

Board of Supervisors - June 28, 2018 Recessed Meeting

The Board of Supervisors met in a Recessed Meeting on June 28, 2018 @ 5:00 PM in the School Board Education Center located in Wise. The following members were present:

Honorable Dana G. Kilgore – Chair	<u>ABSENT</u>
Honorable Robert E. Robbins, Jr. Vice-Chair	
Honorable J. H. Rivers	Honorable Robert R. Adkins
Honorable John Schoolcraft	
Honorable Fred Luntsford	
Honorable Bobby Cassell	
Honorable Steve Bates – members of said Board and	
David L. Cox – Interim County Administrator / Finance Administrator	
Karen T. Mullins – County Attorney	
Annette Underwood – Executive Secretary	

AGENDA

A motion was made by J. H. Rivers, seconded by Robby Robbins, to approve the agenda as presented to include the items in red. The motion was unanimously approved.

IN RE: PUBLIC HEARING - INCREASE IN COUNTY FY 2017/18 BUDGET

A public hearing was duly advertised for this date to receive citizens' comments on a change to Wise County's FY 2017/18 budget in the amount of \$2.64M, which is an amount greater than 1% of the adopted Wise County FY 2017/18 budget.

There being no public comments, the public hearing was closed.

IN RE: PUBLIC HEARING – TECHNOLOGY ZONE INCENTIVE ORDINANCE

A public hearing was duly advertised for this date to receive citizens' comments on a proposed Technology Zone Incentive Ordinance that would allow tax incentives to qualifying businesses in the Technology Zone.

There being no public comments, the public hearing was closed.

IN RE: COUNTY FY 2017/18 1% BUDGET INCREASE

A public hearing was held on 6-28-2018 to receive citizens' comments on a change to Wise County's FY 2017/18 budget, which is an amount greater than 1% of the adopted Wise County FY 2017/18 budget.

A motion was made by Robby Robbins, seconded by J. H. Rivers, to approve the 1% increase to the County's FY 2017/18 budget in the amount of \$2.64M as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

IN RE: ORDINANCE –TECHNOLOGY ZONE INCENTIVE ORDINANCE

A public hearing was held on June 28, 2018 with no public opposition to the proposed Technology Zone Incentive Ordinance.

There being no opposition to the proposed Technology Zone Incentive Ordinance, a motion was made by Bobby Cassell, seconded by John Schoolcraft, to approve the Technology Zone Incentive Ordinance as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

ORDINANCE # 2018

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

IN RE: RESOLUTION – WISE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS FY 2018/19 BUDGET

A public hearing was held on June 14, 2018 with no public opposition to the proposed Wise County Public Schools FY 2018/19 Budget.

A motion was made by J. H. Rivers to adopt the resolution approving the Wise County School Budget for FY 2018/19 as presented by category . Steve Bates seconded the motion.

Supervisor Robbins suggested reducing the School System Budget by \$155,000 that could be used for Resource Officers in the County School System for Alternative Ed, Coeburn Middle and Primary, and St. Paul Elementary. The Board could ask the School System to reduce its budget by \$155,000 and the Sheriff Department Budget could be increased by \$155,000 to pay for Resource Officers.

Finance Administrator Cox explained that this would not change the General Fund Budget in total. It would re-allocate money from the local funded School Budget to the Sheriff Department Budget to pay for these Resource Officers. One of these positions is partly funded thru a grant received by the Sheriff's Department, and the one for Coeburn Middle and Primary and the one for St. Paul would be fully funded by the County.

Greg Mullins Superintendent for Public Schools, having talked with the School Board members regarding this change, stated that his Board views this as a positive thing for making the schools safer.

After further discussion, Supervisor Rivers withdrew his motion & Supervisor Bates withdrew his second.

A substitute motion was made by Robby Robbins to adopt the resolution approving the Wise County Schools FY 2018/19 Budget as advertised with an amendment that the level funding by the Board of Supervisors be reduced by \$155,000, and further that this reduction be used to fund School Resource Officers for the Wise County School System at the Alternative Ed School, Coeburn Middle & Primary and St. Paul Elementary School. J. H. Rivers seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

RESOLUTION # 2018

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

IN RE: RESOLUTION – WISE COUNTY FY 2018/19 BUDGET

A public hearing was held on June 14, 2018 with no public opposition to the proposed Wise County FY 2018/19 budget.

A motion was made by Robby Robbins, seconded by John Schoolcraft, to adopt the resolution approving the Wise County FY 2018/19 Budget as advertised with a modification by reducing the Wise County School FY 2018/19 budget category operational fund by the sum of \$155,000 and increasing the Wise County Law Enforcement budget by a sum of \$155,000 for school Resource Officers, and further that these funds be used to fund the fringe cost of a partly grant funded Resource Officer at the Alternative Ed

School and a new School Resource Officer at Coeburn Middle & Primary, and one at St. Paul Elementary. The motion was unanimously approved.

RESOLUTION # 2018

(Said resolution is on file in the County Administrators Office)

IN RE: THOMPSON & LITTON RETAINER AGREEMENT – MOU #17

A motion was made by Robby Robbins, seconded by Fred Luntsford, to authorize the execution of MOU #17 from Thompson & Litton for renewal of the T&L retainer Agreement as Consultant and Advisor for Wise County Solid Waste Facilities. The motion was unanimously approved.

IN RE: FIRST QUARTER APPROPRIATIONS

A motion was made by Robby Robbins, seconded by Bobby Cassell, to approve the first quarter appropriations as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

IN RE: BUDGET AMENDMENTS

A motion was made by Robby Robbins, seconded by John Schoolcraft, to approve budget amendments #21 thru #27 as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

IN RE: JULY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING – CANCELLATION

A motion was made by Robby Robbins, seconded by John Schoolcraft, to cancel the Board of Supervisors meeting for July 2018. The motion was unanimously approved.

IN RE: AGENDA AMENDMENT

Attorney Mullins explained that a request has been received from the Town of Appalachia to renew its lease on the old Appalachia High School building for a period of 5 years under the same terms and conditions that the Town is currently utilizing on a month to month basis. Also, there has been a request to sublease a portion of the building, and the only additional language in the agreement would be that the County authorize the Town of Appalachia to sublet to the requestor under the same terms and conditions that the town is leasing from the County.

A motion was made by J. H. Rivers to amend the agenda to add renewal of Lease on the old Appalachia High School building. John Schoolcraft seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

IN RE: LEASE RENEWAL – APPALACHIA HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING

Supervisor Luntsford explained that the reason for requesting an amendment to the lease on the Appalachia High School Building is because the Appalachia Model Railroaders need to move to another location, and the only place suitable for this exhibit is in the cafeteria in the old Appalachia High School gymnasium building. That section of the building is already heated, and they have agreed to pay the Town of Appalachia \$50 per month for rent to compensate for any electricity they may use. At the present time, the exhibit is housed in a damp environment and is not handicap accessible.

After discussion, a motion was made by John Schoolcraft, seconded by Robby Robbins, to renew the Lease on the Appalachia High School building between Wise County and the Town of Appalachia for a period of 5 years, under the same terms and conditions as currently being used, and further the County

authorizes the Town of Appalachia to sublet under the same terms and conditions that the Town of Appalachia is leasing from the County. The motion was unanimously approved.

IN RE: DEMOLITION OF BUILDING IN POUND

Supervisor Bates brought to the Board's attention a piece of blighted property in the Town of Pound that needs to be demolished and removed. It has been talked about for some time but nothing has been done. He felt that stronger measures need to be taken for removal of the building.

Supervisor Luntsford said the Board may want to go into close session to discuss this matter.

Supervisor Bates was very adamant that the public needs to know what's going on about this situation. He said the County has an ordinance on blighted and dilapidated properties and it should be enforced.

Attorney Mullins explained that the County did work with the owners of a building in Pound because it was an eye sore and a safety hazard. The problem was addressed, and thought to have been resolved. But as time passed, no effort was being made to remove the building. The County proceeded to prepare a law suit against the owner, but was notified that the problem was being resolved by a sale of the property. That was about two years ago, and nothing has been done to date.

Supervisor Cassell suggested that perhaps the Town in Pound may be willing to provide some financial and/or other assistance to remove some of the blighted properties in Pound.

Attorney Mullins stated that a court order is needed to go onto someone's property, which requires legal action. However, the County works with the town attorneys within the towns on these matters. The towns have property maintenance and they can do more than the County. When it comes to endangerment or public safety the County can intervene.

The property in question is the old garage building located on West Main in the Town of Pound. The owners have been sent several letters regarding this building and the need for its removal.

Supervisor Bates asked that the Attorney for the Town of Pound and the Mayor/Town Manager be contacted to work something out on getting this building removed, including the filing of the legal action.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, a motion was made by Bobby Cassell, seconded by Steve Bates, to adjourn the meeting at 6:00 PM. The motion was unanimously approved.

ATTEST:

WISE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

David L. Cox, Interim Clerk

Dana G. Kilgore, Chair