

November 13, 2023

A regular monthly meeting of the Russell County Board of Supervisors was held on Monday, November 13, 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 Nick
Compton, County Attorney

Absent:

None

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

Presentations

Stacy Martin, Vet Fest thanked the Board for all the support of Vet Fest and presented them with a Flag.

New Business

APPROVAL OF THE OCTOBER 02, 2023 MINUTES

Motion made by Tim Lovelace, second Oris Christian and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to approve the October 02, 2023 minutes and dispense with the reading thereof.

The vote was:

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

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 expenditures in the amount of \$1,436,583.70 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

CATHERINE PRATT AND JASON GULLET RE-APPOINTED TO THE DANTE COMMUNITY CENTER BOARD

Motion made by David Eaton, second Oris Christian and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to reappoint Catherine Pratt and Jason Gullet to the Dante Community Center Board for (2) two-year terms, said terms ending October 12, 2025.

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

GREG STOOTS APPOINTED TO THE RUSSELL COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

Motion made by Rebecca Dye, second David Eaton and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to appoint Greg Stoots to the Russell County Planning Commission for a (4) four-year term, said term ending October 01, 2027.

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

JIM EATON RE-APPOINTED TO THE CPEDC

Motion made by Rebecca Dye, second Steve Breeding and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to re-appoint James Eaton, Jr. to the Cumberland Plateau Economic Development Commission for a (1) one year term, said term ending October 12, 2024.

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

Abstain: David Eaton

Citizen' Comment

The Chair opened citizens' comment.

The following citizens spoke in opposition to the proposed private landfill at the Moss III site.

Several different issues were mentioned including leakage, air quality, pollution impacting the Clinch River, decrease in property values, decrease in tourism, etc. They also asked that the BOS have a more open and transparent dialog concerning this project and asked that they vote NO when asked to approve this landfill.

Amy Branson
Josh Burgess
Billy Johnson
Gary Hughes
Elijah Cordle
Angie McGlothlin
Jared Ring
Branyan Musick
Darnis Salyer
Kristen Caudill
Shelia Ball
Darryl Runfrey
Patricia Lester
McClannahan
Kerry McCormick
Donna Fields
Curtis Salyers
Tammy Garrett
Jim Lyttle
David Ball

Stanley Keen addressed the Board concerning a road safety issue in the Lynn Springs area of Route 632.

The Chair closed citizens' comment.

County Administrator Reports and Requests

APPROVAL OF THE ANNUAL TURKEY DONATIONS

Motion made by Steve Breeding, second Oris Christian and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to approve the annual holiday turkey certificates for the community and county employees.

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

APPROVAL OF A BURN BAN RESOLUTION FOR RUSSELL COUNTY

Motion made by Carl Rhea, second David Eaton and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to approve a Burn Ban Resolution for Russell County effective immediately.

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

APPROVAL OF GENERAL REGISTRAR AND ELECTORAL BOARD SALARIES FOR 2023/2024

Motion made Steve Breeding, second David Eaton and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to approve the 2023/2024 Authorized General Registrar & Local Electoral Board Member Salaries for Russell County.

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

APPROVAL OF A VDEM PSAP STAFFING RECOGNITION GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$30,000

Motion made by David Eaton, second Oris Christian and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to accept and appropriate a VDEM PSAP Staffing Recognition Grant in the amount of \$30,000.

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

APPROVAL OF A \$5000 VA911- FY24 DATA MAIN. & DATA TRANSFER GRANT

Motion made by Oris Christian, second David Eaton and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to accept and appropriate a VA 911 Services Board – FY 24 Data Maintenance & Data Transfer Grant in the amount of \$5000.

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

APPROVAL OF A VDOT SPEED STUDY FOR RTE. 932, LYNN SPRING ROAD

Motion made by David Eaton, second Oris Christian and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to approve a VDOT speed study for Rte. 632, Lynn Springs Road.

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

APPROVAL OF THE RC COURTHOUSE SKANSKA PROJECT MGMT SERVICES AGREEMENT

Motion made by Oris Christian, second Carl Rhea and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to approve the Russell County Courthouse Skanska Project Management Services Agreement.

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

APPROVAL TO ADVERTISE FOR A HUMAN RESOURCE & PAYROLL POSITION FOR THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE

Motion made by David Eaton, second Carl Rhea and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to advertise for a Human Resource & Payroll position for the County Administrator's office.

The vote was:

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

Nay: Lou Wallace

APPROVAL OF DANTE DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION COMPREHENSIVE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$60,000.

Motion made by David Eaton, second Steve Breeding and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to approve a DHCD CDBG Planning Grant – Dante Downtown Revitalization Comprehensive Community Development in the amount of \$60,000.

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

APPROVAL OF A DEQ LITTER PREVENTION & RECYCLING PROGRAM GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$25,440

Motion made by Oris Christian, second David Eaton and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to accept and appropriate the DEQ Litter Prevention & Recycling Program Grant in the amount of \$25,440.

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

NATIONAL OPIOID SETTLEMENT PAYMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$15,156.81

Motion made by Rebecca Dye, second David Eaton and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to approve a National Opioid Settlement Payment in the amount of \$15,156.81.

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

APPROVAL OF THE RC LANDFILL PROFESSIONAL SERVICES - TRC ENGINEERS, INC

Motion made by Steve Breeding, second Carl Rhea and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to approve the Russell County Landfill Professional Services – TRC Engineers, Inc.

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

APPROVAL TO SET THE NEXT BOARD MEETING FOR DECEMBER 11, 2023 AT 6:00 PM

Motion made by Steve Breeding, second David Eaton and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to set the Board of Supervisors meeting for Monday, December 11, 2023 at 6:00 pm.

The vote was:

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

Nay: None

Clerk of the Board

Chairperson