

Board of Supervisors - July 6, 2000 Workshop Meeting

The Wise County Board of Supervisors met in a Workshop Meeting on Thursday, July 6, 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 Doug Mullins

Honorable Edgar Mullins

Honorable Betty Cornett

Honorable Douglas Stallard

Honorable Donnie Dowell

Honorable Jeffrey Salyers - members of said Board and

Shannon C. Scott- Acting County Administrator

Karen Mullins-County Attorney

Annette Underwood-Executive Secretary

ABSENT

Honorable Virginia Meador

PRAYER

Rev. Will Gype, Pastor Gladeville Presbyterian Church, Wise, VA led the Board in prayer.

PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

IN RE: APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

1. New E-911 road name additions
2. Request for R-O-W easement through County property
3. Appropriation/Dept of Social Services
4. Closed Session/County Administrator's position

IN RE: PUBLIC HEARING/REZONING PEGGY ADAMS

A public hearing was duly advertised for this date to receive citizens' comments regarding a request from Peggy Adams to rezone 3.41 acres of land from an A-RR District to a B-2 District for the purpose of placing two billboards for advertising.

There were no public comments regarding this request.

There being no comments the public hearing was closed.

IN RE: PUBLIC EXPRESSION

Adam Robinson addressed the Board regarding the need for guardrails in the Cranes Nest section of Wise County where there has already been several wrecks. He said he has been promised guardrails several times but none has been installed to date.

IN RE: REMOTE AREA MEDICAL HEALTH

Teresa Gardner, representing St. Mary's Hospital Health Wagon, which is a mobile unit that is presently located in Dickenson and Buchanan County, informed the Board that presently there are plans being made for a remote area medical health expedition at the Lonesome Pine Airport on July 14-16. This will entail free medical and dental for the underprivileged, the working poor, and the unemployed. Ms. Gardner stated that there is a need for \$2,300.00 to cover expenses that are needed at this time. She asked for any assistance the Board can afford toward these expenses.

Jeff Salyers asked that the County Administrator be directed to talk with the local entities and the City of Norton for possible assistance in these expenses since this project includes the whole county and the City of Norton.

IN RE: ROADS AND HIGHWAYS

The Coal & Gas Road payments were reviewed.

Edgar Mullins asked that a better description be given on the new proposed road addition.

IN RE: VDOT

T. G. Branson, Highway Resident Engineer, gave the Board a brief update on upcoming events and road construction throughout Wise County.

IN RE: BLACKWOOD LANDFILL UPDATE

Bill King, representing Thompson & Litton, gave a brief update on the Blackwood Landfill construction.

IN RE: RESOURCE OFFICER UPDATE

Administrator Scott advised that Ms. Lawson will provide further information on the Resource Officer as soon as information becomes available.

IN RE: REZONING HUDSON BRANHAM

Chairman Adkins stated that the rezoning request from Hudson Branham to rezone 6.5 acres of land located at 8241 South Mountain Road in the Pound section of Wise County that was sent back to the Planning Commission for reconsideration, has been returned from the Planning Commission to the Board for action.

Board member Doug Mullins voiced opposition to the proposed rezoning for himself and others that have verbally contacted him. He was concerned that if the property was rezoned, the property would be used for another purpose other than a farm produce business. He asked if the Board had any options to modify the request to a "special use" instead of rezoning.

There was some discussion on restricting Mr. Hudson's request to a specific use. Attorney Mullins stated that restrictions can only be made on "Special Use Permits". However, she said that Mr. Hudson could offer a "proffer" that it is his intent to utilize the property for a certain use. As the request now stands, his request would be open to all uses permitted in a B-1 District. Ms. Mullins noted that she would provide the Board with copies of the permitted uses for a B-1 District.

IN RE: DERBY/STONEGA REVITALIZATION PROJECT

Dick Prior, Grant Administrator for the Derby Revitalization Project, informed the Board that the State Department of Community Development has awarded the County two "Just-in-Time" grants in the amount of \$25,000 each (no local match required) for revitalization programs in Derby and Stonega. The initial project will be in Derby because that project is already organized. The initial phase of this project will involve housing assessments, income surveys and an engineering study of water, sewer, and storm drainage needs. Mr. Prior asked the Board to accept the grant and authorize the County Administrator to sign the contract document when received and to administer the grant and to further authorize the County Administrator to advertise for RFP's for engineering services and to award the contract.

IN RE: PROPOSED ZONING CHANGE/HURRICANE

Richard Prior stated that the Board adopted the Wise County Zoning Ordinance in April 1991. Since this zoning ordinance was not compatible with this region, many rezoning changes have been made and further changes are needed. The Planning Commission is now reviewing the following three (3) primary areas in the County for rezoning: (1) Hurricane; (2) Darden Drive on Coeburn Mountain; and (3) Rt. 23. These areas must be reviewed for modification to adjust to the changes that are being forecasted for our area. The first area to be reviewed will be Hurricane since this seems to be a primary area for intense housing. Mr. Prior noted that this information has been brought to the Board's attention for information purposes only and to keep them abreast of any proposed changes that are being considered by the Planning Commission.

IN RE: APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE TO REVIEW RFP'S/CONNECTOR ROAD

Administrator Scott presented the Board with a copy of the RFP for professional services for the connector road project. He asked the Board to appoint a committee of three board members and himself to review the RFP's.

Jeff Salyers volunteered to serve on that committee.

IN RE: WATER SERVICE DUE TO DROUGHT CONDITIONS

Administrator Scott asked the Board for some input on the position the County should take in hauling water to citizens this summer if the drought is forthcoming as predicted. Mr. Scott explained the method that was used last year to distribute the water, the expense involved, the man hours involved, the magnitude of need for water, and the restrictions that were placed on reimbursement of said expenses by the state.

IN RE: ANNEXATION/BIG STONE GAP/LEGAL COUNSEL AGREEMENT

Chairman Adkins stated that since there is a possibility that the Town of Big Stone Gap may pursue the potential boundary line adjustment as previously presented to the Board, the County needs to seek legal counsel on availability when needed. He directed the Board to a letter in their packet regarding a potential firm to represent the County and a draft of a contract agreement with another potential firm for said representation for consideration.

IN RE: OTHER ITEMS DISCUSSED

1. Resolution of Appreciation/ 1969 Board of Supervisors
2. Resolution of Appreciation/ James Adkins
3. Appointment
4. Resolution/Community Services Board Performance Contract

5. Judicial Sale/Attorney Fees
6. Judicial Sale/Allocation
7. Buchanan County's Request/Support Right to Bear Fire Arms
8. E-911 New Road Name Additions (Set Public Hearing)
9. Resolution/Amtrak Rail Services
10. Appropriations/First Quarter
11. Payment of Accounts
12. E-911 Payments
13. Blackwood Landfill Payments
14. Enterprise Fund Payments
15. Board Comments

There being no further comments, the meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.