

November 05, 2018

The regular monthly meeting of the Russell County Board of Supervisors was held on Monday, November 05, 2018 at 5:00 pm beginning with an Executive (closed) Session followed by the regular meeting 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:

Tim Lovelace
Lou Wallace
Carl Rhea
David Eaton
Steve Breeding
Harry Ferguson
Rebecca Dye

Lonzo Lester, Clerk
Vicki Porter, Deputy Clerk
Matt Crum, County Attorney

Absent:

None

EXECUTIVE (CLOSED) SESSION

Motion made by Harry Ferguson, second Tim Lovelace and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to enter into Executive (closed) Session to discuss personnel matters pursuant to Section 2.2-3711 (1); to discuss litigation matters pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(7); and to discuss contractual matters pursuant to 2.2-3711(29) of the Code of Virginia.

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

APPROVAL TO RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION

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

CERTIFICATION OF EXECUTIVE (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.

Tim Lovelace - Aye
Lou Wallace - Aye
Carl Rhea - Aye
David Eaton -Aye
Steve Breeding -Aye
Rebecca Dye-Aye
Harry Ferguson-Aye

Invocation by Pastor Woody Scott, Morning Star Full Gospel Church followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

The vote was:

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

Awards and Recognitions

The Board recognized Castlewood Cub Scout Pack 412 and American Legion Post 204 and presented them with certificates of appreciation for placing “buddy benches” in the elementary schools in the County.

Presentations

Charlene Farthing, Friends of Russell County Animal Shelter gave an overview of what her organization does.

Tim Addington, ISP Regional Coordinator discussed the PSAP/GIS Specific NG9-1-1 Migration Proposal

Jeff Hayton, Pearson Appraisal Services updated the Board on the progress of the reassessment.

Board Appointments

LORI ADDISON RE-APPOINTED TO THE CPMT

Motion made by Steve Breeding, second Tim Lovelace to re-appoint Lori Addison to the Community Policy Management Team for a three (3) year term, said term ending November 05, 2021.

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

ALICE MEADE RE-APPOINTED TO THE CPMT

Motion made by Steve Breeding, second Harry Ferguson and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to re-appoint Alice Meade to the Community Policy Management Team for a three (3) year term, said term ending November 05, 2021.

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

The Chair tabled the Equalization Board appointments.

New Business

APPROVAL OF THE OCTOBER 01, 2018 MINUTES

Motion made by Tim Lovelace, second David Eaton and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to approve the October 01, 2018 minutes and dispense with the reading thereof.

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

APPROVAL OF GENERAL COUNTY INVOICES

Motion made by Steve Breeding, second David Eaton and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to approve general county invoices in the amount of \$1,584,788.85 including reoccurring and withholdings.

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

Citizens Comment

The Chair opened citizens comment period.

Vickie Kitts, President of the Russell County Education Association, a resident of Tazewell Virginia, addressed the Board about education funding and the salary task force that has been formed to develop short- term and long-term solutions to close the salary gaps for teachers.

James Puckett, Lebanon commented that Russell County teacher salaries were below the national and state averages.

Richard Hess, Lebanon stated that he feels that the top teacher, support staff and administrators' salaries need to be improved.

The Chair closed citizens comment period.

County Attorney Reports and Requests

Matt Crum asked the Board to consider a resolution on a funding package between the Russell County IDA and First Bank & Trust to remodel parts of the government center for the Department of Social Services to relocate. This would be a moral obligation.

APPROVAL OF A RUSSELL COUNTY IDA FINANCING LOAN AGREEMENT-MORAL OBLIGATION RESOLUTION

Motion made by Steve Breeding, second David Eaton and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to approve a Russell County IDA Financing Loan Agreement Moral Obligation Resolution for the purpose of renovating a space in the government center for the Department of Social Services.

The vote was:

Aye: Steve Breeding, David Eaton, Tim Lovelace, Lou Wallace, Carl Rhea and Harry Ferguson

Abstain: Rebecca Dye

Nay: None

County Administrator Reports and Requests

AUTHORIZATION TO NEGOTIATE THE ENGINEERING SERVICES RFP FOR CONSOLIDATION OF THE CWSA AND THE RUSSELL COUNTY PSA

Motion made by Steve Breeding, second Lou Wallace and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to authorize the County Administrator to negotiate with The Lane Group for engineering services for the consolidation of the Russell County Water and Sewage Authority and the Russell County Public Service Authority.

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

AUTHORIZATION TO NEGOTIATE COUNTY ATTORNEY SERVICES WITH CHAFIN LAW FIRM

Motion made by Harry Ferguson, second Tim Lovelace and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to authorize the County Administrator to negotiate with the Chafin Law Firm for county attorney services.

The vote was:

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

APPROVAL OF A LETTER OF ENGAGEMENT WITH FRANK KILGORE, P.C.

Motion made by Steve Breeding, second David Eaton and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to approve a letter of engagement with Frank Kilgore, P.C. for the purpose of consolidating the Russell County Public Service Authority and the Castlewood Water and Sewage Authority.

The vote was:

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

AUTHORIZATION OF PRE-CONSTRUCTION AND MANAGEMENT SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH J. A. STREET AND ASSOCIATES, INC.

Motion made by David Eaton, second Carl Rhea and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to authorize a Pre-construction and Project Management Services Agreement with J. A. Street and Associates, Inc.

The vote was:

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

TERRY LOWE HIRED AS MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR

Motion made by Tim Lovelace, second Steve Breeding and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to authorize the County Administrator to negotiate with and hire Terry Lowe as the County Maintenance Supervisor.

The vote was:

Aye: Tim Lovelace, Steve Breeding, Lou Wallace, Carl Rhea, David Breeding, Rebecca Dye and Harry Ferguson
Nay: None

APPROVAL TO EXTEND THE ADVERTISEMENT FOR AN IT EMPLOYEE AND ADVERTISE FOR AN RFP FOR IT SERVICES

Motion made by Carl Rhea, second Tim Lovelace and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to extend the advertisement for an IT employee for a period of thirty (30) days and advertise for an RFP for IT Services.

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

APPROVAL OF REVENUE SHARING AGREEMENT MOU

Motion made by Steve Breeding, second David Eaton and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to authorize a Localities Revenue Sharing Agreement Memorandum of Understanding for future projects concerning economic development for participating localities.

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

APPROVAL OF FY 2018/2019 DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY LITTER PREVENTION GRANT

Motion made David Eaton, second Steve Breeding and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to accept and appropriate a FY 2018/2019 Department of Environmental Quality Litter Prevention Grant.

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

APPROVAL OF VDEM HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT

Motion made by Carl Rhea, second Steve Breeding and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to accept and appropriate a Virginia Department of Emergency Management Homeland Security Grant.

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION FOR VDOT PROJECT 7058-083-102, C503

Motion made by Lou Wallace, second Tim Lovelace and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to authorize the signing of VDOT Resolution Highway System Changes from the Construction of VDOT Project 7058-083-102, C503.

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

APPROVAL OF A LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR AASC

Motion made by David Eaton, second Steve Breeding and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to authorize a letter of support for the Appalachian Agency for Senior Citizens for a grant to fund Front Street Senior Citizens Café and Senior Friends Mobile Health.

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

APPROVAL OF \$2500 FOR TURKEY/HAM CERTIFICATES FOR THE LOCAL FOOD BANKS

Motion made by David Eaton, Steve Breeding and duly approved by the Board of Supervisor appropriate \$2500 for turkey/ham certificates for the Roger E. Jessee Food Bank and the Work of Victory Food Pantry.

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

APPROVAL OF A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH PEOPLE, INC

Motion made by Harry Ferguson, second Steve Breeding and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to authorize a lease agreement with People, Inc. of Virginia Head Start Program and Russell County.

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

APPROVAL OF A TRAVEL REQUEST FOR THE DEPT. OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Motion made by Carl Rhea, second David Eaton and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to approve a travel request for the Department of Emergency Management.

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

APPROVAL TO LOAN THE TOWN OF CLEVELAND \$7000 FOR WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS

Motion made by Steve Breeding, second Carl Rhea and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to authorize a \$7000 loan to the Town of Cleveland with option for the loan to be forgiven after their water system has been evaluated.

The vote was;

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

Nay: None

Matters Presented by the Board

The Chair presented Matt Crum with a certificate of appreciation for his years as County Attorney.

The Chairperson appointed Harry Ferguson and Rebecca Dye to meet with the County Administrator and Judges to discuss Courthouse renovations and improvements.

APPROVAL TO ADJOURN TO RECONVENE ON THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 08, 2018 AT 3:00 PM

Motion made by Carl Rhea, second Harry Ferguson and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to adjourn to reconvene on Thursday, November 08, 2018 at 3:00 pm.

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

Clerk of the Board

Chairperson