

July 10, 2023

A regular monthly meeting of the Russell County Board of Supervisors was held on Monday, July 10, 2023 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

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

New Business

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, Tim Lovelace, Lou Wallace, Carl Rhea, Rebecca Dye and Oris Christian
Nay: None

PROCLAMATION

Velma Mabry House was recognized for her upcoming 100th birthday on July 12, 2023

APPROVAL OF THE JUNE 06, 2023 AND THE JUNE 23, 2023 MINUTES

Motion made by Steve Breeding, second Carl Rhea and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to approve the June 06, 2023 and the June 23, 2023 minutes and dispense with the reading thereof.

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

APPROVAL OF GENERAL COUNTY INVOICES

Motion made by David Eaton, second Steve Breeding and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to approve general county invoices in the amount of \$2,318,173.13 including reoccurring and withholdings.

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

Committee Appointments

SUSAN BREEDING RE-APPOINTED TO THE RUSSELL COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Motion made by David Eaton, second Steve Breeding and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to re-appoint Susan Breeding to the Russell County Library Board of Trustees for a four (4) year term, said term ending June 30, 2027.

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

Abstain: Steve Breeding

SCOTT MCGLOTHLIN AND JENNIFER CHUMBLEY APPOINTED TO THE RUSSELL COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES BOARD

Oris Christian nominated Scott McGlothlin

Steve Breeding nominated Sharon Owens

Carl Rhea nominated Jennifer Chumbley

Scott McGlothlin – Six (6) votes: Oris Christian, Rebecca Dye, Carl Rhea, Tim Lovelace, Lou Wallace and David Eaton

Sharon Owens – Two (2) votes: Steve Breeding and David Eaton

Jennifer Chumbley – Five (5) votes: Carl Rhea, Tim Lovelace, Lou Wallace, Rebecca Dye and Oris Christian

Scott McGlothlin and Jennifer Chumbley appointed to the Russell County Department of Social Services Board for four (4) year terms, said terms ending June 30, 2027.

ALICE MEADE, DOUG HUBBARD, LISA HUBBARD, JENNIFER CHUMBLEY, DUSTIN BLACKSON, CARLY BRUCK AND JANICE HALSEY RE-APPOINTED TO THE RC TOURISM ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Motion made by Rebecca Dye, second Carl Rhea and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to re-appoint Alice Meade, Doug Hubbard, Lisa Hubbard, Jennifer Chumbley, Dustin Blackson, Carly Bruck and Janice Halsey to the Russell County Tourism Advisory Committee for four (4) year terms, said terms ending June 30, 2027.

The vote was:

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

Citizens Comment

The Chair opened citizens' comment period.

Sonny Austin, Chief of Copper Creek Moccasin Fire Department commented that he had discussed water tanks with the County Administrator and wanted to know the status. He asked that the landing zone near the Copper Creek Fire Department be paved and requested that one be placed in the Moccasin area.

Hugh O'Donnell, Castlewood commented that the old ordinance that prohibits the sale of beer at restaurants on Sunday be looked into. He stated that it hurts the business', specifically the Mexican Restaurant in Castlewood.

Citizens' comment was closed.

County Attorney Reports and Requests

Katie Patton, County Attorney discussed the sheriff's department and the recent resignation/retirement of Steve Dye and the special election process.

APPROVAL TO PETITION THE COURT THAT NO SPECIAL ELECTION BE HELD FOR THE OFFICE OF SHERIFF

Motion made by Steve Breeding, second David Eaton and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to petition the Circuit Court Judge and request that no special election be held.

The vote was:

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

APPROVAL OF A RUSSELL COUNTY RECOVERY INC. OPIOID GRANT APPLICATION FY 22/23 - \$26,000 & FY 23/24 \$111,200

Motion made by David Eaton second Rebecca Dye and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to approve a Russell County Recovery Inc. Opioid Grant Application FY 22/23 for \$26,000 and FY 23/24 for \$111,200.

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

APPROVAL OF DCJS SRO INCENTIVE GRANTS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$222,210 & \$222,208

Motion made by Rebecca Dye, second Steve Breeding and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to accept and appropriate Department of Criminal Justice Services grants for school resource officers in the amount of \$222,210 and \$222,208.

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

APPROVAL OF A DCJS ARPA LAW ENFORCEMENT EQUIPMENT GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$481,000

Motion made by David Eaton, second Rebecca Dye and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to accept and appropriate two Department of Criminal Justice Services – ARPA Law Enforcement Equipment Grant in the amount of \$481,000.

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

APPROVAL OF DANTE STEAM BUILDING RESTORATION PROJECT & BERNIE WILLIAMS WORKFORCE CENTER GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$113,877

Motion made by David Eaton, second Oris Christian and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to accept and appropriate a Wellspring Foundation of SW Virginia - Dante Steam Building Restoration Project & Bernie Williams Workforce Center Grant in the amount of \$113,877.

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

APPROVAL OF A VCEDA GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$25000 – LAUREL BED LAKE FEASIBILITY STUDY AND A REQUEST FOR QUOTES

Motion made by Steve Breeding, second David Eaton and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to accept and appropriate VCEDA grant in the amount of \$25,000 and approve a request for quotes for Laurel Bed Lake Feasibility Study.

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

APPROVAL OF A DCJS VICTIM WITNESS GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$65,100

Motion made by Rebecca Dye, second Oris Christian and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to accept and appropriate a DCJS Victim Witness Grant in the amount of \$65,100.

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

APPROVAL OF \$6000 MARC MERO EVENT FROM OPIOID GRANT FUNDS

Motion made by David Eaton, second Steve Breeding and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to approve a Russell County School Event by Marc Mero in the amount of \$6000 from local opioid grant funds.

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

APPROVAL OF A HIGHLANDS JUVENILE COMMISSION ALTERNATIVES RESOLUTION

Motion made by Rebecca Dye, second Steve Breeding duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to approve a Highlands Juvenile Commission Alternatives Resolution.

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

APPROVAL TO PURCHASE A TIRE SHREDDER FOR THE SOLID WASTE DEPARTMENT

Motion made by Carl Rhea, second Rebecca Dye duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to a bid to purchase a tire shredder for the Solid Waste Department in the amount of \$36,500.

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

APPROVAL OF TRAVEL REQUESTS FOR EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT, RUSSELL COUNT LIBRARY AND THE COMMISSIONER OF THE REVENUE

Motion made by David Eaton, second Oris Christian duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to approve travel requests for the Department of Emergency Management, The Russell County Library and the Russell County Commissioner of the Revenue's office.

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

APPROVAL OF A PLAT FOR BANNER SUBDIVISION

Motion made by Oris Christian, second Steve Breeding duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to approve a plat for Banner Subdivision as requested by the Russell County Planning Commission.

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

The Chair adjourned the meeting.

Clerk of the Board

Chairperson