

January 04, 2016

A regular monthly meeting of the Russell County Board of Supervisors was held on Monday, January 04, 2016 at 6:00 pm at the Russell County Government Center in Lebanon, Virginia.

The County Administrator called the meeting to order.

Invocation by Pastor Randy Cross, Mill Creek Baptist Church followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Roll Call by the County Administrator:

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

Lonzo Lester, County Administrator

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

The vote was:

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

STEVE BREEDING ELECTED CHAIRMAN

David Eaton nominated Steve Breeding for Chairman

Mark Mitchell moved that nominations cease and Steve Breeding be elected Chairman by acclamation.

The vote was:

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

DAVID EATON ELECTED VICE CHAIRMAN

Lou Wallace nominated David Eaton for Vice Chairman

Mark Mitchell moved that nominations cease and David Eaton be elected Vice Chairman by acclamation.

The vote was:

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

Nay: none

APPROVAL OF BOS MEETING SCHEDULE

Motion made by Mark Mitchell, second Lou Wallace and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to hold the Board of Supervisor meetings on the first Monday of each month at 6:00 pm with the exception of the September 05, 2016 meeting, which will be held on Tuesday, September 06, 2016 and the December 05, 2016 meeting, which will be held on Tuesday, December 06, 2016.

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

APPROVAL OF ROBERTS RULES OF ORDER AND THE BYLAWS

Motion made by David Eaton, second Tim Lovelace and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to approve Roberts Rules of Order and the Russell County By-Laws.

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

LONZO LESTER APPOINTED AS CLERK OF THE BOARD

Motion made by Mark Mitchell, second Rebecca Dye and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to appoint Lonzo Lester as Clerk of the Board.

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

VICKI PORTER APPOINTED DEPUTY CLERK OF THE BOARD

Motion made by Tim Lovelace, second Lou Wallace and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to appoint Vicki Porter as Deputy Clerk of the Board.

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

MARK MITCHELL APPOINTED EMS DIRECTOR

Motion made by David Eaton, second Rebecca Dye and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to appoint Mark Mitchell as the Emergency Management Director.

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

CARL RHEA APPOINTED ASSISTANT EMS DIRECTOR

Motion made by David Eaton, second Mark Mitchell and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to appoint Carl Rhea Assistant Director of Emergency Management.

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

Presentations

Charlene Farthing addressed the Board concerning proposed changes that may be of benefit to the Russell County Animal Shelter. She would like to charge an adoption fee, increase the shelter hours and increase the present dog license fee to name a few. Ms. Farthing founded the Animal Transfer Program in Russell County which transfers dogs out to other cities in order to be adopted.

New Business

APPROVAL OF THE DECEMBER 14, 2015 MINUTES

Motion made by Mark Mitchell, second Rebecca Dye and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to approve the December 14, 2015 minutes and dispense with the reading thereof.

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

APPROVAL OF GENERAL COUNTY INVOICES

Motion made by Lou Wallace, second Tim Lovelace and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to approve general county invoices in the amount of \$1,480,634.92 including reoccurring and withholdings.

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

APPROVAL OF PRE-AUTHORIZED PAYMENTS FOR 2016

Motion made by David Eaton, second Carl Rhea and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to approve the 2016 pre-authorized payments list.

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

Pre-Authorized Payments for 2016

Utilities

Credit Card Payments

Vehicle Maintenance

Withholding payments (payroll)

Debt service
Contracts

STEVE BREEDING AND LOU WALLACE APPOINTED TO THE CUMBERLAND PLATEAU ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION EXECUTIVE BOARD

Mark Mitchell nominated Rebecca Dye
Carl Rhea nominated Steve Breeding

Steve Breeding – (5) five votes: Carl Rhea, Lou Wallace, Tim Lovelace, David Eaton and Steve Breeding
Rebecca Dye – (2) two votes: Rebecca Dye and Mark Mitchell

Steve Breeding was appointed to the Cumberland Plateau Economic Commission Executive Board.

David Eaton nominated Lou Wallace
Rebecca Dye nominated Mark Mitchell

Mark Mitchell – (2) two votes: Mark Mitchell and Rebecca Dye
Lou Wallace – (5) five votes: David Eaton, Lou Wallace, Steve Breeding, Tim Lovelace and Carl Rhea

Lou Wallace was appointed to the Cumberland Plateau Regional Economic Commission Executive Board.

TIM LOVELACE AND DAVID EATON APPOINTED TO THE CUMBERLAND PLATEAU ECONOMIC COMMISSION

Carl Rhea nominated David Eaton
David Eaton was unanimously appointed to the Cumberland Plateau Economic Commission.

David Eaton nominated Tim Lovelace
Tim Lovelace was unanimously appointed to the Cumberland Plateau Economic Commission.

MARK MITCHELL APPOINTED TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION

Carl Rhea nominated Mark Mitchell
Mark Mitchell was unanimously appointed to the Planning Commission.

MARK MITCHELL AND TIM LOVELACE APPOINTED TO THE SWVA REGIONAL JAIL AUTHORITY

David Eaton nominated Mark Mitchell

Mark Mitchell was unanimously appointed to the Southwest Virginia Regional Jail Authority.

Carl Rhea nominated Tim Lovelace
Tim Lovelace was unanimously appointed to the Southwest Virginia Regional Jail Authority.

LOU WALLACE APPOINTED TO THE TOURISM COMMITTEE

David Eaton nominated Lou Wallace
Lou Wallace was unanimously appointed to the Tourism Committee

DAVID EATON AND STEVE BREEDING APPOINTED TO THE WELLNESS/FITNESS COMMITTEE

Lou Wallace nominated David Eaton
David Eaton was unanimously appointed to the Wellness/Fitness Committee

David Eaton nominated Steve Breeding
Steve Breeding was unanimously appointed to the Wellness/Fitness Committee

Citizens Comment

Mike Rotowski, Castlewood addressed the Board about the possibility of refugees being allowed into our state. He stated that this is not a good idea. The unemployment rate may double if they come to Russell County. He also believes that English should be the official language of Russell County.

Tony Dodi, Chairman of the IDA congratulated the new Board members. He thanked the outgoing IDA members for their service. He also stated that he was looking forward to working with the new members. He invited the Board to the annual Regional Legislative Reception in Richmond on January 21, 2016.

Arthur Phillips, Dante asked the Board to help get the store in Dante reopened. He also asked for help to get cell towers, new guardrails and repave roads.

Public comment was closed.

Constitutional Officer Reports and Requests

Rick Thompson, Treasurer congratulated the Board members. He asked them to look over the Treasurers' Report. He stated that most of the time the County is working in the red. At this time we have not had to use the RAN, hopefully we will not have to do so.

County Administrator Reports and Requests

APPROVAL OF LETTER OF SUPPORT AS REQUESTED FROM THE FOR HEART OF APPALACHIA

Motion made by Lou Wallace, second Mark Mitchell and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to approve a letter of support for the Heart of Appalachia Tourism Economic Growth Plan in the Coalfield Region.

The vote was:

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

APPROVAL OF THE RUSSELL COUNTY STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE

Motion made by David Eaton, second Lou Wallace and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to allow the formation of a Russell County Strategic Planning Committee.

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

STEVE BREEDING AND DAVID EATON APPOINTED TO THE BUDGET COMMITTEE

The Chairman appointed Steve Breeding and David Eaton to the budget/finance committee.

APPROVAL OF THE BUDGET/FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULE

Motion made by Tim Lovelace, second Carl Rhea and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to approve the budget/finance committee meeting schedule as presented.

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

APPROVAL OF LONZO LESTER AS FINANCIAL AGENT FOR WIB AND VICKI PORTER AS ALTERNATE

Motion made by David Eaton, second Carl Rhea and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to appoint Lonzo Lester as financial agent for the Workforce Investment Board and to appoint Vicki Porter as alternate.

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

LONZO LESTER APPOINTED AS THE VA HERITAGE MUSIC TRAIL REPRESENTATIVE AND LOU WALLACE AS ALTERNATE

Motion made by David Eaton, second Mark Mitchell and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to appoint Lonzo Lester as the Crooked Road: Virginia Heritage Music Trail representative and Lou Wallace as the alternate.

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR THE OLD COURTHOUSE

Motion made by Mark Mitchell, second Lou Wallace and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to approve a Resolution of Support of the Russell County Historical Society and The Old Courthouse.

The vote was:

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

APPROVAL OF GENERAL REGISTRAR TRAVEL REQUEST

Motion made by David Eaton, second Tim Lovelace and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to approve a travel request by the General Registrar for approximately \$4990.11 to travel to the Annual Electoral Board Meeting in Hot Springs, Virginia.

The vote was:

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

APPROVAL TO EXTEND THE CANNERIES CLOSING DATE TO JANUARY 29, 2016

Motion made by Carl Rhea, second Tim Lovelace and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to approve an extension for (2) two days per week until January 29, 2016 for the Russell County canneries.

The vote was:

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

APPROVAL TO INCREASE COUNTY MANAGED SOLID WASTE SITE DISPOSAL HOURS

Motion made by Tim Lovelace, second David Eaton and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to extend the County managed solid waste disposal site hours.

The vote was:

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

CLOSED SESSION

Motion made by Mark Mitchell, second Lou Wallace and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to enter into closed session pursuant to section § 2.2-3711(A) (1) of the Code of Virginia to discuss personnel matters and pursuant to section § 2.2-3711(A) (7) to discuss possible litigation.

The vote was:

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

APPROVAL TO RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Motion made by Mark Mitchell, second Tim Lovelace and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to return to open session.

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED SESSION

Pursuant to § 2.2-3711(A) (7) 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

Steve Breeding – AYE

Rebecca Dye – AYE

Mark Mitchell - AYE

APPROVAL TO ADJOURN

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

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

Clerk of Board

Chairman

