

July 11, 2022

A regular monthly meeting of the Russell County Board of Supervisors was held on Monday, July 11, 2022 beginning with Executive (closed) Session at 5:00 pm followed by the regular meeting at 6:00 pm.

The Clerk called the meeting to order.

Roll Call by the Clerk:

Present:

Tim Lovelace
Lou Wallace
Carl Rhea
David Eaton
Steve Breeding
Rebecca Dye
Oris Christian

Lonzo Lester, Clerk of the Board
Vicki Porter, Deputy Clerk
Katie Patton, County Attorney

Absent:

None

EXECUTIVE (CLOSED) SESSION

Motion made by Steve Breeding, second David Eaton and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to enter into Executive (closed) Session to discuss legal matters pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A)(5)(7)(8) – Legal Discussions concerning the Russell County Commissioner of the Revenue v. Northrop Grumman Systems Corp and Specific Legal Matters.

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 Supervisors 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

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

New Business

APPROVAL OF THE JUNE 06, 2022 MINUTES

Motion made by David Eaton, second Steve Breeding and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to approve the June 06, 2022 minutes and dispense with the reading thereof.

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

Abstain: Steve Breeding

APPROVAL OT THE JUNE 15, 2022 MINUTES

Motion made by David Eaton, second Oris Christian and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to approve the June 15, 2022 minutes and dispense with the reading thereof.

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

APPROVAL OF THE JUNE 21, 2022 MINUTES

Motion made by Steve Breeding, second David Eaton and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to approve the June 21, 2022 minutes and dispense with the reading thereof.

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

Abstain: Rebecca Dye

APPROVAL OF THE JUNE 29, 2022 MINUTES

Motion made by Steve Breeding, second David Eaton and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to approve the June 29, 2022 minutes and dispense with the reading thereof.

The vote was:

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

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 \$658,107.54 including withholdings and reoccurring.

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

Motion made by Steve Breeding, second David Eaton and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to re-appoint Andrew Hensley to the Russell County Department of Social Services Board.

The vote was:

Aye: Steve Breeding, David Eaton and Carl Rhea

Nay: Rebecca Dye, Lou Wallace, Tim Lovelace and Oris Christian

MOTION FAILED

MARGARET LYNN RAMSEY APPOINTED TO THE RUSSELL COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES BOARD

Motion made by Tim Lovelace, second Oris Christian and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to appoint Margaret Lynn Ramsey to the Department of Social Services Board for a four (4) year term, said term ending June 30, 2026.

The vote was:

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

Nay: Steve Breeding, Carl Rhea and David Eaton

Motion made by Steve Breeding, second David Eaton and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to appoint Cody Jackson to the Russell County Department of Social Services Board.

The vote was:

Aye: Steve Breeding, David Eaton and Carl Rhea

Nay: Tim Lovelace, Lou Wallace, Rebecca Dye and Oris Christian

MOTION FAILED

CATHY GENT APPOINTED TO THE RUSSELL COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES BOARD

Motion made by Oris Christian, second Tim Lovelace and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to appoint Cathy Gent to the Department of Social Services Board for a four (4) year term, said term ending June 30, 2026.

The vote was:

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

Nay: Steve Breeding and Carl Rhea

RESIGNATION OF VICTORIA GENT FROM HEART OF APPALACHIA

Motion made by Steve Breeding, second Oris Christian and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to accept Victoria Gent's resignation from the Heart of Appalachia.

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

MADDIE GORDON APPOINTED TO THE HEART OF APPALACHIA

Motion made by Rebecca Dye, second Tim Lovelace and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to appoint Maddie Gordon to the Heart of Appalachia.

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

Abstain: David Eaton

Citizens Comment

Mike Dye, Honaker encouraged the Board to make Russell County a Pro- Life Sanctuary county.

Kelly M. Delph, RCPL asked that the Board approve an additional invoice for the library to be paid from American Rescue Act Funds.

APPROVAL TO PAY AN ADDITIONAL INVOICE FOR THE RCPL TO BE PAID FROM ARPA FUNDS

Motion made by Steve Breeding, second David Eaton and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to approve the payment of an invoice in the amount of \$6000 for the Russell County Public Library to be paid from American Rescue Act Funds contingent on County Administrator approval.

The vote was:

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

Jim Tatum commented that he is concerned about the possibility of a campground locating near his home.

Ronald Dotson, Cedar's Sub-Division voiced his opposition to a campground locating near him.

Annie Stevens, New Garden Rescue requested additional funding from the Board due to increasing fuel costs, price increase for supplies, etc.

Darrell Johnson, Castlewood Fire & Rescue commented that radios are essential for the fire and rescue. He asked that they give the fire department side radios.

Nate Kiser, Lebanon stated that the county should take the lead in the pro-life movement and make sure that abortions are not performed here.

Cody Jackson, Cleveland commented that the Coalition of Churches wants to work with the Board on issues important to them and the county.

The Chair closed citizens' comment.

PROCLAMATION OF AUGUST 22, 2022 AS SPINAL MUSCULAR ATROPHY DAY

Motion made by David Eaton, second Steve Breeding and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to proclaim August 22, 2022 as Spinal Muscular Atrophy Awareness Day.

The vote was:

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

APPROVAL OF A VDOT RESOLUTION – VA SMART SCALE PROJECT – SUNDOWN DRIVE

Motion made by Oris Christian, second Rebecca Dye and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to approve VDOT Smart Scale Project – Sundown Drive.

The vote was:

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

APPROVAL OF THE DANTE DEPOT PROJECT RESTORATION CONTRACT

Motion made by Rebecca Dye, second Lou Wallace and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to approve the VDOT Dante Depot Restoration Contract.

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

APPROVAL OF THE DANTE STEAM BUILDING RESTORATION PROJECT

Motion made by Rebecca Dye, second Tim Lovelace and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to approve the VDOT Dante Depot Steam Building Restoration Project letter of support to DHCD.

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

APPROVAL OF ON-DEMAND BALLOT PRINTING SYSTEM FOR THE ELECTORAL BOARD

Motion made by Rebecca Dye, second Oris Christian and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to approve the Russell County Electoral Board On-Demand Ballot Printing System.

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

APPROVAL OF THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF 2021 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,582,009.50

Motion made by Rebecca Dye, second Tim Lovelace and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to approve the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 in the amount of \$2,582,009.50.

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

APPROVAL OF THE COUNTY CONVENIENCE SITE SCHEDULE

Motion made by Steve Breeding, second Oris Christian and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to set the county convenience center schedule as presented.

The vote was:

Aye: Steve Breeding, Oris Christian, Lou Wallace and Rebecca Dye

Nay: Carl Rhea, Tim Lovelace and David Eaton

APPROVAL OF BOUNDARY ADJUSTMENT FOR CEDARS SUB-DIVISION LOT 19

Motion made by Oris Christian, second Carl Rhea and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to approve a boundary adjustment for Cedars Sub-Division Lot 19, Sykes Investments as requested by the Russell County Planning Commission.

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

APPROVAL TO OPEN THE CANNERIES ON JULY 19, 2022

Motion made by Oris Christian, second David Eaton and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to open the Russell County Canneries (and to get quotes for cans) on July 19, 2022.

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

The meeting was adjourned.

Clerk of the Board

Chairperson