

May 18, 2016

An adjourned meeting of the Russell County Board of Supervisors was held on Wednesday, May 18, 2016 at 10:00 am at the Russell County Government Center in Lebanon, Virginia.

The Clerk called the meeting to order.

Invocation by Chairman Steve Breeding, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Roll Call by the Clerk of the Board:

Present:

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

Lonzo Lester, County Administrator

Absent: None

PUBLIC HEARING ON THE FY 2016/2017 BUDGET, TAX RATES AND TAX DATES

Pursuant to being advertised in a local newspaper for (2) two consecutive weeks, a public hearing was held on the FY 2016/2017 Budget. The Chairman opened the public hearing, general comments were provided by:

Kelly McBride Delph requested an additional allocation for employee hours at both libraries.

The Chairman closed the public hearing.

New Business

Mickey Rhea, Building Official addressed the Board on the property in Dante that is will need to be disposed of. He stated that the structure was uninhabitable and the County should move forward.

Mark Mitchell left the meeting at 10:20 am.

The Board of Supervisors Workshop included discussion on the following:

Budget Issues

The County Administrator gave an overview of the proposed FY 2016/2017 budget. Our general fund operating budget has reduced by 1.64%, but still includes a 2% raise for all County Employees. Special revenue funds have also decreased mostly due to a decrease in the coal severance tax. The overall budget reduced from 36.1 million to 35.1 million. He also added that our regional jail population has reduced tremendously resulting in a half a million dollar savings annually.

Other topics discussed included a possible business license, establishment of a food and beverage tax, abolishing the decal tax and raising personal property tax to \$1.90 which would have no tax impact. David Eaton also suggested introducing legislation to put Russell on vehicle tags to better identify residents at our solid waste sites.

Mr. Eaton announced that a Veterans Administration Forum will be held in June at the Russell County Conference Center that will include veterans from six counties in cooperation with the Russell County Medical Center. They will be signing up veterans to allow them to utilize RCMC. He encouraged all veterans to attend. The date of the event will be announced in the local paper.

The Russell School's Energy Performance Contract was also discussed, they will meet with school board representatives at a later date.

Mark Mitchell returned to the Board meeting.

The Board discussed the decal tax issue again and decided not to take any action at this time.

The Chairman called a recess for lunch.

The Chairman called the meeting back to order.

HIGHWAY AND SAFETY COMMITTEE STIPEND INCREASE TO \$50.00 PER MEETING

Motion made by Tim Lovelace, second David Eaton and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to increase the Highway and Safety Committee stipend to \$50.00 per meeting in the FY 2016/2017 budget.

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

Abstain: Mark Mitchell

CARL RHEA APPOINTED TO THE CPEDC

Motion made by David Eaton, second Mark Mitchell and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to appoint Carl Rhea to the Cumberland Plateau Economic Development Commission to replace David Eaton who resigned his appointment effective May 17, 2016.

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

APPROVAL OF \$100,000 APPROPRIATION FOR THE COMMUNITY WORK PROGRAM IN THE FY 2016/2017 BUDGET

Motion made by Mark Mitchell, second Rebecca Dye and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to appropriate \$100,000 in the FY 2016/2017 budget for the community work program.

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

Other Board workshop topics continued:

School board step raises, county web page and shared IT employee with the school board.

APPROVAL OF RFP FOR CONTRACTUAL SERVICES FOR THE COUNTY WEBSITE

Motion made by Tim Lovelace, second David Eaton and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to issue an RFP for contractual services to upgrade the Russell County website.

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

APPROVAL OF A \$500 DONATION TO THE RUSSELL PREVENTION COALITION

Motion made by Mark Mitchell, second Tim Lovelace and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to approve a \$500.00 donation to the Russell County Prevention Coalition to help with the after graduation event for all three county high schools.

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

APPROVAL FOR RUSSELL COUNTY PSA TO CONSTRUCT A HANDICAP RAMP

Motion made by David Eaton, second Lou Wallace and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to allow the Russell County Public Service Authority to construct a handicap access ramp at the Elk Garden Community Center.

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

APPROVAL TO REQUIRE APPLICATIONS FOR BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

Motion made by Tim Lovelace, second Mark Mitchell and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to require all interested candidates to fill out applications to be considered for committee and board appointments.

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

CLOSED SESSION

Motion made by Mark Mitchell, second Tim Lovelace to enter into closed session pursuant to 2.2-3711(A)(29) for discussion of a public contract involving the expenditure of public funds, including interviews of bidders or offerors, and discussion of the terms or scope of such contract, where discussion in an open session would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of the county.

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

APPROVAL TO RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

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

Note: Rebecca Dye left the meeting during closed session.

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 – ABSENT
Mark Mitchell – AYE

APPROVAL FOR THE COUNTY TO ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY OF THE SOLID WASTE HAUL

Motion made by David Eaton, second Tim Lovelace and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to allow the County to assume control and responsibility of the solid waste haul.

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

APPROVAL TO ADJOURN

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, Carl Rhea, Lou Wallace, Steve Breeding and Tim Lovelace
Nay: None

Clerk of the Board

Chairman