

November 07, 2022

A regular monthly meeting of the Russell County Board of Supervisors was held on Monday, November 07, 2022 at 6:00 pm at the Russell County Government Center in Lebanon, Virginia.

The Chair 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
Katie Patton, County Attorney
Vicki Porter, Deputy Clerk

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 Tim Lovelace and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to approve the agenda as amended.

The vote was:

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

PUBLIC HEARING HELD ON THE HONAKER POOL PROPERTY (HONAKER BATTING CAGE FACILITY)

Pursuant to being advertised in a local newspaper for (2) two consecutive weeks, a public hearing was held on the Honaker Pool Property (Honaker Batting Cage Facility).

The Chair opened the public hearing for comments.

APPROVAL TO TRANSFER THE HONAKER POOL PROPERTY TO THE RUSSELL COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD

Motion made by David Eaton, second Rebecca Dye and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to transfer the Honaker Pool Property to the Russell County School Board.

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

Presentations

Greta Morrison, Russell County Medical Center gave the Board an overview of Ballad Health's facilities, employees, telehealth, etc.

New Business

APPROVAL OF THE OCTOBER 11, 2022 MINUTES

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

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

APPROVAL OF THE OCTOBER 13, 2022 MINUTES

Motion made by Rebecca Dye, second David Eaton and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to approve the October 13, 2022 minutes and dispense with the reading thereof.

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

Abstain: Steve Breeding, and Carl Rhea

APPROVAL OF THE OCTOBER 26, 2022 MINUTES

Motion made by Rebecca Dye, second David Eaton and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to approve the October 26, 2022 minutes and dispense with the reading thereof.

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

APPROVAL OF GENERAL COUNTY INVOICES

Motion made by Rebecca Dye, second Carl Rhea and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to approve general county invoices in the amount of \$1,726,377.57 including reoccurring withholdings.

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

Committee Appointments

VICKI PORTER RE-APPOINTED TO PEOPLE, INC. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Motion made by David Eaton, second Tim Lovelace and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to re-appoint Vicki Porter to the People, Inc. Board of Directors for a (5) five-year term, said term ending November 07, 2027.

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

JEFFREY BRINTLE RE-APPOINTED TO CPMT

Motion made by David Eaton, second Tim Lovelace and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to re-appoint Jeffrey Brintle to the Community Policy Management Team for a (3) three-year term, said term ending November 07, 2025.

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

Citizens Comment

Shirley Brown stated that she is opposed to the discontinuance of VDOT maintenance of State Route 871 due to a cemetery access issue.

Irene Sproles, Castlewood stated that she owns property near State Route 871 and is concerned about the proposed discontinuance of VDOT maintenance of that roadway.

Larry Hughes, Lebanon thanked the BOS for acting on the personal property refund issue. He commented that there seemed to be a communication failure between the Board and staff concerning this issue.

Roy Castle, Castlewood asked that Kingland Heights Sub-Division be looked at. He also stated that the Board should show appreciation to the Russell County Sheriff's Department for their service.

Constitutional Officer Reports and Requests

Alicia McGlothlin, Treasurer asked that the County consider giving county employees the same bonus as the school system. She commented that the Town of Lebanon and the Town of Honaker were giving similar bonus' to their employees.

County Attorney Reports and Requests

Katie Patton, County Attorney stated that the employee bonus ordinance should be advertised for (2) two weeks. She also stated that it may be helpful to appoint a committee regarding ordinances.

The Chair appointed the following people to the Solar Technical Assistance Committee:

Ernie McFaddin, Lonzo Lester, Katie Patton, Josh Stinson, Josh Eaton, representatives from The Nature Conservancy, Va. Department of Energy, Cumberland Plateau Planning District Commission and Sol Smart. She also stated that if anyone from the public had knowledge of Solar issues and would like to serve on this committee to let her know.

County Administrator Reports and Requests

APPROVAL TO ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE DCJS SRO GRANTS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$159,984

Motion made by Rebecca Dye, second David Eaton and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to accept and appropriate \$159,984 from the Department of Criminal Justice Services for (3) three school resource officer positions.

The vote was:

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

APPROVAL TO HIRE A FULL-TIME TOURISM COORDINATOR

Motion made by Rebecca Dye, second David Eaton and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to hire a full-time Tourism Coordinator.

The vote was:

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

APPROVAL TO PURCHASE THANKSGIVING/CHRISTMAS GIFT CERTIFICATES FOR COUNTY FOOD PANTRIES

Motion made by David Eaton, second Carl Rhea and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to approve the annual purchase turkey/ham gift certificates for the county food banks.

The vote was:

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

THANKSGIVING/CHRISTMAS EMPLOYEE GIFT CERTIFICATES APPROVED

Motion made by David Eaton, second Tim Lovelace and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to purchase employee gift certificates for turkey/ham for the holidays.

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

APPROVAL TO PURCHASE A HVAC UNIT FOR THE SWORDS CREEK COMMUNITY CENTER

Motion made by David Eaton, second Carl Rhea and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to accept the low bid and purchase a HVAC unit for the Swords Creek Community Center building.

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

The Chair adjourned the meeting.

Clerk of the Board

Chairperson