

July 11, 2016

The regular scheduled meeting of the Russell County Board of Supervisors was held on Monday, July 11, 2016 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:

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

Lonzo Lester, Clerk

Invocation by Gary Crum, Associate Pastor Lebanon Memorial United Methodist Church followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

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

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

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

#### **Presentations**

**Stephen Mullins**, Workforce Development Board gave the Board a brief update on the Power Grant Initiative.

**John Watson**, VDOT introduced the newly hired Assistant Engineer Jeff Buchanan for the Lebanon area. He also asked the Board to approve a Resolution to close a portion of Route 676, Clinch Mountain Road for a bridge deck replacement.

#### **APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION TO CLOSE A PORTION OF RT. 676**

Motion made by Tim Lovelace, second Lou Wallace and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to approve a resolution to close a portion of Route 676 Clinch Mountain Road at the intersection of Route 613 Mocassin Valley Road to replace an existing timber bridge deck.

The vote was:

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

#### **New Business**

#### **APPROVAL OF THE JUNE 06, JUNE 21 AND JULY 05, 2016 MINUTES**

Motion made by Mark Mitchell, second Carl Rhea to approve the June 06, 2016, June 21, 2016 and July 05, 2016 minutes and dispense with the reading thereof.

The vote was:

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

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

Motion made by Mark Mitchell, second David Eaton and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to approve general county invoices in the amount of \$1,607,250.23 (including reoccurring and withholdings).

The vote was:

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

#### **Committee Appointments**

The Chairman tabled the committee appointments until the August 01, 2016 board meeting, he asked that anyone that wished to address the board could do so. Several potential appointees introduced themselves and made brief comments.

#### **Citizens Comment**

**Jerry Hall**, Scenic Elk Garden Estates asked that his sub-division be completed.

**Mike Rotowski**, Castlewood stated that transgender restrooms have no place here.

**Reggie Childers**, Lebanon stated that he loves small efficient, economical government. He is concerned that we have so much to offer, but we just don't make it known. Very little tourism money comes to this County.

**Sharon Vandyke**, Russell County Chamber of Commerce thanked everyone involved for their efforts in the collecting items and money for the West Virginia flood victims.

**Helen Owens** thanked the Board for the work that has been done on the tenant house. She asked that some work be done on the Old Courthouse and the picnic shelter that is located near it.

**Eddie Breeding**, Ridgewood complained that the website needs to be maintained to get the word out when a board meeting is changed.

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

##### **APPROVAL OF LOCAL WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AREA GRANT IN THE AMOUNTY OF \$657,257**

Motion made by Mark Mitchell, second Lou Wallace and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to approve and appropriate the Local Workforce Development Grant in the amount of \$657,257.00.

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

##### **APPROVAL OF SRO GRANTS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$180,123**

Motion made by David Eaton, second Mark Mitchell and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to approve and appropriate a School Resource Officer/School Security Officer Grant in the amount of \$180,123 for Honaker, Lebanon, Belfast and Swords Creek Elementary Schools.

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

##### **APPROVAL OF A \$65,796 VDEM STATE HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT**

Motion made by Mark Mitchell, second Rebecca Dye and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to approve and appropriate a Virginia Department of Emergency Management State Homeland Security Grant in the amount of \$65,796 that consists of all federal funds.

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

##### **AUTHORIZATION OF AN EMERGENCY OPERATIONAL PLAN RESOLUTION**

Motion made by Carl Rhea, second Mark Mitchell and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to approval an Emergency Operational Plan Resolution.

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

##### **APPROVAL OF FRYE ROOFING BID OF \$318,000 BID**

Motion made by David Eaton, second Tim Lovelace and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to award and proceed with the Lebanon Middle School and Cottage roof replacement contract bid of \$318,000 to Frye Roofing.

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

##### **APPROVAL TO OPEN THE CANNERIES ON JULY 19, 2016**

Motion made by David Eaton, second Lou Wallace and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to set the opening date of the Russell County Canneries to Tuesday, July 19, 2016.

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

##### **AUTHORIZATION OF A LETTER OF INTENT TO PURCHASE THE DANTE DEPOT AND LEASE AGREEMENT**

Motion made by Mark Mitchell, second Lou Wallace and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to authorize a letter of Intent to Purchase the Dante Depot and Lease Agreement with CSXI.

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

**APPROVAL OF ENGAGEMENT LETTER WITH RF&C ASSOCIATES FOR FY 2015/2016**

Motion made by David Eaton, second Carl Rhea and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to authorize an engagement letter for FY 2015/2016 with Robinson, Farmer and Cox Associates.

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

**APPROVAL OF A TRAVEL REQUEST FOR EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR**

Motion made by Mark Mitchell, second Rebecca Dye and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to authorize a travel request for the Emergency Management Coordinator for training.

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

**APPROVAL TO CLOSE DAW ROAD DISPOSAL SITE**

Motion made by Mark Mitchell, second Carl Rhea and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to authorize the closure of the Daw Road disposal site on August 01, 2016.

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

**APPROVAL TO PURCHASE TRUCKS AND CONTAINERS FOR DISPOSAL OPERATIONS**

Motion made by Tim Lovelace, second David Eaton and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to authorize the purchase of disposal trucks and containers for the county's disposal operations.

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

**APPROVAL OF PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAXES FOR PITTSTON PLACE AND HUD DEVELOPMENT**

Motion made by Mark Mitchell, second David Eaton and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to authorize a waiver of payment in lieu of taxes for Pittston Place for \$2263.00 and HUD Development for \$5820.00 as requested by the Cumberland Plateau Regional Housing Authority.

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

**APPROVAL OF A PLAT FROM GEORGE AND TONYA TODD**

Motion made by Mark Mitchell, second Tim Lovelace and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to approve a plat from George and Tonya Todd as requested by the Russell County Planning Commission.

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

**Matters Presented by the Board**

**CLOSED SESSION**

Motion made by Mark Mitchell, second Tim Lovelace and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to enter into closed session to discuss personnel matters pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A)(1) of the Code of Virginia.

The vote was:

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

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 regular session.

The vote was:

Aye: Mark Mitchell, David Eaton, Lou Wallace, Carl Rhea, Steve Breeding, Tim Lovelace 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  
Steve Breeding – AYE  
Mark Mitchell – AYE

**APPROVAL TO DEFER ALL COUNTY RAISES**

Motion made by Mark Mitchell, second David Eaton and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to defer all County raises until state funds are released due to a shortfall in the State's budget.

The vote was:

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

**APPROVAL TO HIRE HEATHER MUSICK AS PART TIME GRANT WRITER**

Motion made by Mark Mitchell, second David Eaton and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to hire Heather Musick as a part time grant writer effective July 11, 2016.

The vote was:

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

**APPROVAL TO CHANGE KAREN DAVIS' TITLE TO ACCOUNTS PAYABLE CLERK**

Motion made by Mark Mitchell, second Carl Rhea and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to change Karen Davis' job title from secretary to accounts payable clerk.

The vote was:

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

**APPROVAL TO ADVERTISE FOR AN EVENTS/CONFERENCE CENTER COORDINATOR**

Motion made by Mark Mitchell, second David Eaton and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to advertise for the Events/Conference Center Coordinator.

The vote was:

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

**APPROVAL TO ADJOURN TO RECONVENE**

Motion made by Carl Rhea, second David Eaton and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to adjourn to reconvene on Monday, August 01, 2016 at 2:00 pm.

The vote was:

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

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Clerk of the Board

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Chairman