

May 04, 2020

A regular monthly meeting of the Russell County Board of Supervisors was held on Monday, May 04, 2020 beginning at 5:00 pm with 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
Rebecca Dye
Oris Christian

Lonzo Lester, Clerk
Vicki Porter, Deputy Clerk
Katie Patton, County Attorney

Absent:

None

EXECUTIVE (CLOSED) SESSION

Motion made by Steve Breeding, second Lou Wallace and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to enter into Executive (closed) Session pursuant to Section 2.2-3712(5) of the Code of Virginia to discuss personnel and legal matters pursuant to 2.2-3711(A), (1), (7) and (8).

The vote was:

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

APPROVAL TO RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION

Motion made by Steve Breeding, second David Eaton 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 Oris Christian
Nay: None

Invocation by Chairperson Rebecca Dye followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

PUBLIC HEARING HELD ON THE 2020/2021 GENERAL OPERATING BUDGET

Pursuant to being advertised in a local newspaper for (2) two consecutive weeks, a public hearing was held on the 2020/2021 General Operation Budget.

The Chairperson opened the public hearing. Hearing no comments, the public hearing was closed.

New Business

APPROVAL OF THE APRIL 06, 2020 MINUTES

Motion made by Steve Breeding, second Oris Christian and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to approve the April 06, 2020 minutes and dispense with the reading thereof.

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

APPROVAL OF THE APRIL 28, 2020 MINUTES

Motion made by David Eaton, second Lou Wallace and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to approve the April 28, 2020 and dispense with the reading thereof.

The vote was:

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

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 \$1,386,884.14, including withholdings and reoccurring.

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

Citizens Comment

The Chair opened public comment.

Kelly McBride Delph, RCPL stated that she was concerned about the upcoming budget and potential cuts due to the COVID 19 epidemic.

The Chair closed Citizens Comment period.

County Attorney Reports and Requests

Katie Patton, County Attorney advised the Board to hold a public hearing on the Continuation of Government Ordinance.

PUBLIC HEARING TO BE HELD ON THE CONTINUATION OF GOVERNMENT ORDINANCE

Motion made by Carl Rhea, second Lou Wallace and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to hold a public hearing on the Continuation of Government Ordinance on June 01, 2020 at 6:00 pm.

The vote was:

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

The County Attorney stated that she had reviewed the written contract for Courthouse Project Management Services. She asked that the Board approve the contract since she had made a minor change.

APPROVAL OF THE COURTHOUSE PROJECT MANAGEMENT SERVICES CONTRACT

Motion made by Steve Breeding, second Lou Wallace and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to approve the Courthouse Project Management Services written contract after review by the County Attorney to reflect a minor change.

The vote was:

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

APPROVAL OF A CDGB GRANT FOR THE CLEVELAND SEWER TREATMENT PLANT

Motion made by Steve Breeding, second Lou Wallace and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to approve a Community Development Block Grant through the Department of Housing and Community Development for the Cleveland Sewer Treatment Plant pending final legal review.

The vote was:

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

APPROVAL OF CDAC OF VIRGINIA TECH LETTER OF CONFIRMATION FOR A BROWNSFIELD GRANT

Motion made by Lou Wallace, second Tim Lovelace and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to approve a letter of confirmation from the Community Design Assistance Center (CDAC) of Virginia Tech for a U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Brownfields Assessment grant.

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

APPROVAL OF A MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE RUSSELL AND WASHINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF DEPARTMENTS

Motion made by Steve Breeding, second Tim Lovelace and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to approve a mutual aid agreement between Russell and Washington County Sheriff's Department for law enforcement services from 2020-2023.

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

APPROVAL OF A MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE RUSSELL AND BUCHANAN COUNTY SHERIFF DEPARTMENTS

Motion made by David Eaton, second Steve Breeding and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to approve a mutual aid agreement between Russell County and Buchanan County Sheriff's Department for law enforcement services for 2020-2023.

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

APPROVAL OF A LEBANON HIGH SCHOOL WALL REPAIR CONTRACT

Motion made by David Eaton, second Steve Breeding and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to approve a Lebanon High School wall repair contract with Ken's Construction and D. R. Price Engineering firm based on legal review.

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

PUBLIC HEARING TO BE HELD ON THE TRANSFER OF HONAKER SCHOOL PROPERTY

Motion made by Steve Breeding, second David Eaton and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to hold a public hearing on the transfer of Honaker school property on June 01, 2020.

The vote was:

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

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

Nay: None

Clerk of the Board

Chairperson