

COUNTY OF BATH, VIRGINIA
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
BATH COUNTY COURTHOUSE, Room 115

Tuesday, January 12, 2016, 7:00 p.m. Regular Meeting

At the Regular Meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Bath County, Virginia, Claire A. Collins, Chairperson; Richard B. Byrd, Vice Chairman; Stuart L. Hall; Edward T. Hicklin; Mathew S. Ratcliffe; Lady and Gentlemen Supervisors; Michael M. Collins, County Attorney; and Ashton N. Harrison, County Administrator.

Michael M. Collins, County Attorney, called the meeting to order. Mr. Collins led the Pledge of Allegiance, and Supervisor Hall offered the invocation.

County Attorney Collins asked the Board if they wished to approve or amend the agenda and the minutes from the December 8, 2015, Board of Supervisors meeting.

Supervisor Byrd moved to approve the agenda with the addition of a letter requested by Supervisor Hall under item 022-16 correspondence which would be sent to Senator Deeds and Delegate Cline asking for clarification of the recent action by Virginia Marine Resources Commission designating the Bull Pasture as a navigable stream. Supervisor Collins seconded the motion which was adopted 5-0.

Supervisor Collins made the motion to approve the minutes from the December 8, 2015, Board of Supervisors meeting as submitted. Supervisor Hall seconded the motion which was adopted 5-0.

Public Comment

Mr. Carl Chestnut, Cedar Creek District, welcomed the Board. Mr. Chestnut spoke in frustration regarding the lack of parking on Main Street in Hot Springs. Mr. Chestnut urged the Board to pay close attention to construction planned for the parking lot on Main Street. Mr. Chestnut asked the Board to contact VDOT and work with them to remove the flower planter/bump-outs along Main Street to allow for additional parking. Mr. Chestnut said enforcement of the 30 minute parking signs would help with parking issues on Main Street.

Mr. Jay Trinca, Warm Springs District, said he came out in the cold to welcome two old friends back to the Board of Supervisors; Supervisors Hall and Byrd. Mr. Trinca said these two gentlemen had earned his respect and even though they did not always agree he felt they listened and did what was best for the county. Mr. Trinca also welcomed Supervisors Collins, Ratcliffe and Hicklin. Mr. Trinca said he hoped this Board would be a functional Board, bring back good planning through the Comprehensive Planning process, and not make decisions before the meeting. Mr. Trinca said the Board should listen to the people and make well thought out decisions.

Mr. Richard Roberson, Warm Springs District, agreed there is a lack of parking in Hot Springs. Mr. Roberson suggested the Board work with the Homestead to use the former stables property as temporary parking.

Mr. Danny Cardwell, Cedar Creek District, spoke regarding the possibly of installing a generator at Mountain Crest Retirement Home. Mr. Cardwell said he believed the County should support the elderly in the community, but, he questioned using county funds to install a generator on privately owned property where residents are paying rent to an organization that didn't care enough to send someone from upper management to the meeting. Mr. Cardwell said it opens the door for other private businesses to ask the County for funding. Mr. Cardwell said it creates a slippery slope when the County uses public monies to fund capital development projects for a private entity.

Mrs. Mary Susan Blankenship, Warm Springs District, said she is also a member of the Mountain Crest Retirement Home Commission. Mrs. Blankenship said the Board of Supervisors

set up the Retirement Home Commission and appointed its members. She said Bath County owns the community building and gave limited funds to build the retirement home. Mrs. Blankenship said in 15 years the retirement home comes back to the County. She said the retirement home was built using tax credits and very little in county funding. Mrs. Blankenship said the residents of Mountain Crest are very deserving and a generator would be beneficial. Mrs. Blankenship asked for clarification of a letter written by county auditors, Robinson, Farmer, Cox, which referred to Mountain Crest as an unrelated organization. She said Mountain Crest is a 501c3 not an organization. She presented the Board with a letter from engineering firm Mattern and Craig who is working with the retirement home commission to make necessary repairs to the drainage pond.

Mr. Jonah Windham, Cedar Creek District, congratulated Board members on their election. Mr. Windham said experience on the Board does exist even with four newly elected members, because two of those members have been on the Board before. He said he hoped the Board would work with county staff and the many volunteers that serve on Boards and Commissions working for economic development and increased tourism. He urged the Board to look forward and not back.

Mr. Sam Hiner, Cedar Creek District, asked the Board to consider the lack of security at the courthouse. He also agreed there is a lack of parking in Hot Springs.

Mr. Jack Lindsay, Warm Springs District, said there's a generator just down over the hill from the retirement home that benefits everyone in times of disaster. He said other communities also need generators.

Mr. David Jurcak, Cedar Creek District and Omni Homestead Managing Director, welcomed the Board. He said in the two and half years that Omni has owned the Homestead the Board has had a positive approach to them and their growth. He said he looks forward to working with this Board as the Omni Homestead works toward renovations and growth. He invited the Board to participate in the resorts 250th year celebration.

Board Member Comment

Supervisor Hall said the retirement home filled a great need in the community. He said the retirement home commission was formed and worked to build the facility with tax credits. Mr. Hall said the generator is needed in the community building to make sure medicines are protected if the electricity goes out. Mr. Hall said he supports a generator being installed in the community building. Mr. Hall thanked Mr. Jurcak for attending and said he is interested in working with the Omni Homestead as they renovate and grow.

Supervisor Ratcliffe said he supports installing a generator at Mountain Crest. He said as an EMT he understands the need for a generator to support oxygen and keep medications refrigerated. He said some residents have limited mobility and having the generator in the community building would allow accessibility to the residents who do not have transportation. Mr. Ratcliffe said he is interested in bringing jobs and increased cellular service to the county.

Supervisor Collins welcomed everyone and said she looks forward to 2016 because the Omni Homestead is celebrating their 250th year and the County is celebrating 225 years. Ms. Collins announced her district meetings to be held on the third Monday of each month at the Hot Springs Fire and Rescue Building and extended hours in the Commissioner of the Revenues office during tax season. Ms Collins said your job as a voter does not end after you cast your vote. She encouraged everyone to get involved with their government and speak up so their voices could be heard.

Supervisor Byrd said it is an honor to be back on the Board to serve the people. Mr. Byrd said he worked 39 years in the hotel and tourism industry and looked forward to working with Mr. Jurcak and the Omni Homestead. Mr. Byrd said he supports economic development and understands the county needs more jobs. He said as he went door to door during his campaign he heard one thing "support the local people." Mr. Byrd said he agreed there is a parking problem in Hot Springs and he is convinced the issue can be addressed. He said there are three

things he is most passionate about, education, emergency services and senior citizens. Mr. Byrd said this Board will answer all questions brought to their attention.

Supervisor Hicklin said he agreed parking in Hot Springs is an issue. He said the Board will need to consult with VDOT. Mr. Hicklin said he is not sure of the ownership at Mountain Crest and would look into that before making up his mind about the generator.

Approval of bylaws

Supervisor Hall made the motion to adopt Roberts Rules of Order Revised Edition with the exception of needing a second for motions. Supervisor Ratcliffe seconded the motion.

Supervisor Collins said at recent training Board members were given publications that all mentioned the need for a second when making motions. Ms. Collins said having a second does not mean the person making the second agrees with the motion but allows for further discussion of said motion.

Supervisor Byrd said he agreed with the motion on the floor.

County Attorney Collins called for the vote on Supervisor Hall's motion, seconded by Supervisor Ratcliffe, to adopt Roberts Rules of Order Revised Edition with the exception of needing a second for motions. The motion was adopted 5-0.

Election of Board of Supervisors Chair and Vice Chair

Supervisor Hall made the motion to nominate Supervisor Collins as Chair of the Board of Supervisors. Supervisor Byrd moved to close the nominations for Board of Supervisors Chair.

The motion to elect Supervisor Collins as Chair of the Board of Supervisors was adopted 4 in favor, 0 against, with Supervisor Collins abstaining.

County Attorney Collins turned the meeting over to Chair Collins.

Supervisor Hall made the motion to nominate Supervisor Byrd as Board of Supervisors Vice Chair, and to close the nominations.

The motion to elect Supervisor Byrd as Vice Chair of the Board of Supervisors was adopted 4 in favor, 0 against, with Supervisor Byrd abstaining.

2016 Meeting Schedule

Supervisor Hall made the motion to schedule the regular monthly meeting of the Board of Supervisors on the second Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. in room 115 of the Bath County Courthouse. The motion was adopted 5-0.

Appointment of Emergency Services Director

Supervisor Byrd made the motion to appoint Supervisor Hall as Bath County Emergency Services Director and to appoint Supervisor Ratcliffe as liaison to the Emergency Services Director and to pay each \$100 per month. The motion was adopted 4 in favor, 0 against, with Supervisor Hall abstaining.

Confirmation of Continuation of Service

Supervisor Hall made the motion to confirm continuation of service of County Administrator/Clerk Ashton N. Harrison, County Attorney Michael M. Collins, Deputy Clerk Janet Bryan and Emergency Services Coordinator Thomas A. "Andy" Seabolt. The motion was adopted 5-0.

Designation of Board Legislative Liaison

Supervisor Byrd made the motion to designate Chair Collins as Board Legislative Liaison. The motion was adopted 4 in favor, 0 against, with Chair Collins abstaining.

Boards and Commissions

Supervisor Ratcliffe made the motion to appoint Supervisor Byrd as the Board of Supervisors representative on the Department of Social Services Board for a four year term. The motion was adopted 4 in favor, 0 against, and Supervisor Byrd abstaining.

Supervisor Hall made the motion to appoint Supervisor Hicklin as the Board of Supervisors representative on the Central Shenandoah Planning District Commission to fill an unexpired term to end June 30, 2018. The motion was adopted 4 in favor, 0 against, with Supervisor Hicklin abstaining.

Supervisor Byrd made the motion to appoint Supervisor Hall as the Board of Supervisors representative on the Community Policy and Management Team for a one year term of office. The motion was adopted 5-0.

Supervisor Hall made the motion to reappoint Jason Miller, Jackie Baughan, Samantha Higgins, John Young, Jane Hall and Cliff Gilchrest to the Community Policy and Management Team, and to reappoint Cherie Beale, Jon Gilbert, Jane Hall, Jackie Baughan, Michael Bell and Mary Adderton to the Family Assessment and Planning Team for a term to be reappointed annually. The motion was adopted 5-0.

FY 2015 Audit Presentation

Ms. Saidee Gibson, Robertson, Farmer, Cox Associates, said the County was issued an unmodified opinion which is the highest opinion allowed by the profession, meaning the financial statements are fairly stated and any adjustments have been made. Ms. Gibson explained the audit process and procedures. Ms. Gibson noted several points in the audit including balance sheets, accounts payables, payroll, compliance testing, and revenues and expenditures. Ms. Gibson said the County ended FY 2015 with a net position of 8.8 million dollars, of which \$7,835,053 was unrestricted. The county realized a decrease in net position in the fiscal year of \$250,477. The county had net investments of \$1,057,884 in capital assets. Ms. Gibson said the combined ending fund balances for governmental funds was \$10,031,640, a decrease of \$20,561 compared to FY 2014. The fiscal year ended with unrestricted cash and cash equivalents of \$9,524,958. Ms. Gibson explained GASB statement 68, implemented for FY 2015 which requires the county to report their net pension liability on the face of the financial statement. Ms. Gibson said Bath County's retirement liability is currently funded at 83%.

Chair Collins asked if there were plans to change or modify the pension liability statements.

Mr. James Kelly, Robinson, Farmer, Cox Associates, replied there may be some tweaking but no other significant changes are planned.

Chair Collins asked if Authorities are required to have an annual audit.

Mr. Kelly said if the Authority has more than \$5,000 in volume or activity they would need an annual audit.

Boards and Commissions Appointment Process

Supervisor Byrd said he is concerned about the process for selecting members of Boards and Commissions. He said the Board member of each district should be charged with bringing names for consideration to the whole Board. Mr. Byrd said he did not like the application process and wanted to reinstate stipends to members of regional Boards and Commissions.

Supervisor Byrd made the motion to discontinue advertising for Boards and Commissions, suspend using the application, and to reinstate stipends prior to the motion made on December 9, 2014. The motion was adopted 5-0.

Annual Agreement between Bath County and Virginia Department of Health

Supervisor Hall made the motion to approve the annual funding agreement between Bath County and Virginia Department of Health and to authorize the Chair and County Administrator to execute the documents. The motion was adopted 5-0.

Central Shenandoah Planning District Commission (CSPDC) Charter Agreement and Bylaws

County Administrator Harrison said the CSPDC presented the amendments to each locality for their consideration. He said the changes include changing the executive committee from two years to three years to align with the terms of commission members, and revising the process to elect the executive committee members allowing nominations made by commissioners instead of member jurisdictions. Mr. Harrison said a resolution for each amendment was included for the Boards consideration.

Supervisor Hall made the motion to approve the amendments to the charter and bylaws and to authorize the Chair and County Administrator to sign the resolutions. The motion was adopted 5-0.

Consideration to authorize Emergency Services to purchase a generator for Mountain Crest Community Building

Supervisor Ratcliffe said constituents brought to his attention the impact power outages have on the residents of Mountain Crest Retirement Home. He said the intent of having a generator at the community building would be to open a cooling or heating center. He said a refrigerator is available for medications and electricity would allow for continued use of oxygen equipment. Mr. Ratcliffe said the county could retain ownership and maintenance of the generator. An estimated cost for the generator would be approximately \$15,000. Mr. Ratcliffe said he was under the understanding that the County owned the community center building at Mountain Crest.

County Administrator Harrison said he could not find any records that indicate Bath County having ownership of the community building at Mountain Crest.

Supervisor Byrd disagreed and said the building was built by a grant received by Bath County on property owned by the Retirement Home Commission leased to the County.

County Administrator Harrison said the building is not listed on County owned assets.

Mrs. Mary Susan Blankenship, Retirement Home Commission, said the community building is owned by the County and rented to Mountain Crest who has the authority to oversee the functions of the community building.

Michael Collins, County Attorney, said he would look into the ownership and report back to the Board at their February meeting.

Supervisor Hicklin questioned the time frame for getting the proposed generator installed and ready for use.

Supervisor Hall recommended action on the generator be tabled until an estimate of actual costs could be obtained, including a cost to connect Mountain Crest community center building to the generator located at the high school.

FY 2016 Budget Calendar and Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) Process

County Administrator Harrison presented the budget calendar to the Board for their consideration and said Sherry Ryder and John Cowden representing the Planning Commission were available to answer questions regarding the new CIP process.

The Board discussed the budget calendar and scheduled a budget work session for January 25th at 3 p.m., a joint session with the School Board on February 17th at 5:30 p.m., and a budget work session for February 25th at 6 p.m. The budget work sessions will be held in Room 115 of the Courthouse the joint session with the School Board will be held at the School Administration building.

Mr. John Cowden, Bath County Planning Commission member, explained the new CIP process. He said once the county budget is finalized and the Board has a better idea of the amount they are able to allocate to the CIP process, the Planning Commission would take that amount and move forward with their recommendation to the Board. Mr. Cowden said the Planning Commission asked that projects be \$50,000 or more and have a life span of at least 10 years. He said each project should be valued at \$50,000 or more and not an aggregate amount for multiple projects.

Chair Collins said at a recent training session discussions included capital improvement projects and many localities set their projects at \$100,000 or more, therefore excluding many items that might be considered as maintenance instead of capital.

Supervisor Byrd suggested the Board work with the Planning Commission and try the new process for FY 2017.

Board of Supervisors Briefing with County Administrator and Department Heads

Supervisor Byrd made the motion to schedule February 4, 2016, for an all day briefing of the Board by the County Administrator and Department Heads. The motion was adopted 5-0.

Schedule Public Hearings to seek input on repealing business license ordinance and staggered terms for the Board of Supervisors and School Board

Supervisor Byrd said he felt it was inappropriate to introduce staggered terms after the qualification date to be put on the ballot had passed. He said staggered terms are not in the best interest of the county. Supervisor Byrd stated he disagreed with those who said there was no experience on the Board after the last election. He said Supervisor Gilchrest had served on the Board previously and Supervisor Collins had served as County Administrator for 12 years in Bath County therefore adding experience to the Board. Supervisor Byrd asked the County Attorney for an interpretation of the code.

Supervisor Byrd also asked to schedule a public hearing to repeal the license tax ordinance stating that he was once in favor of a business license but after the bottom fell out of the economy the Board decided to leave it on the books but not enact it. Supervisor Byrd said the issue resurfaced again last year and thanks to the watchful eye of the County Administrator the Board decided to make the business license a fee and not a tax. He said if a business wanted a business license they could go to the County Planner and have her issue a business license free of charge.

Supervisor Byrd made the motion to schedule a public hearing on Tuesday, February 9, 2016 at 7 p.m. or as soon thereafter as possible to receive public input on repealing staggered terms for the Board of Supervisors and School Board thereby amending Bath County Code sections 9-1 and 9-2 and to schedule a public hearing to receive public input on repealing the license tax ordinance of Bath County thereby amending Bath County Code Articles I and II. The motion was adopted 5-0.

Request to Congressional Delegation to Reinstate U.S. Forest Service Properties at Muddy Run and Dry Run as Solid Waste Sites

Supervisor Hall questioned why the solid waste sites at Muddy Run and Dry Run were discontinued. He asked if anyone contacted Congressman Goodlatte to intervene. Supervisor Hall said the Forest Service owns over 50% of the County and pays very little in taxes and he didn't understand why the County didn't negotiate another site on Forest Service property or ask what the County could do to resolve the issues. He suggested the County install cameras to see who is contributing to the problem by leaving the boxes open.

County Administrator Harrison said the County renewed annual permits with the Forest Service for these sites. He said the Forest Service informed the County that the permits would expire December 31, 2015. Mr. Harrison said trash was getting into the streams at these sites and causing environmental concerns. Mr. Harrison said he did not contact Congressman Goodlatte to intervene and did not contact the Forest Service about alternate sites. He said the Deerfield and Williamsville sites also appear to be on Forest Service property but the County has never

applied for permits for Deerfield or Williamsville. Mr. Harrison said he worked with Jack's Trash service to secure an alternate site that was safe for them to be able to pick up trash.

Chair Collins asked Mrs. Woodzell with Jack's Trash Service to give an overview of what transpired at the sites.

Mrs. Woodzell said the Dry Run solid waste site had been a problem for a long time. She said about five years ago the Forest Service helped the County get a grant to purchase bear proof containers to replace the open top containers to help with trash at several sites including Dry Run and Muddy Run. Mrs. Woodzell said even with the bear proof containers Dry Run continued to be a problem due to vandalism, doors being left open and fish tied to the open doors to bait the bear. Mrs. Woodzell said after the containers were removed the site was cleaned twice because people kept dumping trash. Mrs. Woodzell said they were able to find a suitable site in Burnsville to replace the Muddy Run site but had not been successful in replacing the Dry Run site.

Supervisor Hall said he didn't want the County to have to pay for sites when the Forest Service had many suitable sites.

County Attorney Collins said the County had prosecuted several offenders for illegal dumping in the past year.

Supervisor Hall made the motion to authorize the County Administrator to send letters to Congressman Goodlatte, Senators Kaine and Warner, and representatives of the U.S. Forest Service asking for assistance with solid waste sites on Forest Service property.

Consent Agenda

Supervisor Byrd made the motion to approve the payment of invoices, additional invoices, requests for transfers and appropriations, accept correspondence and monthly reports as submitted. The motion was adopted 5-0.

Supervisor Hall asked if the County had received a response regarding the resolution sent to Virginia Marine Resource Commission opposing the navigable waters opinion issued by the attorney general.

County Administrator Harrison said to date the County had not received a response.

Supervisor Hall made the motion to send letters to Delegate Cline and Senator Deeds asking them to review the attorney general's opinion regarding navigable waters in Bath County. The motion was adopted 5-0.

Public Comment

Mrs. Sherry Ryder spoke regarding the lack of parking on Main Street in Hot Springs. Mrs. Ryder said she spoke with Susan Hammond about removing the bump-outs. Mrs. Ryder said the cost of marking the spaces once the bump-outs are removed would be approximately \$1,500 to \$2,000. Removing the bump-outs, repairing the curbing and paving would cost around \$25,000 or more depending on unforeseen factors that might come up. Mrs. Ryder said removing the bump-outs would add three additional parking spots from Ryder's building to the stop sign. Removing the walk way on the south side to add parking would interfere with ADA regulations for the sidewalk on the other side of the street. Mrs. Ryder said Mrs. Hammond recommended enforcement of the 30 minute parking ordinance adopted by the County.

Chair Collins said if 30 minute parking was enforced by marking tires, citations could be issued discouraging all day parking.

Supervisor Ratcliffe asked Mrs. Ryder to explain how and why the bump-outs were installed.

Mrs. Ryder said a traffic safety grant paid for the bump-outs and walk way to create a walkable community to create a friendlier community for development. Mrs. Ryder said this design eliminated approximately 11 parking spaces. Mrs. Ryder said she met with Natural Retreats about parking and they understand it is a problem. Mrs. Ryder said the Hot Springs parking lot is in the very beginning stages of development.

Chair Collins said parking has been an issue in Hot Springs for years. She said the original design was for smaller bump-outs but once the existing larger bump-outs were installed the change order would have been too costly to go back and change.

Mr. David Jurcak said looking back never gets you moving forward and cautioned the Board that some of their discussions seemed to be looking back. Mr. Jurcak asked if the stipend for Boards and Commissions was a matter of public record. Mr. Jurcak said travel and stipends can get out of control and asked if there was a stipend or per diem policy and if it was a matter of public record. He said he wanted every dollar of public money accounted for. Mr. Jurcak asked how someone would know if there was an available seat on a Board or Commission.

Supervisor Byrd said all funds expended are a matter of public record. He said the information would be available at the County Administrator's office for review. Supervisor Byrd said the Board needs input from Boards and Commissions members in order to run the county. He said all public money spent by this body will be in conjunction with the County Administrator's office and available for inspection at any time.

Mr. Bruce McWilliams, Williamsville District, said it is egregious to eliminate people from the Boards and Commissions process by not advertising open seats. Mr. McWilliams asked the Board to reconsider advertising for available positions on Boards and Commissions to allow for more public participation.

Mr. Richard Roberson, Warm Springs District, said the public needs information on who owns the retirement home because there seems to be some confusion. He suggested finding out if the retirement home could be tied into the generator at the high school. He said he is concerned about the folks at the retirement center, but, he is also concerned about the older folks all over the county. Mr. Roberson asked if the county would consider purchasing portable generators for the fire departments to loan out during disasters therefore being fair and taking care of all the elderly in Bath County. Mr. Roberson asked the Board if they were concerned about the economy. He questioned what happens if the economy takes another turn like it did in 2008, can this county continue to operate.

Mr. Carl Chestnut, Cedar Creek District, agreed Board members should make recommendations for Boards and Commissions for their district. Mr. Chestnut said the drains on Main Street in Hot Springs are not functional. Mr. Chestnut said he supports the county installing a generator at the retirement home community center.

Mr. Keswick Phillips, Cedar Creek District, said the Board should repeal staggered terms and the business license. He said staggered terms would increase the county's cost due to staffing the polls for extra elections. Mr. Phillips suggested the county ask the Public Service Authority to loan a generator to the retirement home for use at the community center in times of need.

Mr. Mark Nelson, Cedar Creek District, suggested the Board explore purchasing surplus generators from the state.

Mr. Wally Robertson, Cedar Creek District, urged the Board to get the merchants in Hot Springs involved in parking discussions.

Mr. Jonah Windham, Cedar Creek District, said he made a statement earlier about looking forward not back. He said the Board is not looking forward and urged them to quit worrying about what happened two or four years ago and worry about what is best for the county.

Mr. Mike Bollinger, Valley Springs District, said he is concerned about the lack of advertising for Boards and Commissions.

Board Comment

Supervisor Hicklin agreed there is a parking issue in Hot Springs but wasn't sure what the Board could do to address it. He said the Board would continue to look for ways to work with VDOT.

Supervisor Byrd said the Board is not taking the County back. He said the only thing this Board was trying to take back was to repeal business license and staggered terms, add stipends back to Boards and Commissions who were getting them in 2012, and change the way Boards and Commissions are appointed. He said he is not going backwards he is going in the direction his constituents have asked him to go.

Supervisor Ratcliff announced upcoming community meetings scheduled on January 19, 2016. Mr. Ratcliffe said he heard a statement about the Board spending tax payer's money. He said the Board approves the budget. He said Bolar Fire Department gets \$2,000 from Highland County and they have not asked Bath County for anything this year. He said the membership at Bolar Fire Department earns the funds to operate which saves the County money. He said most people here tonight have asked for something to be done about the parking in Hot Springs. Mr. Ratcliff said the Board needs to contact VDOT about possibly removing the bump-outs.

Supervisor Hall said the Board had not spent a lot of money tonight. He said the Board received proposals and will look at the projects, but have not approved anything. He said they are looking at projects the community needs and if approved they will proceed in the most cost effective way. Supervisor Hall said there's a lot of work to be done and suggested the County contact Susan Hammond and ask her attend Board meetings and hear concerns that need to be addressed.

Chair Collins said the Board appreciates hearing constituents comments. She said she heard issues that need to be addressed such as parking and storm drainage in Hot Springs. She said security in schools and the courthouse is a concern. Chair Collins said the County received the audit tonight and fortunately the County is financially secure. She said there are many things in the county to celebrate including our largest employer, the Omni Homestead celebrating 250 years of operation in the County. She said the County is also celebrating its 225th anniversary.

Supervisor Hall made the motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion which was adopted 5-0.

Chairperson Collins adjourned the meeting.

Ordered that this Board do now stand adjourned until 7:00 p.m., February 9, 2016 for the regular monthly meeting of the Board of Supervisors.

Ashton N. Harrison, Clerk

APPROVED:

Claire A. Collins, Chairperson