

Board of Supervisors - October 10, 2019 Regular Meeting

The Wise County Board of Supervisors met in a Regular Meeting on Thursday, October 10, 2019 @ 6:00 p.m. in the School Board Education Center located at 628 Lake Street in Wise. The following Board members were present:

Honorable Dana G. Kilgore – Chairman
Honorable Robert E. Robbins, Jr. – Vice-Chairman
Honorable Fred Luntsford
Honorable Bobby Cassell
Honorable Steve Bates
Honorable Robert R. Adkins
Honorable J. H. Rivers
Honorable John Schoolcraft-members of said Board and
Michael W. Hatfield – County Administrator
Karen T. Mullins – County Attorney
Annette Underwood – Executive Secretary

PRAYER

Bob Adkins led in prayer.

PLEDGE

All led in the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

MINUTES

A motion was made by Bob Adkins, seconded by Robby Robbins, to approve the minutes of September 5, 2019 as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

AGENDA

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

IN RE: PUBLIC HEARING SALE OF PROPERTY – 208 SPRING AVENUE

A public hearing was duly advertised for this date to received citizens' comments regarding the sale of property located at 208 Spring Avenue in Wise, Virginia.

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

HIGH KNOB ENHANCEMENT PROJECT

Chris Jones, a member of the High Knob Enhancement Committee, came before the Board with an update on the High Knob Music Festival's upcoming annual event. The Festival has grown from a handful of music lovers to over 2000 in 2019. With the Music Festival quickly approaching, improvements need to be made to the electrical wiring from the bath house to the stage. Michael Addington, a master electrician and Jimmy McElrath, Wise County Building Inspector, has surveyed the present conditions

and has recommended the needed wiring materials for a cost of \$4,170.00. He also reviewed much needed improvements on the infrastructure to make the Knob a safer recreational area.

Administrator Hatfield noted that the County and City of Norton is working together to do a water study on the Knob to help maintain the recreation area.

Mr. Jones stated that any financial assistance the Board can provide toward the cost of this project is appreciated.

Supervisor Luntsford noted that different entities should participate in the expense for these improvements since it benefits the entire region.

Supervisor Robbins stated that the Knob is a tourist attraction for this region, and an economic engine for Wise County. He felt that improvements would benefit the entire region.

Supervisor Rivers suggested taking funds from the Occupancy/Transit funds to meet this need.

After further discussion, a motion was made by Robby Robbins, seconded by Bob Adkins, to amend the agenda to add the High Knob Recreational area improvements under New Business for Board consideration. The motion was unanimously approved.

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Fred Luntsford, seconded by Robby Robbins, to approve the consent agenda as follows:

IN RE: MUTUAL COUNTY/CITY BOUNDARY DESIGNATION

Approved the Mutual County/City Boundary Designation Agreement between the County of Wise and City of Norton

IN RE: SHERIFF'S 911 DISPATCH TRUE-UP FUNDS

Approved the action to document the 2018 Incentive Policy approved by the Wise County Board of Supervisors at the request of the Sheriff's Office as part of the 2018 True-Up proposal for the Insurance Incentive for retired dispatch communication officers with at least 25 years of service, and has reached the age of 55 years, for which the benefit continues in the County health insurance coverage with the County continuing the monthly insurance premium share in the same amount as paid while an active employee until the retiree is Medicare eligible.

IN RE: RESOLUTION SANDY RIDGE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT BILLING

Approved the resolution granting permission for Sandy Ridge Volunteer Fire Department to bill homeowners and automobile insurance companies for its services within Wise County

RESOLUTION # -2019

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

IN RE: RESOLUTION 2019 DROUGHT DECLARATION

Approved the resolution directing the County Administrator to file with the Governor of Virginia this

resolution that the County of Wise is being significantly impacted by a widespread drought caused by historically low rainfall and extreme heat

RESOLUTION # -2019

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

IN RE: REZONING REQUEST

Set a public hearing for (11-14-2019 @ 6:00 p.m.) at the School Board Education Center, on a proposed rezoning of property located at 928 E Fifth Ave in Big Stone Gap

IN RE: CONDITIONAL ZONING

Set a public hearing for (11-14-2019 @ 6:00 p.m.) at the School Board Education Center, on a proposed conditional zoning of property located at 1716 Wildcat Road in Big Stone Gap

IN RE: POLICY CONTINUING DISCLOSURE

Adopted the Continuing Disclosure Policies and Procedures for complying with its annual continuing disclosure undertakings and agreements under Rule 15c2-12, effective February 27, 2019

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

IN RE: RESOLUTION POUND RIVER SCENIC RIVER

Approved the resolution supporting the designation of the portion of The Pound River from the border of Wise County and the Town of Pound (along Old Mill Village Road) to the Pound River Campground (next to Little Laurel Branch) in Dickenson County as a Virginia Scenic River

RESOLUTION # -2019

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

IN RE: RESOLUTION OLD DOMINION POWER'S ELECTRICITY RATE INCREASE

Approved the resolution opposing Old Dominion Power's electricity rate increase and rate design

RESOLUTION # -2019

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

The motion to approve the consent agenda was unanimously approved.

IN RE: PROPERTY FOR SALE

A motion was made by Bob Adkins, seconded by John Schoolcraft, to table the sale of property located at 208 Spring Avenue in Wise. The motion was unanimously approved.

IN RE: MOU BOLD CAMP STREAM STUDY

A motion was made by Fred Luntsford, seconded by Bobby Cassell, to approve the Memorandum of Understanding for the FY 2018 Bold Camp Stream Study as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

IN RE: NAMING OF BRIDGE (Rodney Douglas Pickett)

A motion was made by John Schoolcraft, seconded by Steve Bates, to set a public hearing on (11-14-2019 @ 6:00 p.m.) at the School Board Education Center, on the proposed naming of bridge for a fallen hero in the Vietnam War. The motion was unanimously approved.

IN RE: APPALACHIA BOUNDARY LINE ADJUSTMENT AGREEMENT

A motion was made by John Schoolcraft, seconded by Fred Luntsford, to set a public hearing for (11-14-2019 @ 6:00 p.m.) at the School Board Education Center on a proposed Appalachia Boundary Line Adjustment Agreement. The motion was unanimously approved.

IN RE: BUDGET AMENDMENTS

A motion was made by Bob Adkins, seconded by Robby Robbins, to approve budget amendments #8, #9, and #10 as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

IN RE: APPOINTMENT – REDEVELOPMENT & HOUSING AUTHORITY

A motion was made by Bob Adkins, seconded by Steve Bates, to re-appoint Terry Bates to the Redevelopment and Housing Authority for a term of four (4) years. The motion was unanimously approved.

IN RE: APPOINTMENT – SOUTHWEST COMMUNITY CRIMINAL JUSTICE BOARD

A motion was made was made by Robby Robbins, seconded by Bob Adkins, to approve the following slate of individuals to the Southwest Virginia Community Criminal Justice Board as submitted:

The Honorable Elizabeth S. Wills – Juvenile and Domestic Judge Representative
The Honorable Richard C. Patterson – Circuit Court Judge Representative
The Honorable V. Blake McKinney – District Court Judge Representative
Mrs. Teresa Turner – Education Representative
Chief John Austin – Chief of Police Representative
Mary Hanzick – Chief Magistrate Representative
Sheriff B.C. “Chip” Shuler – Sheriff’s Representative
Roy Evans – Commonwealth Attorney Representative
Steve Clear – Regional Jail Representative
Kevin Tiller – Defense Attorney Representative
Sharon Alderson – Community Service Representative

The motion was unanimously approved.

IN RE: APPOINTMENT – SOCIAL SERVICES BOARD

A motion was made by Steve Bates, seconded by Bobby Cassell, to appoint Heather Boggs to fill the unexpired term of Darlene B. Moore on the Social Services Board for a term to expire 7/31/2022. The motion was unanimously approved.

IN RE: APPOINTMENT – COMMUNITY POLICY AND MANAGEMENT BOARD

A motion was made by Fred Luntsford, seconded by J. H. Rivers, to appoint Heather Boggs to fill the unexpired term of Brenda Lee on the Community Policy and Management Board for a term to expire 1/31/2023. The motion was unanimously.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Administrator Hatfield gave an update on the County's bond ratings and bond sales. The trip made to New York to work with the bond rating agencies was very successful. The County has been able to maintain its Aa3 rating with Moody's, and received an A+ rating with Standards and Poors with one point being dropped with Fitch from an AA- to an A+.

ADJOURN

A motion was made by J. H. Rivers, seconded by Robby Robbins, to adjourn the meeting at 6:58 p.m. The motion was unanimously approved.

ATTEST:

WISE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Michael W. Hatfield, Clerk

Dana G. Kilgore, Chairman