

October 12, 2021

A regular monthly meeting of the Russell County Board of Supervisors was held on Tuesday, October 12, 2021 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

Invocation by Caleb Johnson followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

The vote was:

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

Recognition

The Lebanon Pioneer Varsity Baseball team was recognized for being the 2021 VHSL Group 2A Baseball State Champions.

The Board also recognized the Lebanon Pioneer Varsity Softball Team for being runner up at the 2021 VHSL Varsity Softball State Tournament.

Presentations

Delegate Will Morefield asked that the Board go into Executive (closed) Session for discussion about an economic development project that includes four counties.

EXECUTIVE (CLOSED) SESSION

Motion made by Steve Breeding, second David Eaton and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to enter Executive (closed) Session pursuant to 2.2-3711(A), (6), and (8).

The vote was:

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

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
Oris Christian – AYE

APPROVAL TO COMMIT \$30,000 TO THE CIFA

Motion made by Steve Breeding, second David Eaton and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to commit up to \$30,000 to the Cumberland Industrial Facilities Authority for the purpose of hiring an Executive Director for a (1) year contract contingent upon approval from Buchanan, Dickenson, and Tazewell County.

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

New Business

APPROVAL OF THE APPROVE THE SEPTEMBER 07, 2021 MINUTES

Motion made by David Eaton, second Lou Wallace and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to approve the September 07, 2021 minutes and dispense with the reading thereof.

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

APPROVAL OF THE APPROVE THE SEPTEMBER 21, 2021 MINUTES

Motion made by David Eaton, second Carl Rhea and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to approve the September 21, 2021 minutes and dispense with the reading thereof.

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

APPROVAL OF GENERAL COUNTY INVOICES

Motion made by David Eaton, second Tim Lovelace and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to approve general county invoices in the amount of \$700,333.89 including withholdings and reoccurring.

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

County Attorney Reports & Requests

Katie Patton, County Attorney discussed the county committee/board appointments.

Chairperson Rebecca Dye relinquished the Chair to Tim Lovelace.

**APPROVAL TO REVERT THE BYLAWS BACK TO THE ORIGINAL LANGUAGE CONCERNING
COMMITTEE/BOARD APPOINTMENTS**

Motion made by Rebecca Dye, second Carl Rhea and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to revert the bylaws back to the original language (before July 12, 2021) regarding committee/board appointments.

The vote was:

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

Nay: Steve Breeding and David Eaton

The Vice Chairman, Tim Lovelace relinquished the Chair back to Rebecca Dye

Board Appointments

**ERNIE MCFADDIN, JACK COMPTON, AND CHARLES COLLINS APPOINTED TO THE RUSSELL
COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION**

Steve Breeding nominated Ernie McFaddin

Carl Rhea nominated Jack Compton

Lou Wallace nominated Charles Collins

Ernie McFaddin, Jack Compton, and Charles Collins were appointed to the Planning Commission by acclamation for (4) four-year terms, said terms ending October 12, 2025.

**FRANK HORTON, TONY LAMBERT, RON BLANKENSHIP AND JAMES EATON, JR. REAPPOINTED TO THE
CUMBERLAND PLATEAU ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION**

Motion made by Tim Lovelace, second Oris Christian and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to reappoint Frank Horton, Tony Lambert, Ron Blankenship and James Eaton, Jr. to the Cumberland Plateau Economic Development Commission for (1) one-year terms, said terms ending October 12, 2022.

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

Abstain: David Eaton

JASON GULLETT AND CATHERINE PRATT REAPPOINTED TO THE DANTE COMMUNITY BOARD

Lou Wallace nominated Jason Gullett and Catherine Pratt

Jason Gullett and Catherine Pratt were reappointed by acclamation to the Dante Community Center Board for two (2) year terms, said terms ending October 12, 2023.

KIM FIFE, BOB BREIMANN AND ANN MONK APPOINTED TO THE RCPL BOARD

Carl Rhea nominated Kim Fife
Rebecca Dye nominated Bob Breimann
Oris Christian nominated Ann Monk

Kim Fife and Ann Monk were appointed by acclamation to the Russell County Public Library Board for (3) three-year terms, said terms ending October 12, 2024.

Bob Breimann was appointed by acclamation to the Russell County Public Library Board for a (4) four year term, said term ending October 12, 2025.

GARY DOTSON, JOHNNY JESSEE, EUGENE FERGUSON, TONY MAXFIELD, MIKE O'QUINN, BARBARA COX, HENRY STINSON, JR., AND CARL RHEA REAPPOINTED TO THE RC HIGHWAY & SAFETY COMMISSION

Motion made by Tim Lovelace, second Lou Wallace and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to reappoint Gary Dotson, Johnny Jessee, Eugene Ferguson, Tony Maxfield, Mike O'Quinn, Barbara Cox, Henry Stinson, and Carl Rhea to the Russell County Highway Safety Commission for (2) two-year terms, said terms ending October 12, 2023. William Watson was appointed as a representative for the Russell County Sheriff's Department.

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

Abstain: Carl Rhea

ANGELA FARMER REAPPOINTED TO THE CPMT

Motion made by Lou Wallace, second Tim Lovelace and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to reappoint Angela Farmer to the CPMT for a (3) three-year term, said term ending October 12, 2024.

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

KATHRYN EASTON APPOINTED AND GREGORY BROWN REAPPOINTED TO THE SWCC ADVISORY BOARD

Steve Breeding nominated Kathryn Easton
Rebecca Dye nominated Jo Ellen Harding
Tim Lovelace nominated Gregory Brown

Kathryn Easton - Four votes: Steve Breeding, David Eaton, Carl Rhea and Oris Christian

Greg Brown - Four votes: Tim Lovelace, Steve Breeding, David Eaton and Oris Christian

Jo Ellen Harding - Three votes: Rebecca Dye, Tim Lovelace, and Lou Wallace

Kathryn Easton appointed and Gregory Brown reappointed to the SWCC Advisory Board for (4) four-year terms, said terms ending October 12, 2025.

HARRY FERGUSON AND DEANNA JACKSON APPOINTED TO THE RUSSELL COUNTY IDA

Steve Breeding nominated Nate Kiser, then withdrew his nomination

David Eaton nominated Burke Artrip

Carl Rhea nominated Roger Sword

Rebecca Dye nominated Harry Ferguson

Harry Ferguson – (4) Four votes: Rebecca Dye, Tim Lovelace, Lou Wallace, and Oris Christian

Roger Sword – (1) vote: Carl Rhea

Burke Artrip – (2) votes: David Eaton and Steve Breeding

Harry Ferguson was appointed to the Russell County IDA for a (4) four-year term, said term ending October 12, 2025.

The Town of Lebanon appointed Deanna Jackson for a (4) four-year term, said term ending October 12, 2025.

APPROVAL TO TABLE THE OAK GROVE COMMUNITY CENTER BOARD APPOINTMENTS

Motion made by Tim Lovelace, second David Eaton and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to table the Oak Grove Community Center appointments.

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

Citizens Comment

The Chair opened citizens comment period.

B. J. Keen, Cedar Bluff commented that the Board should consider passing a noise ordinance.

The Chair closed citizens comment period.

County Administrator Reports and Requests

APPROVAL OF A VDOT RESOLUTION CLOSING RTE. 679 FOR A DRAINAGE CULVERT REPLACEMENT

Motion made by David Eaton, second Tim Lovelace and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to approve a VDOT Resolution Closing Rte. 679 (Thomas Warner Rd) for Drainage Culvert Replacement – VDOT project 0679-0836P72, N501.

The vote was:

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

APPROVAL OF A VRA RESOLUTION FOR THE COURTHOUSE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Motion made by David Eaton, second Steve Breeding and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to approve a Virginia Resource Authority Resolution for Proceed Reimbursement in Connection with the Courthouse Capital Improvement Project.

The vote was:

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

APPROVAL OF A LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR THE VA COMMUNICATIONS INITIATIVE 2022

Motion made by Oris Christian, second Tim Lovelace and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to provide a letter of support for the Cumberland Plateau Planning District Commission for the Virginia Telecommunications Initiative 2022.

The vote was:

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

APPROVAL OF \$100,000 C PROP GRANT

Motion made by Lou Wallace, second Oris Christian and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to approve a Cumberland Plateau Planning District Commission C Prop Grant in the amount of \$100,000 for the Three Rivers Destination Center.

The vote was:

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

APPROVAL OF A \$5000 DONATION TO THE VETERANS WALL OF HONOR

Motion made by Steve Breeding, second Lou Wallace and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to approve a \$5000 donation to the Fallen Warrior Project- Veterans Wall of Honor.

The vote was:

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

APPROVAL OF A MOA WITH SPEARHEAD TRAILS

Motion made by Lou Wallace, second Tim Lovelace and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to approve a MOA between Russell County and Spearhead Trails.

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

APPROVAL OF DENNIS G. LONG & SHARON M. LONG PLAT

Motion made by David Eaton, second Lou Wallace and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to approve a plat as presented by the Russell County Planning Commission for Denny G. Long and Sharon M. Long.

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

APPROVAL OF A TRAVEL REQUEST FROM THE RCPL

Motion made by Lou Wallace, second Steve Breeding and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to approve a travel request from the Russell County Public Library.

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

Clerk of the Board

Chairperson