

January 03, 2023

A regular monthly meeting of the Russell County Board of Supervisors was held on Tuesday, January 03, 2023 at 5:00 pm beginning at 5:00 pm with Executive (closed) Session (to discuss proposed economic development and county ordinances) 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.

**Roll all by the Clerk:**

**Present:**

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

Lonzo Lester, Clerk  
Katie Patton, County Attorney  
Rebekah Campbell, Secretary

**Absent:**

Rebecca Dye

**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 2.2-371(A)(5)(7)(8) – Legal Discussions concerning the proposed Economic Development Project and County Ordinances.

The vote was:

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

Invocation by Jacob Musick, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

### **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

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

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

### **ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING**

#### **NOMINATIONS FOR CHAIRPERSON**

Lou Wallace relinquished the Chair to the Clerk of the Board.

Oris Christian nominated Lou Wallace  
David Eaton nominated Steve Breeding

Motion made by Oris Christian, second Steve Breeding that nominations cease and call for the vote.

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

Steve Breeding – (3) Three votes: David Eaton, Carl Rhea and Steve Breeding

Lou Wallace – (3) Three votes: Oris Christian, Tim Lovelace and Lou Wallace

**TIE VOTE – MOTION FAILED**

**Lou Wallace continues as Chair until the next meeting.**

The Clerk relinquished the Chair back to Lou Wallace.

**NOMINATIONS FOR VICE-CHAIRMAN:**

Carl Rhea nominated David Eaton

Tim Lovelace nominated Oris Christian

Motion made by Steve Breeding, second David Eaton that nominations cease and call for the vote.

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

Oris Christian – (3) votes: Tim Lovelace, Lou Wallace and Oris Christian

David Eaton – (3) votes: Carl Rhea, Steve Breeding and David Eaton

**TIE VOTE – MOTION FAILED**

**Oris Christian continues as Vice-Chairman until the next meeting.**

**LONZO LESTER APPOINTED AS CLERK OF THE BOARD AND VICKI PORTER AS DEPUTY CLERK**

Motion made by Steve Breeding, second Oris Christian and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to re-appoint Lonzo Lester as Clerk of the Board and Vicki Porter as Deputy Clerk for calendar year 2023.

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

**APPROVAL OF ROBERT’S RULES OF ORDER**

Motion made by David Eaton, second Steve Breeding and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to adopt Robert’s Rules of Order for calendar year 2023.

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

### **APPROVAL OF RUSSELL COUNTY BY-LAWS**

Motion made by Steve Breeding, second David Eaton and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to approve the Russell County By-laws.

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

### **APPROVAL OF THE RUSSELL COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS REGULAR MEETING SCHEDULE**

Motion made by David Eaton, second Steve Breeding and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to set the regular board meeting schedule for the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of the month beginning at 6:00 pm. (with exceptions for holidays and closed session).

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

**The Chair appointed all the members of the Board to serve on the budget committee, the budget meetings will be advertised**

### **New Business**

### **APPROVAL OF THE DECEMBER 05, 2022 MINUTES**

Motion made by David Eaton, and Steve Breeding and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to approve the December 05, 2022 minutes as presented and dispense with the reading thereof.

The vote was:

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

### **APPROVAL OF THE BUDGET MEETING SCHEDULE**

Motion made by David Eaton, second Tim Lovelace and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to approve the Budget Meeting schedule as presented.

The vote was:

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

### **APPROVAL OF GENERAL COUNTY INVOICES**

Motion made by Oris Christian, second David Eaton and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to approve general county invoices in the amount of \$2,926,860.67, including reoccurring and withholdings.

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

**CHARLENE BLANKENSHIP, RACHEL HELTON, DOUG LESTER, HAROLD THOMAS, BETTY SUE HESS AND MICHELL THARY RE-APPOINTED TO THE DRILL COMMUNITY CENTER COMMITTEE**

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

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

**COUNTY BOARD AND COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS**

**INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY APPOINTMENT**

Steve Breeding nominated Nate Kiser

Carl Rhea nominated Ron Blankenship

Ron Blankenship – (3): Carl Rhea, Oris Christian and Lou Wallace

Nate Kiser – (3): Steve Breeding, David Eaton and Tim Lovelace

**TIE VOTE – NO APPOINTEE CHOSEN**

**SHILOH LYTTLE APPOINTED TO THE HEART OF APPALACHIA TOURISM AUTHORITY**

Motion made David Eaton, second Steve Breeding and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to appoint Shiloh Lyttle to the Heart of Appalachia Tourism Authority.

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

**AARON FEESER APPOINTED TO THE CUMBERLAND MOUNTAIN COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD**

David Eaton nominated Aaron Feeser

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

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

### **Citizens Comment**

The Chair opened citizens' comment.

**Carter McGlothlin**, Lebanon asked that he be reinstated to the Russell County PSA, due to the charges against him going nowhere. He also stated that he was concerned about being denied the opportunity to speak by the Chairman of the PSA at the last meeting.

**Charlie Hess**, Lebanon asked if the budget meetings were open to the public.

The Chair closed citizens' comment.

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

#### **APPROVAL OF A NEW LEASE FOR THE FINNEY SOLID WASTE SITE**

Motion made by Carl Rhea, second Steve Breeding and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to approve the new lease for Finney Solid Waste Site.

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

#### **APPROVAL TO ADVERTISE THE ABORTION CLINIC ORDINANCE**

Motion made by Steve Breeding, second David Eaton and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to approve the advertisement of the proposed Abortion Clinic Ordinance.

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

### **County Administrator Reports and Requests**

#### **MOTION TO ABANDON STATE ROUTE 871**

Motion made by Steve Breeding, second Lou Wallace and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to approve the abandonment of State Route 871.

The vote was:

Aye: Steve Breeding, Oris Christian and Lou Wallace

Nay: None

Abstain: David Eaton, Carl Rhea and Tim Lovelace

### **MOTION FAILED**

#### **APPROVAL OF THE DEQ LITTER PREVENTION AND RECYCLING PROGRAM IN THE AMOUNT OF \$19,456**

Motion made by David Eaton, second Steve Breeding to approve the DEQ Litter Prevention and Recycling Program in the amount t of \$19,456.

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

#### **APPROVAL OF THE SOUTHEAST VA. REGIONAL JAIL AUTHORITY SERVICE AGREEMENT**

Motion made by Steve Breeding, second Oris Christian and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to approve the Southwest Virginia Regional Jail Authority Service Agreement.

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

#### **APPROVAL OF THE PRE-AUTHORIZED LIST OF PAYMENTS**

Motion made by David Eaton second Steve Breeding and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to approve the pre-authorized list of payments for 2023 as presented.

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

#### **APPROVAL TO REPAIR THE GLADE HOLLOW PARK DECK**

Motion made by Steve Breeding, second Carl Rhea and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to approve the Glade Hollow Park Deck Repair project at an approximate cost of \$10,000 with the Little League providing the labor.

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

#### **APPROVAL TO APPOINT SHILOH LYTTLE AS LIAISON TO THE VIRGINIA AMERICA 250 COMMISSION (VA250)**

Motion made by Steve Breeding, second David Eaton and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to appoint Shiloh Lyttle as the liaison (and form a committee) to the Virginia America 250 Commission (VA250).

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

**APPROVAL TO ADJOURN TO RECONVENE ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18, 2023 AT 5:00 PM IN  
RICHMOND, VA.**

Motion made by David Eaton, second by Oris Christian and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to adjourn to reconvene on Wednesday, January 18, 2023 at 5:00 pm in Richmond, Virginia.

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

**APPROVAL TO RECONVENE**

The Chair reconvened the meeting in the lobby of the Omni Hotel in Richmond, Virginia on Wednesday, January 18, 2023 at 5:00 pm.

**Roll Call by the Clerk:**

**Present:**

Steve Breeding  
David Eaton  
Oris Christian  
Rebecca Dye  
Lou Wallace

Lonzo Lester, Clerk  
Vicki Porter, Deputy Clerk

**Absent:**

Tim Lovelace  
Carl Rhea

Board members discussed county projects, grants, funding, etc. with legislators.

The Chair adjourned the meeting on Friday, January 20, 2023 at 8:45 am.

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Clerk of the Board

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Chairperson



