

December 5, 2022

A regular monthly meeting of the Russell County Board of Supervisors was held on Monday, December 5, 2022 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
David Eaton
Steve Breeding
Rebecca Dye
Oris Christian
Carl Rhea

Lonzo Lester, County Administrator
Katie Patton, County Attorney
Loretta Vance, Secretary

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion made by Steve Breeding, second by David Eaton and duly approved by the board to approve the agenda as presented.

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

PUBLIC HEARING HELD ON RUSSELL COUNTY EMPLOYEE BONUS ORDINANCE

The Chair opened the Public Hearing

Kelly McBride, Russell County Library, spoke in favor of the bonus for full and part-time employees.

Hearing no other comments the Chair closed the public hearing.

RUSSELL COUNTY EMPLOYEE BONUS ORDINANCE

Motion made by David Eaton, second by Steve Breeding, and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to approve an Ordinance for a One-Time Employee Bonus of \$1,000 for full time employees and \$500 for part-time employees who were eligible; employed with the county on June 30, 2022.

The vote was:

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

New Business

APPROVAL OF THE NOVEMBER 7, 2022 MINUTES

Motion made by David Eaton, second Steve Breeding, and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to approve the November 07, 2022 minutes and dispense with the reading thereof.

The vote was:

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

APPROVAL OF GENERAL COUNTY INVOICES

Motion made by Carl Rhea, second David Eaton and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to approve general county invoices in the amount of \$1,253,502.34 including reoccurring and withholdings.

The vote was:

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

Committee Appointments

ERIC BROWN RE-APPOINTED TO THE CUMBERLAND MOUNTAIN COMMUNITY SERVICE BOARD

Motion made by David Eaton, second Steve Breeding and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to appoint Eric Brown to the Cumberland Mountain Community Service Board for a (3) three-year term, said term ending December 31, 2025.

The vote was:

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

DRILL COMMUNITY CENTER COMMITTEE RE-APPOINTED

Motion made by David Eaton, second Tim Lovelace and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to re-appoint, Charlene Blankenship, Rachel Helton, Doug Lester, Harold Dean Thomas, and Betty Sue Hess to the Drill Community Center Committee for a (2) two-year term, said term ending December 31, 2024.

The vote was:

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

HEART OF APPALACHIA (HOA)

Motion made by David Eaton, second Steve Breeding, and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to re-appoint Maddie Gordon to the Heart of Appalachia (HOA) for a (2) two-year term, said term ending December 31, 2024.

The vote was:

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

Citizens Comment

Chair opened Citizens Comment.

Kelly McBride, Russell County Library, presented an old VDOT map of Russell County to the board dated 1930's.

Chair closed Public Comment period.

County Attorney Reports and Request

MOA WITH RUSSELL COUNTY IDA

Motion made by Steve Breeding, second David Eaton and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to approve the Moral Obligation Agreement for the Russell County IDA pending review by the county attorney.

The vote was:

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

County Administrator Reports and Requests

VIRGINIA OPIOID ABATEMENT COMMITTEE APPOINTED

Lou Wallace, Chair appointed Steve Breeding and Rebecca Dye to a committee to review the regulations and disbursements of the opioid settlement funds received by the county.

VDOT NOTICE OF TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE

Route 661, Artrip Road will be closed temporarily on December 15, 2022 from 9:00 am until 3:00 pm for a bridge inspection.

RUSSELL COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES CSA SUPPLEMENTAL ALLOCATION FY23

Motion made by David Eaton and seconded by Oris Christian and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to approve Department of Social Services CSA Supplemental Allocation FY23.

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Motion made by Carl Rhea and seconded by Oris Christian and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors for Russell County to observe the Supreme Court holiday schedule for county employees.

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

AUTHORIZATION FOR HOLIDAY PAY FOR PART-TIME EMPLOYEES

Motion made by David Eaton and seconded by Steve Breeding and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to approve Part-time Employees Holiday pay.

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

JANUARY BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE

The Chair rescheduled the January board meeting to Tuesday, January 3, 2023 @ 6:00 p.m.

Clerk of the Board

Chairperson