

November 04, 2019

A regular monthly meeting of the Russell County Board of Supervisors was held on Monday, November 04, 2019 at 6:00 pm at the Russell County Government Center in Lebanon, Virginia. An Executive (closed) session was prior to the meeting at 5:00 pm.

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  
Katie Patton, County Attorney

**Absent:**

None

**EXECUTIVE (CLOSED) SESSION**

Motion made by Harry Ferguson, second Steve Breeding and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to enter into (closed) executive session pursuant to Section 2.2-3712(5) of the Code of Virginia to discuss legal and personnel matters pursuant to 2.2-3712(A), (3), (7) and (8).

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

**APPROVAL TO RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION**

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

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

Invocation by Jeff Tallent, Lebanon Memorial United Methodist Church followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

## **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Motion made by Steve Breeding, second Lou Wallace and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to approve the agenda as amended.

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

### **Acknowledgements**

Castlewood High School - Track Team State Winners  
Honaker High School - Girls' and Boys' All-State Soccer

Annette Patrick – 40 years of service with Russell County Department of Social Services

### **Presentations**

**Ballad Health – Eric Deaton, Greg Neil, Marvin Eichorn and Steve Givens** with Ballad gave updates and statistics on RCMC since the merger.

### **Board Appointments**

#### **LONZO LESTER AND JEFF BRINTLE RE-APPOINTED TO CPMT**

Motion made by David Eaton, second Steve Breeding and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to re-appoint Lonzo Lester and Jeff Brintle to the Community Policy Management Team. Mr. Lester: (4) four-year term, said term ending November 04, 2023 and Jeff Brintle: (3) three-year term, said term ending November 07, 2022.

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

#### **APPROVAL OF THE OCTOBER 07, 2019 MINUTES**

Motion made by Lou Wallace, second David Eaton and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to approve the October 07, 2019 minutes and dispense with the reading thereof.

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

## **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 \$1,261,041.78 including reoccurring and withholdings.

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

### **Citizens Comment**

The Chair opened citizens comment period.

**Kelly McBride Delph**, RCPL commented that the Census would be starting soon.

**Pearly Ramsey**, Rosedale stated that the traffic is still really heavy near her sub-division and several accidents have occurred.

**Edward Tiller**, Amber Hill Drive asked that something be done to help with his road conditions, it floods when it rains.

**Monica Gonzales**, Belfast wanted to know when the civil servant that was discussed in closed session tonight would be returning to work. If not, what had been decided.

**Ola Gay Breeding**, Amber Hill Drive explained that her road is in need of repair and asked the Board for help.

**Linda Tiller**, Amber Hill Drive stated that several older residents could not get off the hill in the winter time due to the bad road conditions. Emergency vehicles would be able to get to them either.

The Chair closed citizens comment.

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

#### **BETSY GILMER RESIGNATION ACCEPTED FROM HOA**

Motion made by Harry Ferguson, second Steve Breeding and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to accept the resignation of Betsy Gilmer from the Heart of Appalachia Board effective immediately.

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

**LAUREL RASNICK RESIGNATION ACCEPTED FROM DSS BOARD**

Motion made by Tim Lovelace, second David Eaton and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to accept the resignation of Laurel Rasnick from the Russell County Department of Social Services Board effective November 01, 2019.

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

**KIM SHORT RESIGNATION EFFECTIVE NOVEMBER 11, 2019**

Motion made by Steve Breeding, second Carl Rhea and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to accept the resignation of Kim Short, Russell County Fitness/Tourism Coordinator effective November 11, 2019.

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

**APPROVAL TO TERMINATE THE BURN BAN**

Motion made by David Eaton, second Lou Wallace and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to approve an Emergency Burn Ban Termination Resolution effective immediately.

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

**APPROVAL OF A CONTRACT WITH THE LANE GROUP FOR A RATE STUDY AND OPERATOR BUSINESS PLAN**

Motion made by Steve Breeding, second David Eaton and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to approve a contract with The Lane Group to proceed with The Russell County Public Service Authority Consolidation Work Plan and rate study and authorize the signing of said contract.

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

**APPROVAL OF A VDEM GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$15,000**

Motion made by David Eaton, second Lou Wallace and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to accept a Virginia Department of Emergency Management Local Emergency Management Performance Grant in the amount of \$15,000. (includes a match of \$7500.00)

The vote was:

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

**APPROVAL OF A VDEM GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$49,741.00**

Motion made by David Eaton, second Steve Breeding and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to accept a Virginia Department of Emergency Management Grant in the amount of \$49,741.00.

The vote was:

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

**APPROVAL OF A RUSSELL COUNTY LITTER PREVENTION AND RECYCLING PROGRAM GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,377.00**

Motion made by Steve Breeding, second Carl Rhea and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to accept a Russell County Litter Prevention and Recycling Program Grant in the amount of \$10,377.00. The grant is based on the following distribution.

County of Russell: \$6887.00  
Town of Cleveland: \$1021.00  
Town of Honaker: \$1021.00  
Town of Lebanon: \$1448.00

The vote was:

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

**APPROVAL OF A PLANNING COMMISSION PLAT FOR GARY DOTSON**

Motion made by Harry Ferguson, second Tim Lovelace and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to accept a plat for Gary Dotson as requested by the Planning Commission.

The vote was:

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

**APPROVAL TO ACCEPT REVERSION FUNDS FROM THE VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH**

Motion made by David Eaton, second Lou Wallace and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to accept reversion funds in the amount of \$22,660.00 from the Virginia Department of Health to be deposited into the county's general fund.

The vote was:

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

**APPROVAL TO SURPLUS A COUNTY VEHICLE AND TRANSFER TO THE TOWN OF CLEVELAND**

Motion made by Carl Rhea, second David Eaton and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to surplus a county vehicle (truck) and transfer ownership of said vehicle to the Town of Cleveland.

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

**APPROVAL TO ADJOURN**

Motion made by David Eaton, second Carl Rhea and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to adjourn.

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

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Clerk of the Board

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Chairperson