

**August 01, 2016**

A regular monthly meeting of the Russell County Board of Supervisors was held on Monday, August 01, 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 Mike Rhea, Pastor Clinchfield Southern Baptist Church followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

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

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

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

#### **Awards and Recognitions**

The Board recognized members of the Lebanon High School Lady Pioneers Softball Team for winning the first state softball championship in school history.

#### **Presentations**

**Kim Short**, Russell County Parks and Recreation/Tourism Coordinator asked the Board to consider a 25% discount for county employees. They would be required to sign up for automatic draft for a period of one year to qualify.

#### **APPROVAL OF A 25 PERCENT DISCOUNT FOR COUNTY EMPLOYEES USE OF THE HEALTH AND FITNESS CENTER**

Motion made by David Eaton, second Carl Rhea and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to approve a 25% discount for county employees for use of the Russell County Health and Fitness Center contingent upon enrollment in automatic draft of monthly fees for a period of one year.

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

**Dr. Gregory Brown**, Superintendent for Russell County Schools introduced himself to the Board, he stated that he looks forward to working with them.

**K.D. Cook and Donna Meade**, Russell County Cannery Committee offered suggestions on how to make the canneries more financially stable.

**Richard Moyer** also gave comments concerning the commercial use of the canneries.

#### **APPROVAL OF CANNERY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS**

Motion made by David Eaton, second Lou Wallace and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to accept the cannery committee's recommendations for operation of the Castlewood and Honaker Canneries.

These include:

1. Continue with the work on the items for facilities and equipment recommendations made by the committee on June 06, 2016.
2. Allow for the commercial use of the canneries for those producers that have followed the procedures as required by VDACS to be allowed to do such.
3. The rate/fees increase for the use of the remaining cans at a flat rate of \$1.00 per can.
4. Implementation of sustainable policies and procedures for the canneries that include the use of the commercial operations and the transitioning solely to glass.
5. Authorization be given to Black Diamond RC & D to work on behalf of Russell County to seek additional funding to continue the improvement of the canneries.

#### **New Business**

#### **APPROVAL OF THE JULY 11, 2016 MINUTES**

Motion made by David Eaton, second Lou Wallace and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to approve the July 11, 2016 minutes and dispense with the reading thereof.

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

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

Motion made by Carl Rhea, second Tim Lovelace and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to approve general county invoices in the amount of \$752,526.74 including withholdings and reoccurring.

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

#### **Citizens Comment**

**Mike Rotowski**, Castlewood stated that senior citizens need transportation to the senior centers, more activities should be offered. He asked that the Board to consider designating a Blue Lives Matter proclamation to honor our law enforcement by flying the flag at half-staff for a certain period of time.

**Jeff Holmes**, Elk Garden is bothered by the fact that he saw a road near Dennison Chapel that was recently paved. He stated that there were only two homes along that road. His road was on the (6) six year plan back in 1996, but nothing has been done. It shouldn't be so expensive to pave the road near his home. He asked that traffic be re-routed if the road is not going to be built.

**Donna Meade**, representing the Russell County Health Coalition asked the Board to consider making a \$1000.00 appropriation to help them attain 501c status.

**Jerry Hall**, Scenic Elk Garden Estates asked the Board to finish paving his road.

**Reggie Childers**, Lebanon addressed the Board about the Tour to the Breaks Interstate Park, he wants everyone to support this tour. He also mentioned the Clinch River Float along the Clinch River. He also reminded the Board about his request to designate blue ways along the Clinch River.

The Chairman closed citizens comment period.

#### **County Attorney Reports and Requests**

##### **APPROVAL OF LEASE AGREEMENT WITH THE NATURE CONSERVANCY**

Motion made by David Eaton, second Lou Wallace and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to approve a lease and partnership with the Nature Conservancy for construction of a public boat launch and retrieval site at the Artrip and Old Castlewood site along the Clinch River in Russell County.

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

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

##### **APPROVAL TO VA. TECH PROFESSOR TO DESIGN THE DANTE DEPOT**

Motion made by Lou Wallace, second Mark Mitchell and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to authorize a letter of intent for a Virginia Tech Interior Design Professor to design the Dante Depot.

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

##### **APPROVAL OF A TRAVEL REQUEST FOR THE ASSISTANT REGISTRAR**

Motion made by Mark Mitchell, second Lou Wallace and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to approve a travel request by the Assistant Registrar for training.

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

##### **APPROVAL OF A TRAVEL REQUEST FROM THE SOLID WASTE DEPARTMENT**

Motion made by David Eaton, second Mark Mitchell and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to approve a travel request from the Solid Waste Department.

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

**APPROVAL OF ELIGIBILITY STUDY OF CLINCH RIVER FOR SCENIC RIVER DESIGNATION**

Motion made by Lou Wallace, second Carl Rhea and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to authorize the Department of Conservation and Recreation to study the Clinch River for eligibility as a Scenic River designation.

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

**APPROVAL OF COUNTY'S FISCAL YEAR EXPENDITURE ALLOCATIONS**

Motion made by Mark Mitchell, second Tim Lovelace and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to approve the County's fiscal year 2015/2016 expenditure allocations.

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

**APPROVAL OF ENERGY PERFORMANCE GRANT FINANCING FOR RUSSELL COUNTY SCHOOLS**

Motion made by Mark Mitchell, second David Eaton and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to approve and award the Russell County School's Energy Performance Grant Financing.

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

**APPROVAL OF A \$62,619.00 VICTIM WITNESS GRANT FROM DCJS**

Motion made by Mark Mitchell, second David Eaton to approve and appropriate the allocation for the Victim Witness Grant from the Department of Juvenile Justice in the amount of \$62,619.00.

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

**AUTHORIZATION OF PRE-APPROVED COUNTY EXPENDITURE LIST**

Motion made by David Eaton, second Mark Mitchell and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to authorize the pre-approved County expenditure list to ensure compliance with the Virginia Procurement Act.

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

**CLOSED SESSION**

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

The vote was:

Aye: Mark Mitchell, David Eaton, Tim Lovelace, 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.

**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  
Rebecca Dye – AYE

**Committee Appointments**

**ERNIE MCFADDIN APPOINTED TO THE RUSSELL COUNTY IDA**

Russell County IDA:  
Carl Rhea nominated Ernie McFaddin

Motion made by Mark Mitchell. Second Tim Lovelace and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors that nominations cease and Ernie McFaddin be appointed by acclamation to fill the unexpired term of Tony Dodi, said term ending September 30, 2018.

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

**DAVID MULLINS APPOINTED TO THE RUSSELL COUNTY IDA**

Rebecca Dye nominated David Mullins

Motion made by Mark Mitchell, second David Eaton and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors that nominations cease and David Mullins be appointed by acclamation to the Russell County IDA to fill the unexpired term of J. C. Boyd, said term ending June 30, 2019.

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

**RICHARD LOCKRIDGE APPOINTED TO THE RUSSELL COUNTY IDA**

Mark Mitchell nominated Richard Lockridge

Motion made by Rebecca Dye, second David Eaton and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to appoint Richard Lockridge by acclamation to the Russell County IDA to fill the unexpired term of Tom Cook, said term ending December 31, 2019.

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

**LARRY MCGLOTHLIN AND JAMES KISER APPOINTED TO THE RUSSELL COUNTY PSA**

David Eaton nominated Larry McGlothlin  
Tim Lovelace nominated James Kiser

Motion made by Mark Mitchell, second Carl Rhea and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors that nominations cease and Larry McGlothlin and James Kiser be appointed to the Russell County PSA by acclamation for (3) three year terms, said terms ending August 01, 2019.

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

**DARRELL PUCKETT APPOINTED TO THE CASTLEWOOD WATER AND SEWAGE AUTHORITY**

Lou Wallace nominated William Sargent  
Tim Lovelace nominated Darrell Puckett

Motion made by Mark Mitchell, second David Eaton and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors that nominations cease and call for a vote.

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

Darrell Puckett – (6) six votes, Mark Mitchell, Tim Lovelace, David Eaton, Steve Breeding, Rebecca Dye and Carl Rhea  
William Sargent – (1) one vote, Lou Wallace

Darrell Puckett was appointed to the Castlewood Water and Sewage Authority for a (3) three year term, said term ending August 01, 2019.

**LIBRARY BOARD APPOINTMENTS TABLED**

The Chairman tabled the Russell County Library appointments until the September 2016 meeting.

**PAT GRAY, CAROINE KISER, LARRY BURTON AND ALICE MEADE APPOINTED TO APPLACHIAN AGENCY FOR SENIOR CITIZENS BOARD**

Motion made by Mark Mitchell, second David Eaton and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors that Pat Gray, Caroline Kiser, Larry Burton and Alice Meade be appointed by acclamation to the Appalachian Agency for Senior Citizens Board for (4) four year terms, said terms ending June 30, 2020.

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

**BENJAMIN PRICE, RON BLANKENSHIP, FRANK HORTON AND JAMES EATON APPOINTED TO THE CPEDC**

Motion made by Tim Lovelace, second Mark Mitchell and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors that Benjamin Price, Ron Blankenship, Frank Horton and James Eaton be appointed by acclamation to the Cumberland Plateau Economic Development Commission for (4) four year terms, said terms ending June 30, 2020.

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

**CHELSE WATSON HIRED AS EVENT PLANNER/COORDINATOR**

Motion made by David Eaton, second Mark Mitchell and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to hire Chelsie Watson as the Event Planner/Coordinator for the Russell County Conference Center.

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

**APPROVAL TO ADVERTISE AND HIRE AN ANIMAL CONTROL SHELTER ASSISTANT**

Motion made by David Eaton second Carl Rhea and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to advertise and hire a part time Animal Control Shelter Assistant to assist in the care, adoptions and transfers of animals.

The vote was:

Aye:

Nay: None

**APPROVAL TO AJOURN**

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, Steve Breeding, Rebecca Dye, Carl Rhea, Tim Lovelace and Lou Wallace

Nay: None

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Clerk of the Board

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Chairman