

September 08, 2020

A regular monthly meeting of the Russell County Board of Supervisors was held on Tuesday, September 08, 2020 at 6:00 pm at the Russell County Conference 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

Invocation by the Chair, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

The vote was:

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

Presentations

Dr. Greg Brown, Superintendent RCPS presented a remote learning option for children in K-12 on the days that they are not physically present at school due to the Covid 19 pandemic. Russell County Public Schools would be partnering with the Workforce Development Board, United Way and the Board of Supervisors to open a facility in the government center that is currently not being used by Southwest Va. Community College. Children participating in the program would receive free breakfast and lunch on site. The facility would be staffed with two managers, two clerks and a School resource officer. Dr. Brown asked that the Board help fund this program with Covid 19 funds in the amount of \$150,000. Other options for remote learning facilities in various locations were also discussed by the Board to make sure all students in the county have the same opportunity. Dr. Brown agreed to explore these options.

APPROVAL TO FUND A REMOTE LEARNING CENTER

Motion made by Carl Rhea, second Steve Breeding and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to fund the "learning center" with Covid 19 funds in the amount of \$150,000 with the understanding that other locations in the county would be explored for remote learning.

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

Abstain: David Eaton

Pat Gray spoke about Constitution Week. She asked that the Board approve a resolution proclaiming the week of September 17-23, 2020 as Constitution Week.

SEPTEMBER 17-23-2020 PROCLAIMED AS CONSTITUTION WEEK

Motion made by Steve Breeding, second David Eaton and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to approve a resolution proclaiming the week of September 17-23 ,2020 as Constitution Week.

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

Toby Edwards, CPRWMA asked that the Board consider purchasing tire cutting equipment to help offset the cost of tire disposal. The abundance of tires and the cost of disposal in Russell, Dickenson and Buchanan County is constantly rising. The purchase would be funded by the balance left from last fiscal year's budget. Therefore, there would be no extra expense to the three counties that make up the waste authority.

AUTHORIZATION FOR THE CPRWMA TO PURCHASE TIRE CUTTING EQUIPMENT

Motion made by David Eaton, second Tim Lovelace and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to authorize the Cumberland Plateau Regional Waste Management Authority to purchase tire cutting equipment.

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

APPROVAL OF THE AUGUST 03, 2020 MINUTES

Motion made by Steve Breeding, second Lou Wallace and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to approve the August 03, 2020 minutes and dispense with the reading thereof.

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

APPROVAL OF THE AUGUST 18, 2020 MINUTES

Motion made by Carl Rhea, second Oris Christian and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to approve the August 18, 2020 minutes and dispense with the reading thereof.

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

APPROVAL OF GENERAL COUNTY INVOICES

Motion made by Tim Lovelace, second Lou Wallace and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to approve general county invoices in the amount of \$1,804,035.10 including reoccurring and withholdings.

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

HEATHER POWERS RE-APPOINTED TO THE HOA

Motion made by Lou Wallace, second Tim Lovelace and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to re-appoint Heather Powers to the Heart of Appalachia for a (2) two-year term, said term ending September 08, 2022.

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

VICTORIA GENT APPOINTED TO THE HOA

Motion made by Steve Breeding, second Lou Wallace and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to appoint Victoria Gent to the Heart of Appalachia for a (2) two-year term, said term ending September 08, 2022.

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

ERIC BROWN APPOINTED TO THE CMCSB

Motion made by David Eaton, second Carl Rhea and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to appoint Eric Brown to the Cumberland Mountain Community Services Board to fill the unexpired term of Michelle Vance, said term ending December 31, 2022.

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

Citizens Comment

The Chair opened citizens comment period.

Kelly M. Delph, RCPL stated that the library had received Covid 19 funds from the Library of Virginia. They have decided to use the money to provide “virtual” library cards to students to allow them to download books.

William Osborne, Swords Creek commented that there is no high-speed internet access for a four mile section near his home. He wants to know how they can get access.

Citizens comment was closed by the Chairperson.

County Attorney Reports and Requests

APPROVAL TO EXTEND THE CONTINUITY OF GOVERNMENT ORDINANCE

Motion made by Carl Rhea, second Lou Wallace and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to extend the Continuity of Government Ordinance for another six months.

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

APPROVAL OF THE COURTHOUSE SECURITY ORDINANCE

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

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

APPROVAL OF AN ADDENDUM TO THE CPRWMA MANPOWER AGREEMENT

Motion made by David Eaton, second Steve Breeding and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to approve an addendum to the Cumberland Plateau Regional Waste Management Authority manpower agreement.

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

APPROVAL OF THE RATCLIFF FOUNDATION RESOLUTION CONCERNING CIVIL WAR STATUES

Motion made by David Eaton, second Steve Breeding and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to approve a resolution that would support the endeavor of the Ratcliff Foundation concerning Civil War historic statues.

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT ISSUE TABLED

Motion made by Oris Christian, second David Eaton and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to table the Emergency Management Coordinator position exemption decision until the October 05, 2020 meeting.

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

County Administrator Reports and Requests

APPROVAL OF \$75,000 FOR "CARES" BUSINESS GRANTS

Motion made by David Eaton, second Tim Lovelace and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to approve Russell County "Cares" Business Grants to local businesses in the amount of \$75,000.

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

APPROVAL TO CONVERT IDA LOCAL BUSINESS LOANS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$50,000 TO GRANTS

Motion made by Steve Breeding, second David Eaton and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to convert \$50,000 Russell County Industrial Development Authority business loans to local businesses to grants to be paid from Covid funds.

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

APPROVAL OF A SUPREME COURT OF VA. ADULT TREATMENT COURT GRANT

Motion made by David Eaton, second Steve Breeding and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to accept and appropriate a Supreme Court of Virginia grant for the Russell County Adult Treatment Court in the amount of \$90,000

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

APPROVAL OF \$535,143.68 IN REVERSION FUNDS FROM THE RUSSELL COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD

Motion made by Steve Breeding, second David Eaton and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to accept reversion funds in the amount of \$535,143.68 from the Russell County School Board for FY 20.

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

APPROVAL OF FY 20 RECONCILIATION CONTRIBUTIONS/DEBT FROM THE SWVRJA

Motion made by Tim Lovelace, second Carl Rhea to accept Southwest Virginia Regional Jail Authority FY 20 Reconciliation of Local Contributions/Debt in the amount of \$527,967.18.

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

APPROVAL TO PURCHASE A TRUCK FOR THE SOLID WASTE DEPARTMENT

Motion made by David Eaton, second Carl Rhea and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to approve the purchase of a new solid waste disposal truck.

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

APPROVAL TO SELL A SOLID WASTE DEPARTMENT TRUCK

Motion made by David Eaton, second Carl Rhea and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to Authorize the solid waste department to sell solid waste department disposal truck.

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

APPROVAL TO AJOURN

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

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

Clerk of the Board

Chairperson

