

February 01, 2016

A regular monthly meeting of the Russell County Board of Supervisors was held on Monday, February 01, 2016 at 6:00 pm in Lebanon, Virginia at the Russell County Government Center.

Invocation by Rick Thompson, Treasurer followed by the Pledge of Alligance to the Flag.

The Clerk called the meeting to order.

Roll Call by the County Administrator:

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

Lonzo Lester, Clerk

#### **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

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

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

#### **Presentations**

**Rachel Patton**, Russell County Chamber of Commerce addressed the Board concerning the LEAD Program. She explained that the LEAD program is a six (6) month leadership program developed by the Chamber of Commerce. It helps participants have a better understanding of how the County is governed. They have nine (9) participates this year.

**Archie Combs**, Russell County Electoral Board asked the Board to consider holding a public hearing on the relocation of the Elk Garden (Belfast) voting precinct to the Belfast/Rosedale Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary Building. The Electoral Board was approached by a delegation of concerned citizens citing minimal parking and dangerous traffic patterns as the main concern for the need to relocate. The Electoral Board approved their request. He also noted that new voting machines may need to be purchased as a result of recent legislation.

#### **APPROVAL TO HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE RELOCATION OF ELK GARDEN VOTING PRECINCT**

Motion made by Rebecca Dye, second Lou Wallace and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to approve the relocation of the Elk Garden Voting Precinct and to authorize the County Administrator to advertise for a public hearing.

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

Steve Ray, VFW Post Commander asked the Board to support the location of a veterans clinic in Russell County. Several veterans spoke in favor of this request.

### **New Business**

#### **APPROVAL OF THE JANUARY 04, 2016 MINUTES**

Motion made by Lou Wallace, second Carl Rhea and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to approve the January 04, 2016 minutes and dispense with the reading thereof.

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

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

Motion made by Mark Mitchell, second Tim Lovelace and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to approve general county invoices in the amount of \$451,877.31 including reoccurring and withholdings.

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

#### **DAVID EATON APPOINTED TO THE CPWMA**

Carl Rhea nominated David Eaton

Motion made by Mark Mitchell, second Tim Lovelace and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors that nominations cease and David Eaton be appointed by acclamation to the Cumberland Plateau Waste Management Authority for a four (4) year term, said term ending March 01, 2020.

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

#### **APPROVAL THE FORMATION OF A STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE**

Motion made by David Eaton, second Lou Wallace and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to authorize the County Administrator to move forward with the preparations to organize a Strategic Planning Committee and prepare the necessary documents.

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

### **JACKIE HUBBARD APPOINTED TO THE TOURISM COMMITTEE**

Motion made by David Eaton, second Carl Rhea and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to appoint Jackie Hubbard to the Russell County Tourism Committee for a four (4) year term, said term ending February 01, 2020.

The vote was:

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

### **Citizens Comment**

**Jerry Hall**, Elk Garden asked that the rest of Elk Garden Estates be paved, he added that two tenths is all that remains unpaved.

**Helen Owens**, Russell County Historical Society stated that the Old School House has been repaired and it looks really good. She asked that the Board consider repairing and cleaning up the tenant house before their Bees, Blooms and Bluegrass Festival in June.

**Kirby Meadows**, Chairman Russell Co. Planning Commission stated that they are willing and ready to assist the Board in any way possible. He invited the Chair and any other Board member to attend their meetings.

Citizens comment period was closed.

### **Constitutional Officer Reports and Requests**

**Rick Thompson**, Treasurer updated the Board on the sale of delinquent properties in the County. He also asked that the present tax collection deadline dates be changed to May and November as opposed to June and December.

### **APPROVAL TO MOVE TAX COLLECTION DEADLINES TO MAY AND NOVEMBER**

Motion made by Mark Mitchell, second David Eaton and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to move the June 11 tax deadline to May 11 and to move the December 11 date to November 11.

The vote was:

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

### **APPROVAL TO COORDINATE AND HOST A 2016 REGIONAL LEGISLATIVE SUMMIT**

Motion made by David Eaton, second Lou Wallace and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to authorize the County Administrator and Staff to coordinate and host the 2016 Regional Legislative Summit this spring.

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

**APPROVAL OF CSA APPROPRIATION REQUEST**

Motion made by Rebecca Dye, second Lou Wallace and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to authorize additional budget appropriations of \$75,069.05 to the Russell County CSA Program to serve foster children and families of Russell County.

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

**APPROVAL OF VA. DEPT. OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE SERVICES GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$9775**

Motion made by Rebecca Dye, second Mark Mitchell to approve \$9286 in federal funds and authorize additional budget appropriations of \$489 in local matching funds for a total award of \$9775 from the Va. Department of Criminal Justice Services Grant Award for the Russell County Sheriff's Department.

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

**APPROVAL OF THE VA. DEPT. OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE SERVICE GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$22,023**

Motion made by Mark Mitchell, second Tim Lovelace and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to approve \$24,882 in federal funds and authorize additional budget appropriations of \$22,023 in local matching funds for a total award of \$46,905 for the Va. Department of Criminal Justice Services Grant Award (Violence against Women Act) to the Russell County Sheriff's Department.

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

**APPROVAL TO REVIEW AND UPDATE RUSSELL COUNTY ORDINANCES**

Motion made by Mark Mitchell, second David Eaton and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to approve the review and update of the Ordinance to Compel the Repair or Removal of Buildings and Other Structures, Litter Ordinance and the Junkyard Ordinance.

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

**AUTHORIZATION TO ESTABLISH THE RUSSELL COUNTY INMATE DIVERSION COMMITTEE**

Motion made by Mark Mitchell, second Rebecca Dye and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to establish the Russell County Inmate Diversion Committee and to approve a list of committee members as presented.

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

**AUTHORIZATION TO ESTABLISH THE RUSSELL COUNTY EMERGENCY MEDICAL DISPATCH COMMITTEE**

Motion made by Carl Rhea, second Mark Mitchell and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to establish the Russell County Emergency Medical Dispatch Committee and to approve a list of committee members as presented and add other members as deemed necessary.

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

**AUTHORIZATION TO ESTABLISH THE RUSSELL COUNTY CANNERY INITIATIVE COMMITTEE**

Motion made by Tim Lovelace, second Lou Wallace and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to establish the Russell County Cannery Initiative Committee and approve a list of committee members and add other members as deemed necessary.

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

**APPROVAL FOR AN IFB TO PURCHASE A COUNTY VEHICLE**

Motion made by David Eaton, second Carl Rhea and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to authorize the County Administrator to release an Invitation to Bid (IFB) to purchase a County vehicle for the County Administrator's staff.

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

**CLOSED SESSION**

Motion made by Mark Mitchell, second David Eaton to enter into closed session pursuant to section 2.2-3711(a)(1) of the Code of Virginia to discuss personnel matters, Section 2.2-37(a)(3) to discuss land acquisition and to discuss possible litigation pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A)(7).

The vote was:

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

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 open session.

The vote was:

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

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  
Steve Breeding – AYE  
Rebecca Dye – AYE  
Mark Mitchell – AYE

**APPROVAL TO FUND TWO (2) POSITIONS FOR THE TREASURER**

Motion made by Mark Mitchell, second David Eaton and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to fund two (2) full time positions for the Russell County Treasurer’s Office for the current fiscal year which will require an additional appropriation of \$6900.

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

**APPROVAL TO ADJOURN**

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

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

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Clerk of the Board

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Chairman

