve Breeding, second Lou Wallace and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to set a public hearing on Monday, April 05, 2021 at 6:00 pm for the purpose of amending the Russell County Litter and Unsafe Structure Ordinance.

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

County Administrator Reports and Requests

APPROVAL TO EXPEND FUNDS FROM THE CARES BROADBAND – FLATS PROJECT

Motion made by Steve Breeding, second Lou Wallace and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to drawdown funds from the Cares Broadband -Flats Project award.

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

Nay: None

APPROVAL FOR THE BUILDING OFFICIAL TO ATTEND A VIRTUAL VBCOA CONFERENCE

Motion made by David Eaton, second Steve Breeding and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to approve a request for the building official's office to participate in virtual VBCOA conference.

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

APPROVAL TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE (CLOSED) SESSION

Motion made by Steve Breeding, second David Eaton and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to enter into Executive (closed) session to discuss personnel matters pursuant to section 2.2-3711 (A), (1).

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

APPROVAL TO RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION

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

The vote was:

Aye: David Eaton, Steve Breeding, Tim Lovelace, Lou Wallace, Carl Rhea, Oris Christian 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
Oris Christian – AYE

APPROVAL OF \$500 FOR FISH VIRGINIA FOR TOURISM

Motion made by David Eaton, second Steve Breeding and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to appropriate \$500.00 for the tourism department for Fish Virginia.

The vote was:

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

APPROVAL TO ADJOURN TO RECONVENE

Motion made by David Eaton, second Steve Breeding and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to adjourn to reconvene on Monday, March 08, 2021 at 6:00 pm.

The vote was:

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

Clerk of the Board

Chairperson