

June 05, 2023

A regular monthly meeting of the Russell County Board of Supervisors was held on Monday, June 05, 2023 beginning with regular session at 5:00 pm followed by the regular monthly meeting 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
Carl Rhea
David Eaton
Steve Breeding
Rebecca Dye
Oris Christian

Lonzo Lester, Clerk
Vicki Porter, Deputy Clerk
Katie Patton, County Attorney

Absent:

None

EXECUTIVE (CLOSED) SESSION

Motion made by Steve Breeding, second Oris Christian 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)(7)(8) – Legal discussions concerning RC Public Service Authority (PSA) – Civil Action No. CL22-653 Crossroads Engineering LLC vs. The Russell County Public Service Authority.

The vote was:

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

CERTIFICATION OF EXECUTIVE (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 Ann Wallace - Aye

Carl Rhea - Aye

Steve Breeding - Aye

David Eaton - Aye

Rebecca Dye - Aye

Oris Christian - Aye

The Clerk called the meeting to order.

Invocation by Caleb Johnson, 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.

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

PUBLIC HEARING HELD ON THE FY 2023/2024 COUNTY WIDE BUDGET

Pursuant to being advertised in a local newspaper for two (2) consecutive weeks, a public hearing was held on the FY 2023/2024 County Wide Budget.

The Chair opened the public hearing to comments, hearing none the public hearing was closed.

Presentations

Dr. Kim Hooker – RC School Superintendent gave the Annual School Board Report and introduced the new Director of Finance, Brooke Webb.

New Business

APPROVAL OF THE MAY 01, 2023 AND MAY 22, 2023 MINUTES

Motion made by Steve Breeding, second Carl Rhea and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to approve the May 01, 2023 and May 22, 2023 minutes and dispense with the reading thereof.

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

APPROVAL OF GENERAL COUNTY INVOICES

Motion made by Steve Breeding, second Tim Lovelace and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to approve general county invoices in the amount of \$1,056,002.72, including reoccurring and withholdings.

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

The Chair tabled all committee appointments.

Citizens' Comment

The Chair opened the meeting to public comments.

Linda Couch, Mayor for the Town of Cleveland asked that the Board donate to the Cleveland 4th of July celebration.

APPROVAL OF A \$500 APPROPRIATION TO LEBANON, CLEVELAND AND HONAKER 4TH OF JULY CELEBRATIONS

Motion made by Carl Rhea, second Steve Breeding and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to approve a \$500 donation to the Town of Lebanon, Town of Honaker and the Town of Cleveland for their 4th of July Celebrations.

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

Citizens' Comment continued:

Jerry Connor commented that he had issues with the County PSA and the Community Work Program. He also was concerned about the numerous break ins in the county recently.

Wanda Burke, Lebanon commented that she would be very disappointed if the Board doesn't approve a donation to the Mark Maro event. She also stated that she would make it extremely public if the Board did not help with this.

The Chair closed public comment.

APPROVAL OF A VDOT RESOLUTION TO DISMISS THE PETITION FOR ABANDONMENT OF RTE. 871

Motion made by Oris Christian, second Carl Rhea and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to approve a VDOT Resolution to dismiss the petition for abandonment of Rte. 871.

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

The Chair set a Budget meeting date of June 26, 2023 at 6:00 pm.

APPROVAL TO MOVE THE JULY BOARD MEETING TO JULY 10, 2023 AT 6:00 PM

Motion made by Steve Breeding, second Carl Rhea and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to move the July 03, 2023 Board of Supervisors meeting to Monday, July 10, 2023 at 6:00 pm.

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

APPROVAL OF THE CPRMA CONTRACT AND THE SOLID WASTE TRANSPORTATION CONTRACT

Motion made by Tim Lovelace, second Carl Rhea and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to approve the Cumberland Plateau Regional Waste Management Authority Disposal Contract and the Solid Waste Transportation Contract.

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

APPROVAL OF A VDOT RESOLUTION FOR A TEMPORARY BRIDGE CLOSURE OF RTE.687

Motion made by David Eaton, second Steve Breeding and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to approve a VDOT Resolution supporting a temporary bridge closure of Rte. 687 for bridge replacement.

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

The Chair adjourned to reconvene on Monday, June 26, 2023 at 6:00 pm.

Clerk of the Board

Chairperson