

February 05, 2018

A regular monthly meeting of the Russell County Board of Supervisors was held on Monday, February 05, 2018 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:**

**Present:**

Lou Wallace  
Carl Rhea  
David Eaton  
Steve Breeding  
Rebecca Dye  
Mark Mitchell  
Tim Lovelace (Joined the meeting at 6:35 pm)

Lonzo Lester, Clerk  
Vicki Porter, Deputy Clerk  
Matthew Crum, Attorney

**Absent:**

None

Invocation by Brandon Helbert, Calvary Baptist Church followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Motion David Eaton, second Steve Breeding and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to approve the agenda as amended.

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

**Presentations**

**Martha Whitt**, United Way of Southwest Virginia gave a short presentation about the various programs and initiatives that they offer including the IGNITE and the Backpacks Unite program.

**Jessee Fields and Darrell Beavers**, Russell County Combined Search and Rescue addressed the Board about the increase in the need for search and rescue team due to tourism, an aging community and a rise in autism to name a few. They also stated that there is a lack of vertical rescue equipment. Mr. Fields made request for funding for training and equipment in the upcoming budget in the amount of \$5000.

**Wyatt (Scooter) Carter** addressed the Board about the proposal of selling the equipment his gym equipment to the County.

**New Business**

**APPROVAL OF THE JANUARY 03, 2018 MINUTES**

Motion made by Mark Mitchell, second Lou Wallace and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to approve the January 03, 2018 minutes and dispense with the reading thereof.

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

**APPROVAL OF THE JANUARY 15, 2018 MINUTES**

Motion made by Steve Breeding, second David Eaton and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to approve the January 15, 2018 minutes and dispense with the reading thereof.

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

**APPROVAL OF THE JANUARY 24, 2018 MINUTES**

Motion made by David Eaton, second Steve Breeding and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to approve the January 24, 2018 minutes and dispense with the reading thereof.

The vote was:

Aye: Mark Mitchell, Steve Breeding, Rebecca Dye and David Eaton

Nay: None

Abstain: Lou Wallace and Carl Rhea

**APPROVAL OF GENERAL COUNTY INVOICES**

Motion made by Steve Breeding, second Lou Wallace and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to approve general county invoices in the amount of \$645,627.60 including withholdings and reoccurring.

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

**NOTE: Tim Lovelace entered the meeting at 6:35 pm.**

**APPROVAL OF A TWENTY-FIVE PERCENT DISCOUNT FOR USE OF THE FITNESS CENTER FOR COUNTY EMS, COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENTS, TOWN OF LEBANON AND TOWN OF HONAKER POLICE DEPARTMENTS**

Motion made by Carl Rhea, second Steve Breeding and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to allow the County EMS, County Fire Departments, Town of Lebanon Police and Town of Honaker Police Departments a discount of twenty-five percent to use the fitness center.

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

Abstain: Tim Lovelace and Mark Mitchell

### **Citizens Comment**

The Chair opened public comment period.

**Carla Glass**, Dante Community Association gave an update on their major accomplishments. She asked if the County would give them permission to clean up around the old Arty Lee School.

### **APPROVAL OF THE DANTE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION TO CLEAN UP THE PROPERTY AROUND THE OLD ARTY LEE SCHOOL IN DANTE**

Motion made by Lou Wallace, second Tim Lovelace and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to authorize the Dante Community Association to clean up the property around the old Arty Lee School in Dante.

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

**Kelly McBride Delph**, RCPL stated that the library depends on the County allocation in order to receive their state aid, she asked that the County not reduce their appropriation in the upcoming budget.

**Toby Edwards**, CPRWA updated the Board on the solid waste authority.

The Chair closed public comment period.

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

Matt Crum discussed the Unsafe Buildings Ordinance and the Russell County Transient Occupancy Tax with the Board.

### **APPROVAL TO HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE RC TRANSIENT OCCUPANCY TAX**

Motion made by Mark Mitchell, second Tim Lovelace and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to hold a public hearing on the Russell County Transient Occupancy Tax at the March 05, 2018 Board of Supervisors meeting beginning at 6:00 pm.

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

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

**APPROVAL OF THE VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN GRANT FROM DCJS**

Motion made by Mark Mitchell, second Lou Wallace and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to accept and appropriate the Violence Against Women Grant in the amount of \$46,905.00 from the Department of Criminal Justice.

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

**APPROVAL TO HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING ON A TRANSFER OF PROPERTY TO THE CLEVELAND FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Motion made by Carl Rhea, second Mark Mitchell and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to hold a public hearing on the transfer of property to the Cleveland Fire Department on March 05, 2018 at 6:00 pm.

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

**APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR THE PUMPED HYDRO-ELECTRIC FACILITY**

Motion made by David Eaton, second Mark Mitchell and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to authorize a Resolution of Support for the Pumped Hydro-Electric facility.

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Motion made by Mark Mitchell, second Carl Rhea and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors enter into Executive (closed) Session for the investment or bargaining of public funds pursuant to Virginia code 2.2-3711(A)(6) the Code of Virginia.

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

**APPROVAL TO RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION**

Motion made by Mark Mitchell, second Lou Wallace and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to return to regular 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  
Rebecca Dye - AYE  
Steve Breeding – AYE  
Mark Mitchell – AYE

#### **AUTHORIZATION TO NEGOTIATE AND PURCHASE GYM EQUIPMENT**

Motion made by Mark Mitchell, second Steve Breeding and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to authorize the County Administrator and Kim Short to negotiate price and purchase gym equipment up to an amount discussed and agreed upon in Executive Session.

The vote was;

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

Nay: None

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

Nay: None

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Clerk of the Board

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Chairperson