

**August 01, 2022**

A regular monthly meeting of the Russell County Board of Supervisors was held on Monday, August 01, 2022 beginning with Executive (closed) Session at 5:00 pm 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.

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

Nay: None

**APPROVAL OF THE JULY 11, 2022 MINUTES**

Motion made by Steve Breeding, second David Eaton and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to approve the July 11, 2022 minutes and dispense with the reading thereof.

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

**APPROVAL OF GENERAL COUNTY INVOICES**

Motion made by Oris Christian, second Carl Rhea and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to approve general county invoices in the amount of \$1,659,380.87, including reoccurring and withholdings.

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

**Committee Appointments**

**DAVID BLACKSON APPOINTED TO THE TAC**

Motion made by Oris Christian, second David Eaton and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to appoint David Blackson to the Tourism Authority Committee to fill the unexpired term of Maddie Gordon, said term ending June 30, 2023.

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

**JANICE HALSEY APPOINTED TO THE TAC**

Motion made by Steve Breeding, second David Eaton and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to appoint Janice Halsey to the Tourism Advisory Committee to fill the expired term of Jamie Ball, said term ending June 30, 2023.

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

#### **APPROVAL OF THE RESIGNATION OF DANNY ALTIZER FROM TAC**

Motion made by Rebecca Dye, second Tim Lovelace and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to accept the resignation of Danny Altizer from the Tourism Advisory Committee.

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

#### **DOUG HUBBARD APPOINTED TO TAC**

Motion made by Rebecca Dye, second David Eaton and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to appoint Doug Hubbard to the TAC to fill the unexpired term of Danny Altizer, said term ending June 30, 2023.

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

#### **DOUG HOWARD RE-APPOINTED TO THE SOUTHWEST VIRGINIA COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS**

Motion made by Steve Breeding, second David Eaton and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to re-appoint Doug Howard to the Southwest Virginia Community Corrections Board for a (2) two-year term, said term ending August 01, 2024.

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

#### **PHILLIP CAMPBELL APPOINTED TO THE RUSSELL COUNTY PSA**

Motion made by Rebecca Dye, second Tim Lovelace and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to appoint Phillip Campbell to The Russell County Public Service Authority for a (4) four-year term, said term ending June 24, 2026.

The vote was:

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

Nay: Oris Christian

**RESIGNATION OF ANGIE FARMER FROM CPMT**

Motion made by Rebecca Dye, second Steve Breeding and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to accept the resignation of Angie Farmer from the Community Policy Management Team.

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

**JENNIFER NUNLEY APPOINTED TO THE CPMT**

Motion made by Rebecca Dye, second Tim Lovelace and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to appoint Jennifer Nunley to the Community Policy Management Team to fill the unexpired term of Angie Farmer, said term ending October 12, 2024.

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

**ALICE MEADE AND LARRY BURTON RE-APPOINTED TO THE AASC**

Motion made by Steve Breeding, second David Eaton and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to re-appoint Alice Meade and Larry Burton to the Appalachian Agency for Senior Citizens for (4) four-year terms, said terms ending June 30, 2026.

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

**Presentation**

**Marketta Puckett and Tracey Wilson** presented some resources for Russell County citizens to get assistance for family members suffering from Alzheimer's. The Alzheimer's Northeast Tennessee organization is available for citizens in need throughout the region, including Russell County.

**Citizens' Comment**

The Chair opened citizens' comment period.

The following citizens commented in favor of Russell County becoming a Pro-Life Sanctuary County, they voiced concerns about protecting the unborn, the sanctity of life and opposition to abortion clinics locating in Russell County. They wanted to see Russell County take the lead against abortion in Southwest Virginia. Some of the citizens also voiced opposition to Suboxone Clinics being in the County.

**Jony Baker**  
**Lynn Hess**  
**Steven Damron**  
**Sandy Hess**

**Jody Shelton**  
**John Salyer**  
**Kenny Bolling**  
**Brandon Cassell**

**Stephen Musick**  
**Eddie Hall**  
**Tara Null**  
**Wanda Burke**

**James Nunley**  
**Nate Kiser**  
**Steve Wallace**  
**Wally Kennedy**

**Cody Jackson**  
**Mike Dye**  
**Sue Hubbard**  
**Gordon**

**Paul Herndon**  
**Tara Dye**  
**Paul Day**  
**Ethan Gross**

**Phillip McGlothlin**  
**Don Zamboni**  
**Tim Whited**

**Kristy Perkins**  
**Wayne Hubbard**  
**Kirby Meadows**

**Roy Castle**, Castlewood asked that the Board look at the road in Kingland Heights.

**Dora Martin** invited the Board to attend Southwest Virginia Vet Fest at the Russell County Fairgrounds on September 24, 2022.

**Angela Carpenter**, Lebanon commented about an issue from the last Board meeting concerning a right of way and her property.

**Raine Wells**, Honaker spoke concerning Star Ministries and the work they do in the community. She asked for a donation for a back to school event they are sponsoring.

The Chair closed citizens' comment.

The Chair directed the County Attorney to pursue the possibility of an ordinance prohibiting the location of abortion clinics in the county and to make Russell County a Pro-Life Sanctuary.

The Chair called for a short recess.

The meeting was called back to order by Chair Lou Wallace.

### **County Attorney Reports and Requests**

#### **GIVENS SCHOOL LEASE RENEWED WITH STAR MINISTRIES, INC.**

Motion made by David Eaton, second Steve Breeding and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to renew the Givens School Lease with Star Ministries, Inc.

The vote was:

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

#### **APPROVAL OF THE PURE SALMON PROJECT RESOLUTION**

Motion made by David Eaton, second Steve Breeding and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to approve a resolution concerning the Pure Salmon Project tax incentive contingent upon Tazewell and Buchanan County approval.

The vote was:

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

**APPROVAL OF A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH B. WILLIAMS, LLC FOR DANTE STEAM BUILDING**

Motion made by David Eaton, second Steve Breeding and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to approve a lease agreement with B. Williams Resources, LLC for the Dante Steam Building subject to final approval by counsel for both parties.

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

**APPROVAL TO ACCEPT RC SCHOOL REVERSION FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$574,758.18**

Motion made by Rebecca Dye, second Steve Breeding and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to accept Russell County School reversion funds in the amount of \$574,758.18.

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

**AUTHORIZATION TO HIRE A BUILDING INSPECTOR**

Motion made by Rebecca Dye second Tim Lovelace and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to authorize the County Administrator to hire for the Building Inspector position.

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

**APPROVAL OF EMPLOYEE ALIGNMENT FOR THE RUSSELL COUNTY LIBRARY**

Motion made by Rebecca Dye, second Carl Rhea and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to approve a request from the Library Board of Trustees to proceed with an employment internal alignment.

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

Abstain: Steve Breeding

**APPROVAL OF A RESTORATION PROJECT FOR THE SWORDS CREEK OLD SCHOOL FACILITY**

Motion made by David Eaton, second Steve Breeding and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to approve a restoration project for the Swords Creek Old School Facility.

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

The meeting was adjourned by the Chairperson.

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Clerk of the Board

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Chairperson