

Board of Supervisors - February 9, 2000 Regular Meeting

The Wise County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Wednesday, February 9, 2000, at 6:00 p.m. in the Board of Supervisors meeting room located in the Wise County courthouse. The following were present:

Honorable Robert Adkins-Chairman

Honorable Virginia Meador-Vice-Chair

Honorable Douglas Mullins

Honorable Betty Cornett

Honorable Edgar Mullins

Honorable Douglas Stallard

Honorable Jeffrey Salyers

Honorable Donnie Dowell-members of said Board and

Shannon C. Scott-Acting County Administrator

Karen Mullins-County Attorney

Annette Underwood-Executive Secretary

PRAYER

Rev. Cliff Bowman, Pastor Stephen's Church of God led the Board in prayer.

PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

MINUTES

Virginia Meador asked that the minutes of January 18, 2000, regarding the closed session state that the interviews were concerning the position of County Administrator.

There being no further corrections/additions, a motion was made by Doug Stallard, seconded by Jeffrey Salyers, to approve the minutes as amended. The motion was unanimously approved.

IN RE: AGENDA APPROVAL

The following items were requested to be added to the agenda:

1. Discretionary Funding -
Old Dominion Bass Anglers
East Stone Gap Cemetery
2. Certify EOC Coordinator as designated agent for reimbursement of drought assistance

There being no further additions/changes, a motion was made by Donnie Dowell, seconded by Jeffrey Salyers, to approve the agenda as amended. The motion was unanimously approved.

IN RE: PUBLIC EXPRESSION

Ralph Cox, representing the Southwest Virginia Master Gardners Association, thanked the Board for its continued support. Mr. Cox reviewed the accomplishments and activities of the Master Gardner and the benefits that have been reaped by Wise County from these accomplishments.

There being no further comments, the public expression was closed.

IN RE: GRAVEL PAYMENT

A motion was made by Donnie Dowell, seconded by Doug Mullins, to approve the gravel payment in the amount of \$3,602.64 for gravel placed on roads throughout Wise County to be paid from the Coal & Gas Road Fund. The motion was unanimously approved.

IN RE: VDOT REMARKS

Ken Robinson , representing VDOT, informed the Board of the following meetings:

1. Six year preallocation hearing to be held at the Southwest Virginia Community College on March 21, 2000 .
2. Coal and Gas Road meeting to be held on February 23, 2000.

Mr. Robinson spoke briefly on the public hearings to be held on the Coalfield Express Way.

IN RE: BLACKWOOD LANDFILL CHANGE ORDER #1

A motion was made by Donnie Dowell to authorize the Chairman to execute change order #1 for Phillips and Jordan regarding the Blackwood Landfill Expansion. Virginia Meador seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

IN RE: SPECIAL POLICE / LITTER WARDEN

Doug Stallard made a motion that the duties of the Litter Warden and the previous Litter Warden's four-wheel drive vehicle be transferred to the Sheriff's Department to be under his control and supervision. Betty Cornett seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

IN RE: E-911 ROAD NAME ADDITION

A motion was made by Donnie Dowell, seconded by Virginia Meador, to hold a public hearing on March 2, 2000 at 6:05 p.m. to receive citizens' comments regarding the following proposed road name:

Brookside Drive (Previously unnamed)

The motion was unanimously approved.

IN RE: E-911 ROAD NAMES CHANGES/ADDITIONS PUBLICATIONS

A motion was made by Jeffrey Salyers to hold public hearings on requests for E-911 road name changes/additions every three months. Donnie Dowell seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

IN RE: TREASURER'S OFFICE/ADDITIONAL FULL-TIME EMPLOYEE

Treasurer Rita Holbrook pointed out to the Board that her request for \$18,600 for a full-time employee would not be necessary since there was only six months left in this fiscal year. Her request would be for \$14,750 which would be for a full-time person for the remainder of this fiscal year and funds for part time help.

After discussion, a motion was made by Virginia Meador, seconded by Betty Cornett, to approve the Treasurer's request for \$14,750 to be used for two additional employees. The motion was unanimously approved.

IN RE: CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL EMPLOYEE

Clerk of Circuit Court Jack Kennedy addressed the Board regarding the need for an additional employee to help with the increased workload in his office that has been brought about since the prisons have been built.

The Board of Supervisors provided \$10,000 for part-time assistance in the current budget but those funds were depleted at the end of the calendar year. The State Compensation Board is acknowledging the Circuit Court's need with a one-time supplemental appropriation to continue the part-time funding.

Mr. Kennedy asked that the Board of Supervisors fund the proportional salary and benefits for a \$18,625 position that would deal entirely with the inmate litigation.

In addition, Mr. Kennedy asked for a one-time special appropriation of \$1,400 for postage. The need has been brought about with inmate correspondence and appeals to the Court of Appeals and the Supreme Court which have depleted the postage account.

After further discussion, a motion was made by Doug Stallard to provide the funds as requested by Mr. Kennedy for additional postage and an additional employee until July 1 at which time the new budget will be in place and the employee for the Clerk's Office as well as the employees for the Treasurer's Office can be further discussed. Jeff Salyers seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

IN RE: BUSH INDUSTRIES/SAW DUST DISPOSAL

A motion was made by Jeff Salyers, seconded by Donnie Dowell, to table indefinitely the request from Bush Industries for possible disposal of saw dust at the county landfill. The motion was unanimously approved.

IN RE: WORKFORCE INVESTMENT ACT/CHIEF ELECTED OFFICIALS AGREEMENT

A motion was made by Doug Stallard to table any action on the Chief Elected Officials Agreement until next month for further information. Virginia Meador seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

IN RE: PRO-ART FUNDING

A motion was made by Doug Stallard to appropriate \$5,000 to Pro-Art for matching funds for the Arts Local Government Challenge Grant and consider further funding during the budget process. Virginia Meador seconded the motion.

Aye-Virginia Meador Nay-None Abstain-Edgar Mullins

Betty Cornett

Doug Mullins

Robert Adkins

Doug Stallard

Jeffrey Salyers

Donnie Dowell

IN RE: PROPERTY INSURANCE BIDS ADVERTISEMENT

A motion was made by Donnie Dowell, seconded by Jeffrey Salyers, to authorize the County Administrator to go out for bids on Property Insurance. The motion was unanimously approved.

IN RE: HEALTH INSURANCE RFP'S

A motion was made by Donnie Dowell, seconded by Betty Cornett, to authorize the County Administrator to advertise for RFP's for health insurance. The motion was unanimously approved.

IN RE: DISBURSEMENT OF DISCRETIONARY FUNDS

A motion was made by Doug Stallard, seconded by Jeffrey Salyers, to approve the following discretionary funds disbursement:

East Stone Gap Cemetery - \$300 - Betty Cornett

\$300 - Virginia Meador

Old Dominion Bass Anglers Club - \$300 - Donnie Dowell

The motion was unanimously approved.

IN RE: BUILDING FUND

A motion was made by Donnie Dowell, seconded by Betty Cornett, to approve the building refund in the amount of \$35.35 payable to Dwayne Mullins. The motion was unanimously approved.

IN RE: APPOINTMENT - RADA

It was the consensus of the Board to table this request.

IN RE: APPOINTMENT 9TH DISTRICT DEVELOPMENT FINANCING BD OF DIRECTORS

A motion was made by Jeff Salyers, seconded by Betty Cornett, to reappoint Donnie Dowell to the Ninth District Development Financing Board of Directors. The motion was unanimously approved.

IN RE: APPOINTMENT /VIRGINIA COAL COUNCIL

A motion was made by Betty Cornett, seconded by Virginia Meador, to appoint Richard Cornett to the Virginia Coal Council for a term of four (4) years. The motion was unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Doug Stallard, seconded by Jeff Salyers, to appoint Bob Adkins to the Virginia Coal Council for his term of office. The motion was unanimously approved.

IN RE: APPOINTMENT/LENOWISCO DISABILITY SERVICES BOARD

A motion was made by Betty Cornett, seconded by Virginia Meador, to appoint Larry Bland to fill the unexpired term of Virginia Meador on the LENOWISCO Disability Services Board. The motion was unanimously approved.

IN RE: APPOINTMENT / IDA

A motion was made by Doug Stallard, seconded by Jeff Salyers, to reappoint Bill Hunsaker to the Wise County IDA for a term of four years. The motion was unanimously approved.

IN RE: APPOINTMENT/LONESOME PINE OFFICE ON YOUTH

A motion was made by Jeff Salyers, seconded by Donnie Dowell, to appoint Heather Rose to the Lonesome Pine Office on Youth for a term of one year. The motion was unanimously approved.

IN RE: APPOINTMENT/PLANNING COMMISSION

A motion was made by Virginia Meador, seconded by Betty Cornett, to appoint J. Fred Tate to the Wise County Planning Commission for a term of four years. The motion was unanimously approved.

IN RE: APPOINTMENT/PLANNING DIST. I COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD

A motion was made by Doug Stallard, seconded by Jeff Salyers, to table the two appointments on the Planning District I Community Services Board until next month for information on the new legislation that has been adopted regarding these two terms of office. The motion was unanimously approved.

IN RE: APPOINTMENT/WISE COUNTY PSA

A motion was made by Betty Cornett, seconded by Jeff Salyers, to appoint Doug Stallard to the PSA Board for a term of four years.

Aye-Virginia Meador Nay-None Abstain- Edgar Mullins

Betty Cornett

Donnie Dowell

Doug Mullins

Doug Stallard

Jeff Salyers

Robert Adkins

IN RE: APPOINTMENT/SOCIAL SERVICES BOARD

A motion was made by Doug Stallard, seconded by Jeff Salyers, to appoint Charles Bennett to the Social Services Board for a four year term. The motion was unanimously approved.

IN RE: REZONING/ARNIE RIGGS

A motion was made by Doug Stallard, seconded by Jeff Salyers, to hold a public hearing on March 2, 2000 at 6:10 p.m. to receive citizens comments regarding a request from Arnie Riggs to rezone his property from a B-2 to a M-1 District and for a Special Use Permit for the permitted use of petroleum, fuel oil or propane storage for purposes of distribution. The motion was unanimously approved.

IN RE: LANDFILL USE FEE REFUNDS

A motion was made by Donnie Dowell, seconded by Jeff Salyers, to approve the Landfill Use Fee refunds as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

IN RE: HIGHLANDS JUVENILE DETENTION CENTER REQUEST

A written request was received from the Highlands Juvenile Detention Center in Bristol requesting assistance in getting some prints of notable Wise County landmarks donated to their facility. This in their opinion would boost employee morale and be a welcome sight to those who visit the center.

A motion was made by Doug Stallard, seconded by Jeff Salyers, to authorize the Chairman and the County Administrator to handle this request at their own discretion.

Doug Mullins suggested that perhaps the art departments in the school system could be contacted and the work that is done by the students regarding our region would be sufficient for the center needs.

Ms. Meador suggested that the Board help with expenses incurred with the framing, and mounting if the art departments agreed to participate.

Mr. Stallard agreed to amend his motion to include Doug Mullins' and Virginia Meador's recommendations.

The motion was unanimously approved.

IN RE: PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

A motion was made by Donnie Dowell, seconded by Doug Mullins, to approve the payment of accounts as presented to include the additions as presented by Administrator Scott. The motion was unanimously approved.

IN RE: E-911 PAYMENTS

A motion was made by Betty Cornett, seconded by Jeff Salyers, to approve the 911 payments as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

IN RE: BLACKWOOD LANDFILL ENTERPRISE FUNDS PAYMENTS

motion was made by Doug Stallard, seconded by Doug Mullins, to approve the Blackwood Landfill Enterprise Fund payments as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

IN RE: RICHMOND LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

A motion was made by Donnie Dowell, seconded by Jeff Salyers, to authorize expenses for the chairman and others that may want to attend the the Richmond Leadership Conference. The motion was unanimously approved.

IN RE: EOC COORDINATOR DESIGNATED AGENT/REIMBURSEMENT OF DROUGHT ASSISTANCE

A motion was made by Doug Mullins, seconded by Donnie Dowell, to certify EOC Coordinator Alex Knox as Designated Agent to request, file for and receive reimbursement from the drought assistance fund of the Virginia Department of Emergency Services for Wise County . The motion was unanimously approved.

IN RE: BOARD COMMENTS

There were comments from Board members regarding our economy, our culture, and Wise County's potential for growth with the proposed regional business technology park.

RECESS

The Board took a brief recess at 7:40 p.m.

The Board reconvened its meeting at 7:55 p.m.

IN RE: CLOSED SESSION

A motion was made by Doug Stallard, seconded by Jeff Salyers, to go into closed session as per the following Code sections:

2.1-344A.1 - Discussion of prospective candidate for employment

2.1-344A.5 - Discussion of prospective business where no previous announcement has been made.

The motion was unanimously approved.

After a lengthy closed session, a motion was made by Doug Stallard, seconded by Jeff Salyers, to reconvene its regular meeting. The motion was unanimously approved.

IN RE: RESOLUTION - CLOSED SESSION

A motion was made by Donnie Dowell, seconded by Jeff Salyers, to approve the resolution verifying matters discussed while in closed session. The motion was unanimously approved.

RESOLUTION # 2000

(Said resolution on file in the County Administrator's Office)

ADJOURN

A motion was made by Donnie Dowell, seconded by Doug Stallard, to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 p.m. The motion was unanimously approved.

