

Board of Supervisors – August 11, 2022 Regular Meeting

The Wise County Board of Supervisors met in a Regular Meeting on Thursday, August 11, 2022, @ 6:00 p.m. at the School Board Education Center located at 628 Lake Street in Wise. The following members were present:

Honorable J. H. Rivers – Chairman	<u>ABSENT</u>
Honorable Robert R. Adkins	Honorable James Lawson
Honorable Steve Bates	Honorable John Schoolcraft-Vice-Chairman
Honorable Tim Boardwine	
Honorable Fred Luntsford	
Honorable Randy Carter – members of said Board and	
Michael W. Hatfield – County Administrator	
Karen T. Mullins – County Attorney	
Annette Underwood – Executive Secretary	

PRAYER

Randy Carter led in prayer.

PLEDGE

All led in the pledge.

MINUTES

A motion was made by Randy Carter, seconded by Bob Adkins, to approve the minutes of June 9, 2022, June 24, 2022, and July 7-1-2022 as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

AGENDA

A motion was made by Tim Boardwine, seconded Steve Bates, to approve the agenda as presented to include the item in red. The motion was unanimously approved.

IN RE: RATIFY SETTING PUBLIC HEARING- AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE #1-2022 – MEALS TAX

A motion was made by Randy Carter, seconded by Tim Boardwine, to ratify setting a public hearing on 8-11-2022 @ 6:00 p.m. on a proposed amendment to Ordinance #1-2022 to levy a meals and beverage tax in Wise County, Virginia. The motion was unanimously approved.

IN RE: RATIFY SETTING PUBLIC HEARING- 1% INCREASE IN COUNTY FY 2022/23 BUDGET

A motion was made by Steve Bates, seconded by Randy Carter, to ratify setting a public hearing on 8-11-2022 @ 6:00 p.m. on a proposed 1% increase in the County FY 2022/23 budget. The motion was unanimously approved.

IN RE: RATIFY SETTING PUBLIC HEARING- ON ORDINANCE RECOGNIZING CERTAIN LAW ENFORCEMENT, FIRE AND RESCUE PERSONNEL (AMENDMENT)

A motion was made by Tim Boardwine, seconded by Randy Carter, to ratify setting a public hearing on 8-11-2022 @ 6:00 p.m. on a proposed amendment to Ordinance Recognizing Certain Law Enforcement, Fire, and Rescue Personnel adopted in 1972. The motion was unanimously approved.

IN RE: PUBLIC HEARING – ORDINANCE TO LEVY MEALS AND BEVERAGE TAX (AMENDMENT)

A public hearing was duly advertised for this date to receive citizens comments on a proposed amendment to Ordinance #1-2022 to levy a meals and beverage tax in Wise County, Virginia. There were no public comments regarding the proposed amendment.

IN RE: PUBLIC HEARING – 1% INCREASE IN COUNTY FY 2022/23 BUDGET

A public hearing was duly advertised for this date to receive citizens comments on a proposed 1% increase in the County FY 2022/23 budget. There were no public comments regarding the proposed increase.

IN RE: PUBLIC HEARING- ORDINANCE RECOGNIZING CERTAIN LAW ENFORCEMENT, FIRE & RESCUE PERSONNEL (AMENDMENT)

A public hearing was duly advertised for this date to receive citizens comments on a proposed amendment to the Ordinance Recognizing Certain Law Enforcement, Fire and Rescue Personnel adopted in 1972. There were no public comments regarding the proposed amendment.

IN RE: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

Brian Falin, Assistant Economic Development Director, and Natalie Chapman,, provided the Board with a power point presentation on economic development in Wise County and its vision to lead Wise County's economic transition into that of a diversified and resilient economy through the strategic cultivation of and investment in priority industries attractions and support of new and expanding companies to strengthen and grow the local workforce.

The Board was provided an update on the following topics with a brief overview of each:

- Businesses located in the LP Business and Technology Park
- Recent Business Activity & Prospects
- Tourism & Marketing
- Community Development

The Office of Marketing & Community Development has established:

- "Stay for a Weekend. Stay for a Lifetime" marketing campaign and logo

- Refreshed the Visit Wise County Website and introduced a coordinating mobile app on
 - ❖ Quality of Life & Recreation Listings
 - ❖ Relocation Resources
 - ❖ Local Events
 - ❖ Local Deals

Created Rack Cards for distribution as following:

- ❖ Available in Tri-Cities & Virginia/Kentucky
- ❖ Mountains Brochure Stands
- ❖ Available to local businesses to display

Print & Digital Advertisements featured in:

- ❖ USA Today Travel
- ❖ Blue Ridge Outdoors
- ❖ Sponsored Facebook & Instagram Posts

IN RE: CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Bob Adkins, seconded by Randy Carter, to approve the consent agenda as follows:

IN RE: RESOLUTION BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES PERFORMANCES CONTRACT

Adopted the resolution approving the Planning District One Behavioral Health Services FY 2023 and FY 2024 Performance Contract as presented.

RESOLUTION # 21 - 2022

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

IN RE: RESOLUTION RATIFYING STATE OF LOCAL EMERGENCY FOR WISE COUNTY

Approved the Resolution Ratifying the Declaration of State of Local Emergency for Wise County

RESOLUTION # 23 - 2022

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

IN RE: PUBLIC HEARING – NAMING OF ROAD

Approved setting a public hearing (9-8-2022 @ 6:00 p.m.) on naming of road – Veldon Dotson Blvd

The motion to approve the consent agenda was unanimously approved.

IN RE: ORDINANCE (AMENDMENT) TO LEVY A MEALS AND BEVERAGE TAX IN WISE COUNTY, VIRGINIA

A public hearing was held on August 11, 2022, to receive citizens comments regarding an amendment to County Ordinance #1-2022 to Levy a Meals and Beverage Tax in Wise County, Virginia. There were no public comments regarding the proposed amendment.

A motion was made by Steve Bates, seconded by Tim Boardwine, to approve the amendment to County Ordinance #1-2022 to Levy a Meals and Beverage Tax in wise County, Virginia as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

IN RE: COUNTY FY 2022/23 – PROPOSED 1% INCREASE

A public hearing was held on 8-11-2022, to receive citizens comments regarding a proposed 1% increase in the County FY 2022/23 budget. There were no public comments regarding the proposed increase.

A motion was made by Randy Carter, seconded by Fred Luntsford, to approve the 1% increase in the County FY 2022/23 Budget as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

IN RE: ORDINANCE RECOGNIZING CERTAIN LAW ENFORCEMENT, FIRE AND RESCUE PERSONNEL (AMENDMENT)

A public hearing was held on 8-11-2022 to receive citizens comments regarding a proposed amendment to County Ordinance Recognizing Certain Law Enforcement, Fire and Rescue Personnel. There were no public comments regarding the proposed amendment.

A motion was made by Bob Adkins, seconded by Randy Carter, to approve the proposed amendment to the County Ordinance recognizing Certain Law Enforcement, Fire and Rescue Personnel, adopted by the Board of Supervisors on 12/29/1972, subject to the Town of Wise, at its next meeting, making an official request for the County to cover the Wise Volunteer Fire Department Roster. The motion was unanimously approved.

IN RE: BUDGET AMENDMENTS

A motion was made by Steve Bates, seconded by Fred Luntsford, to approve the budget amendments as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

IN RE: APPOINTMENT -INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (IDA)

A motion was made by Steve Bates, seconded by Bob Adkins, to re-appoint Russell Wampler to the IDA for a term of four (4) years. The motion was unanimously approved.

IN RE: APPOINTMENT – SOCIAL SERVICES BOARD

A motion was made by Steve Bates, seconded by Bob Adkins, to re-appoint Sandra Adkins to the Social Service Board for a term of four (4) years. The motion was unanimously approved.

IN RE: APPOINTMENT – WISE COUNTY TOURISM COMMITTEE

A motion was made by Tim Boardwine, seconded by Steve Bates, to re-appoint Debra Wells to the Wise County Tourism Committee for a term of four (4) years. The motion was unanimously approved.

IN RE: MOU – WISE COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT & TRAINING PROGRAM

A motion was made by Tim Boardwine, seconded by Randy Carter, to approve the MOU between the Clerk's Office and the County regarding funding from ARC for a Workforce Development and Training Program in land records abstraction, legal document analysis and public data records management skill through a focused e-learning course curriculum and one-on-one job mentorship. The motion was unanimously approved.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

County Administrator Hatfield advised the Board that there is a conflict on the Board's Regular Meeting set for November 10. The School Board, due to the November Election Day falling on their regular meeting day, had to move its regular November meeting from the 8th to the 10th, which is the BOS regular meeting day in November. With this change, this will be an agenda item in September for the Board to consider another day in November for its regular meeting.

Chairman Rivers suggested Thursday, November 3rd. He said this date could be considered at the Board's September meeting.

BOARD COMMENTS

Board members thanked Mr. Falin and Ms. Chapman for their update on economic development. They also thanked fire and rescue members for their services and felt that progress is being made with better communications between them and the County.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, a motion was made by Tim Boardwine, seconded by Bob Adkins, to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 p.m. The motion was unanimously approved.

ATTEST:

WISE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Michael W. Hatfield, Clerk

J. H. Rivers, Chairman